



Bridlemile Friday Flyer

2/14/2020

IMPORTANT DATES:

Feb 17 th	<u>NO SCHOOL</u> - Presidents Day
Feb 18	OBOB Book Battles (All teams) 2:15-3:15
Feb 20	OBOB Book Battles (All teams) 2:15-3:15
Feb 22 nd	Foundation <u>AUCTION</u> , 6-10pm, World Forestry Center
Feb 27	OBOB Finals (Top 16 Teams) 2:15 - 3:30

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Bridlemile Community,

I wanted to let you know that I will be taking a brief leave starting on February 18th with a planned return date of March 9th. During this time, Jeff Spalding, will be filling in, responding to emails and handling matters that arise in our school. Jeff is a retired administrator who has many years of experience in Portland Public Schools. Jeff is looking forward to this time at Bridlemile. I wish you all a good start to this term as we look forward to spring. I will be responding to emails upon my return starting on March 9th. If you have a matter that needs a response before then, please email Jeff at jspald@pps.net. I look forward to seeing you all on March 9th. Have a relaxing holiday weekend.

Sincerely,

Brad Pearson
Principal

FROM THE OFFICE



PPS Successful Schools Survey: Family Feedback

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you so much for participating in our annual Successful Schools Family Survey. Your responses will help your school understand your experience and use them to set goals and plan for next year. The survey will cover topics on school safety, school climate, barriers to family engagement, and how well your school fits your student's needs. Please be honest and thoughtful, and take your time to read and respond to the questions.

Please visit the link below on a computer, tablet, or smartphone and select the school your child attends. If you do not have access to a computer or internet, please contact your school office so we can provide a way for you to take the survey. Thank you so much for your time and feedback!

<http://surveys.panoramaed.com/portlandor/ppsfamily>

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To The Dear Bridlemile Community,

I want to share with you that I have made the decision to retire in June. I have been at Bridlemile for 28 years!

There is no greater joy than the sense of community here. Bridlemile has given me the sense of belonging, the lifelong friendships, and the professional fulfillment I always wanted. There has never been a single day that I have bored or unchallenged.

The children have helped me to live in the present and not hold on to hurts. They have gotten me through some of the roughest patches of my life without even knowing their gift. That's right. The children have really been teaching ME all along. The love I have received is immeasurable.

Bridlemile is a place that will always have my heart and soul. How blessed I have been.

With gratitude,
Mrs. Collins

Dear Bridlemile Community,

It is with mixed emotions that I share with you my decision to retire at the end of this school year. After teaching in Puyallup, Washington for five years, the Bridlemile community welcomed me 30 years ago and has been a special place ever since providing love and support to all students and staff. With joy and appreciation, my family and I have centered our lives around the wonderful families and school activities during my tenure here. We cherish each and every friend and memory.

As I gaze ahead, I am excited to begin this new journey called retirement. I know that I will stay in touch and see many of you around. I wish the best to everyone as we all move forward in our life's adventures.

Thank you so much for your support and generosity throughout the years. I will continue to treasure each and every day of this school year.

With gratitude,
Clare McClincy

NEW! Bus Stop App!!

Bridlemile Elementary School parents, guardians, and students, if your student rides a Portland Public Schools (PPS) bus to school, this message is for you.

Last December, the PPS Transportation Department informed you that we are piloting a new "MyStop" App with your school and one other (Jason Lee Elementary School). That day has arrived! You are the first to receive and use this app before it is released to all of the other PPS schools.

So what is MyStop?

MyStop is an app you can use on your smartphone (Apple or Android), iPad or Tablet, or your laptop or desktop computer.

What does MyStop do?

With My Stop, parents, guardians and students know approximately what time their school bus will arrive at their home stop — all from a smart phone, mobile device or computer. The school bus location updates automatically and the ETA recalculates to accommodate any delays due to traffic while in route.

It can be used by both the parent/guardian and the student. You will only be able to see your student's bus info but not other students.

To learn how to download the app and login, please visit <https://www.pps.net/MyStop>
This web page also contains frequently asked questions (FAQ's).

For questions or comments, please contact the PPS Transportation Services department directly by emailing Transportation@pps.net (please indicate "My Stop" in the subject line). Alternatively, you can call Transportation Services at 503-916-6901 and choosing option 4.

Thank you!
PPS Transportation Services

Bridlemile STEAM Night 2020

Are you a scientist? Techie? Engineer? Artist? Mathematician? Just interested in STEAM? You're invited to help make Bridlemile's STEAM Night an awesome experience for all the kids! We are looking for volunteers to help develop activities, set-up, run activities and clean up on **Thursday, March 5**. The event will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/zKeDfQc>

Thank you!
Ms. Miner & Mr. Stenger

PTA NEWS

Garden Committee

Are you wishing for spring? There's lots happening in the Bridlemile Garden! Please join us for a work party **this coming Wednesday 2/19 anytime between 8-4** to get things ready for spring. We will be constructing two large, ADA accessible, tables for the plaza as well as weeding the native garden and cleaning up the garden beds. Bring your gloves and tools if you have them!

Join the Hemlock Removal Team! As a response to the presence of toxic hemlock in our school garden, we are forming an adult team of volunteers to routinely cut back and remove visible plants. With consistent maintenance, we can eradicate it from the garden area. But we need your help! We are holding a training on **Wednesday 2/26 at 5 pm** in the Bridlemile garden. Training will cover plant identification and safe removal techniques. Please email Deedra Weill at deedra0330@gmail.com to RSVP and with any questions.

OBOB NEWS

OBOB battles are almost here! We will have "pool play" battles February 18th & 20th at Bridlemile right after school. Each team will compete in 4 battles during those two days. The points each team receives in those four battles will be added up to determine the 16 highest scoring teams that will then go on to battle in a bracket-style tournament on the 27th. This will result in one team emerging as the team that will represent Bridlemile in the regional competition in March!

We need your help to make this event run smoothly. We are in need of volunteers that can moderate the battles. Please use this link to sign up for any days you are available

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

Trail Blazer Fundraiser - Part 2!

The school fundraising nights were such a success, the Trail Blazers are offering two more games as part of this program!

Join us in cheering on the Trail Blazers while supporting our PTA! Every ticket purchased through Bridlemile gives back a portion of the funds to our school. Visit:

<https://groupmatics.events/group/abschoolfundraising20> to secure your seats today!

February 25th vs. Boston Celtics

March 19th vs. Dallas Mavericks

Purchase Link: <http://groups.trailblazers.com/group/abschoolfundraising20>

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.

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, vintage-inspired design!

WINTER ORDERS **DUE FEBRUARY 14TH!** DELIVERY DATE: FEB 28TH



Online ordering now available! Order online at <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/bridlemile-apparel> from the comfort of your home. (Want to keep it old school? You can print out the attached flyer [here](#) and place in the PTA box in the office with a check.)

Orders are due February 14th--All orders will be delivered via backpack express on February 28th. Questions? Contact Emily Roach at emilybizbff@gmail.com

FOUNDATION NEWS

Please purchase your benefit tickets ASAP as we are almost at capacity and ticket sales will close on Tuesday, January 18th! <https://bridlemilefoundation.ejoinme.org/tickets>. Need a babysitter? See the attached flyer from the Girl Scouts for more details! Only \$35 per child.

Silent auction items, easel parties and classroom art projects are **now available** for **ONLINE/MOBILE bidding** at <https://flymetothemoon.ggo.bid>. Bidding will end at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 21st so please share this link with grandparents, community members, friends, caregivers, etc. who want to support our school. We have added a number of new items this week, so keep checking back!

We have some new easel or sign-up parties for you to purchase online this year. These are parties hosted by our parent volunteers for parents, students or families, and are ways to build community and enjoy a fun event while supporting our school. Here are some "parent only" ones you should check out:

- **Kell's Irish Jig** – Our very own Walter Dowling will provide live music, while you drink and eat at Kell's in NW. Cover price includes entry, two drink tickets and appetizers.
- **Laugh your a%* off** – Enjoy an evening of drinks and stand up comedy at the Bodmer backyard. Bring a picnic and enjoy!
- **Cruising the Willamette** – An entire afternoon with appetizers and drinks on the O'Neill's boat, hosted by the O'Neills and the O'Neils. Grab your friends and get in on this fun maritime outing.

Best, Kristin

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL CLUSTER (Gray/Wilson & West Sylvan/Lincoln)

Robert Gray MS

Parent & Student Info Night for 5th graders February 19th @ 6:30pm. Please click [here](#) for flyer information.



Lincoln Youth Baseball -Registration is now open through
March. <https://lincolnyouthbaseball.sportngin.com/register/form/070057792>

SW Portland Little League spring registration is now open! We offer tee ball, baseball and softball for players 5
to 13.
<https://swpll.org/program/26851/spring-baseballsoftball-spring-2020>

Wilson Youth Lacrosse- Spring rec League open- Click [here](#) for flyer information.

WINTER AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Tuesday

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

[School Website](#)

503-916-6292

Friday Flyer Archives: [School Website](#)

