

# Bridlemile Friday Flyer

4/19/2019

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Deadline for class placement questionnaires: should be submitted to the main office by this coming Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Dear Bridlemile Community,

Assigning students to classes is an important task the staff at Bridlemile takes very seriously. A great deal of time, staff input, and many considerations go into the decision. Some of the considerations consist of looking at student strengths and weaknesses including academic and social/emotional needs, ratio of boys to girls, balancing specific needs of students and dynamics of individuals within the group.

This process is complicated and works best when the staff is able to make decisions based on individual student needs. We have a dedicated staff, trained and prepared to meet the needs of all students. Following state standards, all classes are expected to deliver the same curriculum in each grade level. Therefore, in whichever class your child is placed, you can expect them to be challenged at their level.

We also value and appreciate parent input and have **attached an optional student placement questionnaire** for you to fill out regarding your child that provides input for us to consider when we are making balanced classes for next year. In order to achieve balanced classes we are unable to take specific requests for teachers. If you choose to fill out the questionnaire please **do not comment on or make requests for specific teachers**. Additionally, please **do not approach your child's current teacher to make classroom placement requests**. All placement questionnaires should be submitted to the main office by **Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

We appreciate your input and look forward to providing a stellar educational experience in the upcoming school year!

Sincerely,  
Brad Pearson  
Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES:

Apr 23 <sup>rd</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	Passport Club, Grades 1-5, Library, Lunch Recess
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Band & Strings Concert, 6:30pm
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Freaky Friday Carnival, 5:00pm-8:00pm
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	NO SCHOOL
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kindergarten Connect Tour, 8:15am, Cafeteria
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	PTA General Meeting, 6:30pm
May 14 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Passport Club, Grades 1-5, Library, Lunch Recess

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## MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT

Dear PPS Families and Staff,

Last month, we shared with you in a message that the Oregon Education Association designated May 8 as a statewide "Day of Action." From our communications with Portland Association of Teachers and our principals, we now have an estimate of how many teachers intend to be absent on that date in order to advocate for full funding of K-12 public schools. We have a clear indication that the number of teacher absences will exceed our ability to safely open and operate our schools. Because student safety is our highest priority, **all PPS schools will be closed on May 8, 2019.**

A few exceptions will apply:

- Outdoor School will remain open and uninterrupted the entire week of May 6-10.
- Night classes will continue as regularly scheduled on May 8.
- Previously scheduled A.P. and I.B. testing will continue as planned on May 8.

To make up the instructional hours lost on May 8, **the last day of school for PPS students will now be June 12.** We will need to utilize the third and final designated makeup day identified on the 2018-19 district calendar. For grade 12 students, the last instructional day for seniors will move from May 30 to May 31. In addition, we plan to ask the PPS Board of Education to approve an exception this year for seniors. This exception will enable PPS to meet the total mandated instructional hours required by the State of Oregon for grade 12 students.

We are currently confirming that athletic competitions, arts performances and other events scheduled in the late afternoon or evening of May 8 will continue as planned. Should we need to cancel events, we will follow up with affected school communities and participants. Additionally, we will share the Board's decision on the exception for seniors.

Finally, a note for families who currently use child care services in PPS buildings: Please contact your child care provider to determine whether they will be offering services on May 8.

We thank you for your flexibility as we work to minimize any impact on students due to the cancelation of classes on May 8.

Sincerely,

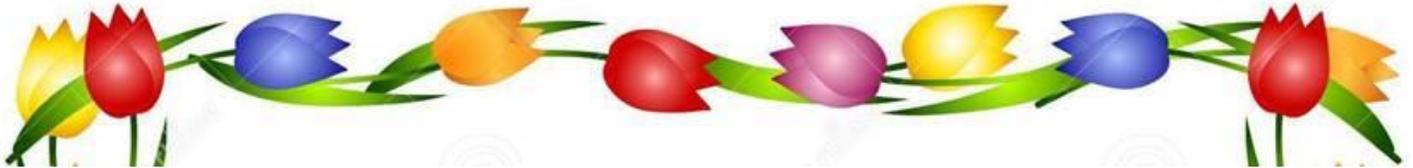
Yvonne Curtis, D.Ed.

Deputy Superintendent, Instruction & School Communities

## FROM THE OFFICE

- It's time to sign up for Kindergarten! If you know of any new families planning to attend Bridlemile next fall, please spread the word! Registrations are due by June 1<sup>st</sup> but we encourage everyone to register as early as possible- it greatly helps with forecasting and staffing! Thanks!
- Please note, *the May Kindergarten Connect Event date has changed*. It has been changed to THURSDAY MAY 9<sup>th</sup>. Same start time and location, 8:15am in the Cafeteria. If you know of any incoming K families planning on attending, please help spread the word. Thanks!

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Welcome to the Counselor Corner!

Week of 4/15/19: **Theme – Career Development**

**Activities** – On Monday we had a school-wide assembly to kick off the “Run for the Arts” week! At the beginning of the assembly, we took the opportunity to remind the students of assembly expectations, as well as highlight the Bridlemile value of “Knowledge” and its connection to Career Development. Learning and growing is a lifelong process!

**Books** we are reading:

- [I Want to Be an Astronaut](#) (Brown & Coburn, Kane Miller Publishing)
- [I Want to Be a Lion Tamer](#) (Brown & Coburn, Kane Miller Publishing)
- [Amelia Who Could Fly](#) (Corso & Volpari, Kane Miller Publishing)
- [Ada Twist, Scientist](#) (Beaty)
- [The Big Little Book of Happy Sadness](#) (Thompson)

**Professional Development** we are doing:

- Check out our [website](#)! It is under construction. :)
- Listening (on the Libby app! Check it out!) to [Masterminds & Wingmen](#) (Wiseman)

**Resources** to Explore:

- [Viral Parenting: A Guide to Setting Boundaries, Building Trust, and Raising Responsible Kids in an Online World \(McKnight\)](#)
- [Best iPhone Parental Control Apps 2019](#)
- [7 Ways Your Children Might Bypass Parental Control Software](#)
- [Oregon Career Awareness I](#)
- [Oregon Career Awareness II](#)

## Up-Coming Community Events:

- [Camp Erin](#) - A free, weekend-long overnight Summer camp for children and teens who are grieving the death of someone close to them
- [The International Dyslexia Association Conference](#) is coming to Portland! Nov. 7-10th, 2019
- [Camp Yakety Yak](#) -- Special Needs Summer Day Camp in Lake Oswego, OR

## Important Info for 5th Graders:

- [West Sylvan Middle School 6th Grade forecasting information](#)
- [5th Grade Transition to Robert Gray Middle School Information](#)

## Have a wonderful weekend!

Rachel Reich

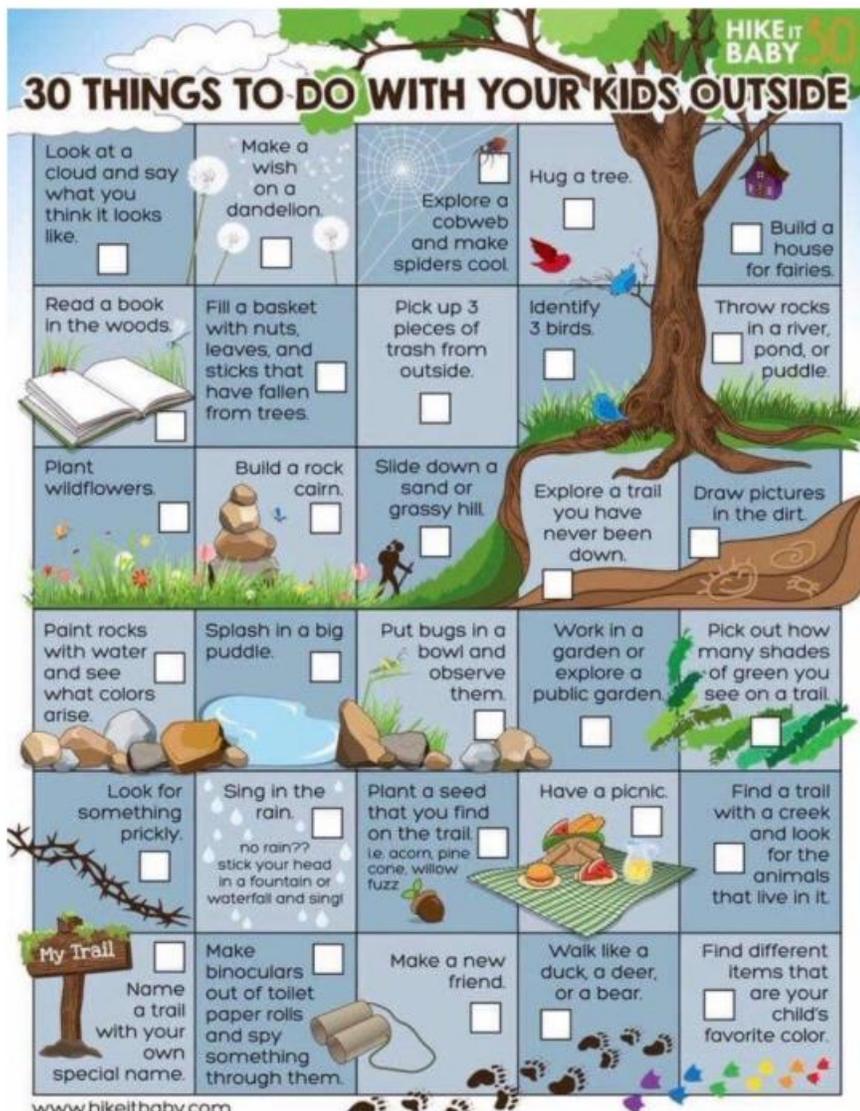
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## MESSAGE FROM TAG

Dear Bridlemile Families,

The central TAG office has shared that letters of formal identification will be issued by the central TAG office via US Post in May.

Please note that the central TAG office is happy to sponsor TAG Family Night at OMSI on April 22nd from 6-8 pm. Because each and every child possesses a unique talent and gift, all families are invited.

Best regards,

Tom

## RUN FOR THE ARTS

**THANK YOU** FOR MAKING **RUN FOR THE ARTS** SUCH A HUGE SUCCESS! Please remember to return your forms with the pledge money, via check or cash. There is a basket in the office. If you participated online please remember to enter your child's

laps: <http://runforthearts.yaor.org/login.asp?refurl=%27admin.asp%27>. Please reach out to your room parents if you don't know how many laps your child ran.

Because of your commitment to our school and the arts we are well on our way to funding valuable programs. We know that children are makers, doers and thinkers and that they learn in many different ways. Arts provide just that, many different ways to share their own ideas and learn new ones.

## Winners from the 2019 Intel NW Science Fair at PSU on April 12<sup>th</sup>

Bridlemile was one of the only public elementary schools with scientists competing.

Congrats to our young scientists! We are so proud of them!!!

Outstanding Project by a 5th Grade Student	"Studying Chicken Egg Laying Behavior in Winter"	Francis V.
Outstanding Project by a 5th Grade Student	"Graffiti at my school, not anymore!"	Joseph M.
Consumer Products Testing Third Place	"Graffiti at my school, not anymore!"	Joseph M.
Consumer Products Testing Honorable Mention	"Here Comes the Sun! Testing the Effectiveness of Inorganic and Organic Sunscreens"	Ainsley P.
Energy Honorable Mention	"Exploring Food Batteries: Differences in Voltage Based on Food Type and Temperature Ranges"	Dylan W.

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## **FROM THE PTA**

### **WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL**

May is almost here, and you know what that means.... Walk + Roll Challenge Month! Walking and rolling are great ways to get exercise before a day of learning - there is even scientific research that shows exercise can help students do better in school. Walk + Roll Challenge Month is a time for students, schools and classrooms to team up and challenge themselves to walk, bike, scoot or skate to school.

This year, National Bike to School Day falls [on May 8, 2019](#). If possible, encourage your student to ride to school on this day!

Families living far away: how many times can you carpool with neighbors or try a [Park + Walk?](#)

**More details to come soon! If you'd like to start a walking school bus for your neighborhood and need help getting started, contact Olivia Bass at [livijeanne@gmail.com](mailto:livijeanne@gmail.com)**



## FREAKY FRIDAY



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the winners of our 2018-19 Bridlemile Freaky Friday Poster Contest.....

Kindergarten - Ione B. - Whittaker  
1st Grade - Violet C. - Miner  
2nd Grade - James S. - Collins  
3rd Grade - Ellison P. - Barde  
4th Grade - Katherine P. - Augustine  
5th Grade - Amari S. - Sumner

All our submissions were judged by teachers and staff. What an amazing collection we have! So many talented artists at our school!!

Looking forward to seeing all of you at Freaky Friday!

Love ♥Amber & Mariah

Please sign up to volunteer for Freaky Friday!

<https://signup.com/go/jXNoqcd>

For questions you can contact Mariah Fairben or Amber Barratt @ [freakyfriday@bridlemileschool.org](mailto:freakyfriday@bridlemileschool.org)

### **Passport Club**

Hello Bridlemile!

**April Passport Club is almost full - we only need 3 more volunteers! THANK YOU for signing up early!!**

**[Sign Up here](#) to volunteer 11:00AM - 12:15PM or contact us directly to sign up or ask questions.**

### **Our volunteer spots that are still open:**

Tuesday 4/23 - FULL

Wednesday 4/24- FULL

Thursday 4/25 - **2 volunteers needed**

Friday 4/26 - **1 volunteer needed**

And just a friendly reminder, first grade students will come with their class, only one class at a time. Their dates are: **Monday - Miner, Tuesday - McClincy, Thursday - Leckie**

With gratitude,  
Riikka and Brynn



## **SPRING AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

### **Monday**

- Soccer by Soccer Shots- Outside field  
<https://www.soccershots.org/pdx/>

### **Tuesday**

- Math Gamers, Faculty Lounge outside Portable  
[www.mathgamers.net](http://www.mathgamers.net)

### **Wednesday**

- Spanish by Kids Like Languages, Faculty Lounge outside Portable  
[Kids Like Languages](http://www.kidslikelanguages.com)  
Direct enrollment link: <https://kids-like-languages.myshopify.com/products/spanish-after-school-program-at-bridlemile>

### **Thursday**

- My Masterpiece Art Faculty Lounge outside Portable  
<http://www.mymasterpieceartstudio.com/education-contact/>

### **Attachments:**

*Lincoln High Summer Basketball Camp*  
*Wilson High Summer Girls Soccer Camp*

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[School Website](#)

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