

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

8/30/2019

Hello Families!

Welcome back to school!! We are very happy to see all of your wonderful children and hope your first week went well. For our new families, we would like to introduce you here to the Friday Flyer. This is our school newsletter that comes out every week. It has all the information you need to know about what is happening at school, and is our **MAIN source of communication**.

Fair warning, the first flyer is pretty long (sorry!) but there is a lot of important information. **Please make time to read through each and every week!**

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Labor Day Holiday- NO SCHOOL
Sept 6 <sup>th</sup>	New Parent Party, 5:30pm
Sept 10 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Board Meeting, 8:05am
Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteer/Room Parent Orientation, 8:05am, Cafeteria
Sept 16 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Fundraiser Begins
Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Night, 5:30-8:00pm
Sept 24 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>t</sup>	Passport Club-Grades 1-5, Lunch Recess, Library
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	PICTURE DAY
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Fundraiser Ends

## **FROM THE OFFICE**

- Don't forget to read the Bridlemile Handbook/Calendar (pink) that was included in your student's folder—you will find many answers to questions regarding various policies/procedures. It is expected that families are familiar with these policies/procedures.
- If you would like to be a volunteer or chaperone field trips you will need to have a background check. Please go to this link to start the process: <http://www.pps.net/Page/149>. It can take a few weeks for the background check to be completed, so start the process early! You will be notified by Security Services when completed. The office will not be notified, so when you are cleared, stop by the office to request a volunteer badge and be added to the database.
- DISMISSAL FORMS- If you have not yet turned one in, we must have these turned in to the office by Friday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup>.

- DISMISSAL CHANGES

**IMPORTANT** Please email your child's teacher **and** (if enrolled in aftercare)-Champions **at least a day in advance**. If you must make a same day change, please email or call before 11am. Of course there will be emergencies, but early communication is key. Late day/last minute changes are disruptive, take away from classroom instruction time and affects the safety of our students. Email all dismissal changes to the Bridlemile office: [bridlmile-office@pps.net](mailto:bridlmile-office@pps.net).

Note: If your child will be riding a different bus than usual (i.e. going home with a friend) the student must bring a signed note into the office that morning. The office makes a copy and gives the student the note to take to the teacher. The teacher will make a note of it and the student will need to take that note with them and present to the bus driver.

- PHOTO OPT-OUT

As stated on the Student Enrollment Registration Form under Permissions/Authorizations: student photographs are commonly used in yearbooks (Bridlemile only offers a 5<sup>th</sup> grade yearbook), newsletters, websites and other school related publications. If you do not want your student's photograph used or released for these purposes or for news media, please contact the office to submit a written request (Publicity Denial and Non-Release of Information to the School Directory Form).

- LOST & FOUND

Remember to **LABEL LABEL LABEL LABEL** your child's belongings! We cannot emphasize this enough!!! In addition to labeling coats, jackets and other outerwear, please also label water bottles, hats, gloves, and lunch boxes. Please remember to check lost and found, as it is ultimately your (and your student's) responsibility to retrieve left behind items. Quarterly, we will donate away any unclaimed items to the PPS Clothes Closet at Marshall H.S.

## Curriculum Night

**CURRICULUM NIGHT** is September 19th. Come meet your child's teachers and see the amazing things that will happen in your child's classroom this year. Now is a good time to start making arrangements for childcare.

Schedule:

5:15-5:45 *ESL Presentation*  
5:15-5:45 *TAG Presentation*  
5:45-6pm *Principal Welcome K-2 parents*  
6:00-6:45 *Presentations by teachers in K-2 classrooms*  
6:45-7pm *Principal Welcome 3-5 parents*  
7:00-7:45 *Presentations by teachers in 3-5 classrooms*

## KINDERGATEN AND NEW PARENT PARTY!!

Mark your calendar for next Friday Sept. 6 for the adult only event! Organized and Hosted by the PTA!

We are trying something new this year!! We are having a **new parent** "orientation" at school. Come see where to sign your student in and out of school, sign in to volunteer, check out the gym, library, and other areas of the school. Come learn what PTA and Foundation are all about and what is ahead for this school year! This will

begin at Bridlemile School at 5:30 pm. We will then proceed to the Breuer's house for dessert and drinks at 7:30. If you are an "oldie" but have a kindergartner, feel free to just come and join us at the Breuer's at 7:30!!

See you next Friday!

## **COUNSELOR'S CORNER**

Welcome to the Counselor Corner!

Week of 8/28/2019: **Theme – Welcome Back to School and to our Community!**

We have a new part-time counselor, Stephanie Cox, on our counseling team this year. Read below for Stephanie's introduction:

Greetings Bridlemile,

I hope your summer was filled with family, friends and fun.

I am excited to join your school counseling team. Working with kids has been my passion for too many years to count. I have worn several hats in the field of education both in California and here in Oregon. I am so pleased that my journey has now brought me to the Bridlemile community. I love teaching classroom lessons, working with small groups, collaborating with families and staff and so much more. I look forward to meeting you personally so that we can work together to meet the needs of your child.

So here's to a fabulous 2019-2020 school year!

Stephanie

**Activities – Introductions, [The Bridlemile Values](#), PBIS and School-Wide Expectations and 5th Grade Leadership Applications.**

This first month of school, both Ms. Cox and myself, Ms. Reich, will be focusing on introducing ourselves to your students, teaching the Bridlemile Values and School Expectations and planning for supports, needs and a great school year.

**Books We're Using This month --**

- [How Full is Your Bucket](#)

**Videos We're Using This Month --**

- ["Pete the Cat and the New Guy"](#)

**Curriculum We Are Using This Year –**

- [Kelso's Wheel](#)

- [Zones of Regulation](#)

- [MindUP](#)

- [The Ophelia Project](#)

- [Teaching Tolerance / GLSEN](#)

- [Random Acts of Kindness](#)

- [Second Step](#)

**Events** – Here are events coming up in the next few weeks:

- Friday, August 30th: [5th Grade Student Leadership Applications](#) go home
- Monday, September 9th: first day of student leadership

**Have a wonderful weekend!**

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### **MESSAGE FROM MRS. BARLOW**

Dear Parents,

The Third, Fourth, and Fifth Graders will all be playing recorders periodically throughout the year in Music. Attached is a letter the children were given in class to order one from the school. You can either write a check to Bridlemile School or pay on School Pay: <https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Recorder-for-music-class/Scxgwao>

Thank you! Becca Barlow

### **PTA NEWS**

Happy New School Year!

We are back to business here at Bridlemile and fundraising has begun! You should have received your BLUE school information packet with loads of information for this coming year. We are really excited about all the events we have planned for you and your kiddos. If you missed any of the paperwork, you're in luck! We have EVERYTHING on our school web page. Visit [www.bridlemileschool.org](http://www.bridlemileschool.org) and take a look at the site to learn and purchase all you need for Bridlemile. There are links to all sites Bridlemile uses. You can also download the events calendar to your phone, sign up to be a PTA member, donate to our Community Outreach program and don't forget the handy ALL ACCESS PASS!!

Don't forget to label your kiddo's clothes, lunch box, water bottle, anything you don't want to lose! If you need labels... go to <http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com>, type in Bridlemile and order those labels. PTA receives proceeds from the sale which means proceeds to your kiddo.

Thank you and here's to a great year!

Your Bridlemile PTA

### **Thank You!**

Thank you to all of you, parents, students, grandparents who came to our "School Beautification" morning! We are truly grateful for such a great community. Also thank you to Sam and Nicole Pierce for sprucing up the paint around the playground!

### **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!**

If you're at all interested in volunteering at Bridlemile this year, or want to learn more about opportunities, please come to the Volunteer Orientation.

**Volunteer Orientation** - Thursday, September 12th at 8:05 am in the cafeteria. Come hear more about volunteering!

**New Volunteers:** Please go to this link to start the background check process: <http://www.pps.net/Page/149>. It can take a few weeks for the background check to be completed, so start the process early! You'll want this taken care of when that perfect opportunity to volunteer presents itself.

### **SCHOOL DIRECTORY**

If you want to be part of the directory please go to the following link to input your information. You may have to reset your password even if you've done this in the past.

<https://bridlemileschoolpta.membershiptoolkit.com/>

If you want to purchase a directory, turn in the form from the blue packet or go online to the Bridlemile website and purchase one. [www.bridlemileschool.org](http://www.bridlemileschool.org)

### **BRIDLEMILE APPAREL**

Show off your Beagle Pride, support the Bridlemile PTA, and look super fashionable while you're at it! You can now buy shirts and hoodies for kids and adults featuring this year's fun new design!



**Online ordering now available!** Order on our school website at <https://www.bridlemileschool.com/apparel> from the comfort of your home. (Want to keep it old school? You can print out the attached flyer here: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/yvzpal4v2c4mf93/Bridlemile%20Apparel%20Order%20Form%20fall%202019-2020.pdf?dl=0> and place in the PTA box in the office with a check.)

Please allow up to 3 weeks for delivery--All orders will be delivered via backpack express.

Questions? Contact Emily Roach at [restlessyeti@gmail.com](mailto:restlessyeti@gmail.com)

### **FOUNDATION NEWS**

Without our parent volunteers, we would not have a Foundation! We are looking for a couple more parent volunteers to join the Foundation Board. If you are interested please contact Marc Albers at [Marcalbers@comcast.net](mailto:Marcalbers@comcast.net) or Jen Moylan and [moylanjk@gmail.com](mailto:moylanjk@gmail.com)

### **Help Us Bridge the Gap**

The Bridlemile Foundation is a not-for-profit dedicated to ensuring a high-quality education for all Bridlemile children. We raise money to increase staffing and bridge the gap between what public funding provides and the comprehensive educational experience all our children deserve.

Ensure that our children enjoy a great education despite shortfalls in public funding by supporting the Bridlemile Foundation:

- Set up a monthly donation through the Circle of Giving
- Make a one-time gift
- Join us at our annual fundraising benefit auction

Learn more at [bridlemileschool.org](http://bridlemileschool.org)

Bridlemile Foundation Address

4300 SW 47th Ave  
Portland, OR 97221

**UPCOMING FALL AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (\*sign up is directly through the Company)**

**Monday**

- Soccer by Soccer Shots- Outside field – Begins 9/30  
<https://www.soccershots.org/pdx/>
- Yoga Playgrounds, Faculty Lounge outside Portable- Begins 9/23
- <http://www.yogaplaygrounds.com/registration/>

**Tuesday**

- Watercolor Art by Erin Duke, Faculty Lounge outside Portable – Begins 10/1

**Wednesday**

- Spanish by Kids Like Languages, Faculty Lounge outside Portable – Begins 9/18 *See attached Flyer*  
[Kids Like Languages](#)

**Thursday**

- Chess Wizards, Faculty Lounge outside Portable – Begins 9/26 *See attached Flyer*  
<https://chesswizards.com/>

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[School Website](#)

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Attachments:

Recorder Letter  
Chess Wizards Flyer  
Yoga Playgrounds Flyer  
Kids Like Languages Flyer  
Outreach Form  
Free/Reduced Meal Flyer