11/15/2019

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- Nov 19th: Fall Book Fair Begins
- Nov 21st: Evening Conferences, 4:30-8:00pm
- Nov 21st: City Thai Fundraiser for Bridlemile, 4:30-9:30pm
- Nov 25th & 26th: NO SCHOOL, Fall Conferences
- Nov 27th – 29th: NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec 7th & 8th: Foundation Pancake Breakfast/Tree Sale/Bazaar

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**PPS Before and After School Child Care Survey, 2019-20**

Please take a moment to complete this confidential online survey or go to pps.net, departments, child care. Your input is valuable. Survey results will be used as part of an annual program evaluation. Please complete the survey by December 13, 2019.

**PPS La Encuesta de Cuidado Antes y Después de Clases 2019-20**


**MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Bridlemile Families,

As we transition into November, I would like to remind parents about our Fall Book Fair from November 19th through November 22nd. The Fall Book Fair is a wonderful fundraiser coordinated by our dedicated PTA and directly benefits and supports Bridlemile students. Additionally, I want to remind you about parent/teacher conferences on November 21st (evening), 25th and 26th. If you have not yet signed up for a parent/teacher conference, please do so by contacting your child's teacher. Parent/teacher conferences are a great opportunity for you to hear more about your child's progress in the classroom and to ask questions about supporting your child's academic success for the remainder of the school year.

Thank you again for a wonderful start to the year. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming school events and parent/teacher conferences on November 21st, 25th and 26th.

With gratitude,
Brad Pearson
Principal
TRAFFIC SAFETY/DROP-OFF REMINDER

PARKING LOT DROP OFF LANE

Suggested for grades K-2. Parents remain at wheel and have children quickly exit passenger side of vehicle.

1. The drive-through drop off area is for quick drop-offs. If your child needs more time or is unable to exit the car on their own please park on the street and walk them in.
2. Drop off: Enter the parking lot and proceed to the right. This will take you down the parking aisle that runs along the side of the building.
3. Please do not drive down the center lane of the parking lot.
4. We ask that you have your children exit the car as quickly as possible. Delay creates traffic back up that extends back onto 47th and down to Hamilton. *To alleviate congestion, it is recommended that you exit the parking lot to the right and use the roundabout at 43rd Ave to turn around.

STREET DROP OFF

Suggested for grades 3-5. Parents remain at wheel and have children quickly exit passenger side of vehicle. This drop off location must be south of the intersection (SW 47th Dr. and SW 44th Ave). Just east of the yellow painted section of curb.

1. Please drop your child off east of the bus zone (towards the park) on the south side of 47th. There is NO PARKING east the cones between 7:45am-8:15am. This is a DROP OFF ONLY ZONE. Students can enter the playground from Hamilton Park or down the stairs from the bus zone.
2. If parents do need to drop off on the north side of 47th, please do so near the zebra striped crosswalk where our Safety Patrol is located at SW 48th Way. Students should use the safety patrol zebra striped crosswalk to cross the street to school property. *Our Safety Patrol staff has been instructed to take down license plates of cars that are a safety concern.
3. Please heed and respect all posted street and traffic signs and be remember to be mindful of your speed - slow and safe. *Reminder - speed limit is 20mph during school hours.
4. Please exercise caution when driving down 47th and adjacent side streets as there is a lot of congestion between buses, pedestrians, and cars.

GENERAL TRAFFIC RULES & REMINDERS

- **Please observe all posted street signs** Much of the curb is off limits for parking during specific hours, this includes the portion of the curb at the “T” intersections.
- **U-turns are illegal** If you need to turn around, please use the designated turnabout located just past the park by the tennis courts at SW 43rd Ave.
- Please do not block driveways, mailboxes, or fire hydrants. Remember to be courteous and respectful of our neighbors.
- Cars should never double park to let kids exit into the street to cross. If there is no place to pull completely over, please drive down towards the park where there is more space available.
- Parking lot is reserved for staff only during the school day.

Thank you for your understanding. Your attention and cooperation is appreciated as we work together to have a positive impact in ensuring the safety of our students.
FROM THE OFFICE

CONFERENCES:
Parent/Teacher Conferences are around the corner! Creating a partnership with your child's teacher around your child's learning can make a big difference. Here is a link for some helpful tips to consider when attending parent/teacher conferences: [https://www.pps.net/Page/961](https://www.pps.net/Page/961)

IMPORTANT- PLEASE READ:

When you are here for teacher conferences, please be sure to check the lost & found for your kiddos belongings! There will be tables in the hallway with all the lost items (water bottles, lunch boxes, food containers, hats, books, jackets, sweatshirts, socks, school supplies, etc...you get the picture!) Unclaimed items will be bagged up during winter break and DONATED away!!!!

From The Equity Committee

We know that people have many ways of giving thanks and have done so all around the world and throughout history in a variety of ways. Some have a special day dedicated to this and others have ritual built into the days and months. The Bridlemile Equity Committee would like to invite you to think about how your family gives thanks. Do you have a special tradition in your family or culture specific to being thankful? If you like, submit your drawing, writing, or photo to Mrs. Whitaker’s mailbox in the office. We will feature as many submissions as will fit on the Equity bulletin board in the front office. Come and check it out!

FOSTERING CONNECTIONS (see attached flyer)

Join us for an evening presentation with Bridlemile teachers Tammy Hansen (kindergarten) and Erica Collins (second grade) on building and maintaining a positive learning community, adhering to confidentiality and respecting and supporting all Bridlemile students.

December 3, 2019, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Bridlemile Library 4300 SW 47th Dr. Portland, OR 97212

We hope to see you there!

Have you admired the big red trykes in the hallway by room 7? Those awesome beasts were provided by an organization that one of our wonderful Bridlemile parents- Lisa VanNatta (mother of Helen Smith in Room 7) lisavannatta@gmail.com volunteers with. To date they have distributed over 80 bikes in our community including 3 in the Bridlemile community. If you’d like to know more about the organization and help their cause check them out at [www.pdxambucs.org](http://www.pdxambucs.org) or follow them @pdxambucs on FB or Instagram.
Welcome to the Counselor Corner!

Week of 11/15/19: Theme – Diversity

Activities – As part of our Comprehensive School Counseling Program, based on the Oregon Framework and the ASCA National Model, we provide individual, small group, and larger group student support in a variety of ways. This month we are focusing on:

- Bi-weekly classroom lessons in K-5 classrooms (Stephanie: K-1, Rachel: 2-5)
- Weekly self-regulation small groups with Kinder and 1st graders
- Individual check-ins and response as needed

Books We’re Using This month --
Thank You, Mr. Falkner
Thank You, Mr Falner: Read Aloud
F is for Feelings
Mrs. Gorski, I think I have the Wiggle Fidgets

Videos We’re Using This Month --
Kid President: How to Make a Friend
The way I feel

SEL Tools we are using this month--
The Empty Plate Project

Curriculum We Are Using Right Now --
- Superflex, A Superhero Social Thinking Curriculum
- Zones of Regulation
- Teaching Tolerance / GLSEN

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

- **Dyslexia Family Day at the IDA Conference in Portland**
- **FALL SESSION - "Me, Too - Supporting Children and Families in Grief"**
- Bridlemile 5th Grade Leadership **Food Drive**: November 11th - November 25th, 2019
- **worksheet to prepare for parent-teacher conferences**
- **OHSU Doernbecker Tom Sargent Safety Center** - For students who are biking to school, families can stock up on helmets and much more!
- **Collaborative Problem Solving Fall Parent Classes**

Have a wonderful weekend!

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**MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY**
The Bridlemile Library is seeking donations of ribbon for a special library project! We are looking for ribbon that is about a half-inch to full inch in width, any color or style. You can drop off the ribbon in the library before or after school. Thank you!

**MESSAGE FROM OUTREACH**
Thanksgiving is right around the corner! Let's do our best to support families within our Bridlemile community. Please consider donating one or more $25 Fred Meyer gift cards so that everyone can enjoy a comforting holiday meal. **Please turn in gift cards to the Bridlemile office no later than November 16.** Donated gift cards will be distributed confidentially by the school counselors.

If you would prefer to donate online, funds will be used to purchase gift cards for distribution. Donations can be made [here](https://community-outreach.cheddarup.com) before November 16.

Thank you for your generosity!
Bridlemile Outreach

**PTA NEWS**
**Holiday Greenery**
Please support Bridlemile’s 5th grade class! We have partnered with Teufel Farms to provide beautiful wreaths, garland, centerpieces and dwarf Alberta Spruce trees. Proceeds fund the 5th grade class community service project and end of year celebrations. **Sale ends Tuesday November 19th.**

![Wreath](image1.jpg) ![Garland](image2.jpg) ![Centerpiece](image3.jpg) ![Tree](image4.jpg)

**22” Mixed Evergreen Wreath** $25

**25ft Western Red Cedar Garland** $37

**10” x 15” Bark Basket Centerpiece** $24

**9-12” Dwarf Alberta Spruce** $25

Please go to the link below to make orders and payment
https://my.cheddarup.com/c/bridlemile-holiday-greenery
Greenery will be available for pickup in the Bridlemile Cafeteria
DECEMBER 5TH, 2:15pm-6pm
DECEMBER 6TH, 7:45am-8:30am, 2:15pm-4:15pm

Questions?
Contact Trista Rodgers at holidaygreenery@bridlemileschool.org
Arctic Adventure Scholastic Book Fair
in the Bridlemile Library

There will be a blizzard of books...

Tuesday November 19th - Friday November 22nd
Classroom preview days: Tues, Nov 19th & Wed, Nov 20
Classroom shopping days: Thurs, Nov 21 & Fri, Nov 22
**Students may shop the book fair during their classroom shopping day. Remember to send $ with your child if you would like them to shop (in an envelope or ziplock works well).**

NEW this year is an eWallet option. eWallet is a safe and convenient digital payment option for your student to shop the Fair cash-free!

Visit our book fair homepage to get started:
https://www.scholastic.com/bf/bridlemile

After school shopping:
Tues Nov 19th: 2:30 pm - 7 pm
Wed Nov 20th: 2:30 pm - 5 pm
Thurs Nov 21st: 2:30 pm - 7 pm
Fri Nov 22nd: 2:30 pm - 5 pm

Special GRAND EVENT: TUESDAY NOV 19th 4 pm - 7 pm
Hot chocolate bar, raffles, activities, and books!!!

Grandparents and extended family are very important in children’s lives, and we are celebrating just for them. Our school’s Grand Event recognizes the important role these family members play in a child’s education. Because learning to read is the most important skill a child can learn, we’ve scheduled a special time for grandparents and other loved ones (GRAND = Grandparents, Relatives, Aunts/uncles, Neighbors, Dedicated caregivers) to celebrate reading during our Scholastic Book Fair. If the 'grands' cannot attend, they can also contribute to your child's eWallet, so that your child can purchase a book to read with them later.

Shopping the book fair will help bring new books and maker space materials to our library!

Book Fair Volunteers needed! Please sign up to help. https://signup.com/go/uYeAnaj

NEWS FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

TODAY is the official launch for the NexTrex School Challenge.

- Bring in your plastic bags and film to our school's very own Recycling & Resource Center.
- Or, you may deliver your recyclables to school via backpack express.
- Bridlemile will be competing against other schools of similar size within the NW region.
- Winning school will earn a Trex Bench recycled from the collected plastics and film.
- View this VIDEO for a "how to" and a list of acceptable recyclables.
- Please NO plastic cups, tubs, lids, clamshells, or any other solid containers.
- For more info and contest history, click HERE.
- Contest runs from November 15 - April 15
- Current collection: 142.5 pounds
FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, YOU MAY ALSO DROP YOUR PLASTIC AND FILM DIRECT TO STORES.

- **Participating Stores with collection bins:** Albertsons / Fred Meyer / Haggen / Kohl’s / New Seasons / Roth’s Fresh Market / Safeway / Target / Winco
- Albertson’s collection bin is located in the (outside) shopping cart area to the left of the store’s entryway.
- Grocery stores prefer small plastic filled shopping bags vs. 1 large bag.
- **For contest credit, please text your contributions to:** SGJ #503.267.2671
- **Please Note:** 1 standard plastic shopping bag stuffed and knotted weighs approximately 1lb

**Trail Blazer Fundraiser!!**

Cheer on the Trail Blazers while supporting our PTA!

Bridlemile is participating in the Trail Blazers School Fundraising Nights on December 20th (vs. Orlando Magic) and January 26th (vs. Indiana Pacers). Every ticket purchased through Bridlemile gives back a portion of the funds to our school. Visit: [https://groupmatics.events/group/abschoolfundraising20](https://groupmatics.events/group/abschoolfundraising20) to secure your seats today!

20 kids from the school that sells the most tickets will get to high five the Trail Blazers as they enter the court. Please join us for an exciting family night at the game.

**City Thai Fundraiser**

Come join us for delicious Thai food at City Thai ([http://www.citythaicuisine.com/](http://www.citythaicuisine.com/)) on November 21st! This cozy Thai restaurant located in Hillsdale (6341 SW Capitol Hwy #1937, Portland, OR 97239) is willing to support our school by giving back 25% of the proceeds for any meal purchased between 4:30-9:30pm. All you have to do is show up, purchase a meal and **mention Bridlemile PTA**.

If you're interested at all, please visit this website to RSVP your possible attendance. [https://www.groupraise.com/events/121303](https://www.groupraise.com/events/121303)

Thank you!!
Bridlemile PTA

**FOUNDATION NEWS**

Bridlemile's 2020 Auction Benefit "Fly Me to the Moon" is coming soon! Check out our Pinterest page to get those out-of-this-world outfit ideas flowing! [https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/6vG-CBB6qxsyG86gHzy_gq?domain=pin.it](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/6vG-CBB6qxsyG86gHzy_gq?domain=pin.it)
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL CLUSTER (Gray/Wilson & West Sylvan/Lincoln)

Lincoln High School Dance Team Clinic *(see attached flyer)*
FALL AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Monday
- Soccer by Soccer Shots- Outside field (last class 11/18)
  https://www.soccershots.org/pdx/
- Yoga Playgrounds, Faculty Lounge outside Portable (last class 12/16)
  http://www.yogaplaygrounds.com/registration/

Tuesday
- Watercolor Art by Erin Duke, Faculty Lounge outside Portable (last class 11/19)

Wednesday
- Spanish by Kids Like Languages, Faculty Lounge outside Portable (last class 12/11)
  Kids Like Languages

Thursday
- Chess Wizards, Faculty Lounge outside Portable (last class 12/19)
  https://chesswizards.com/

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School Website
503-916-6292
Friday Flyer Archives:  School Website

Attachments:
Portland Social Services Fair Flyer
Urgent Dental Care Flyer
Trailblazer School Fundraising Flyer
Lincoln Dance Team Clinic Flyer