

# Bridlemile Friday Flyer

4/10/2020

## IMPORTANT DATES:

Now-June 5th	Building Closed- Distance Learning
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kindergarten Registrations Due (Register on-line here- <a href="#">PPS K enrollment</a> )
June 5th-Sept 1st	SUMMER BREAK
Sept 2nd	First Day of School Grades 1-5
Sept 8th	First Day of School Kindergarten

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Bridlemile Families,

I hope everyone is well and that you have been able to get outside to enjoy this beautiful weather. We have been thinking of all our Bridlemile families during this challenging and difficult time. I know I can speak for all our teachers when I say how very much we miss our students! We very much appreciate your support and understanding, as well as your collaboration as we have embarked on this new territory of distance learning. I want to encourage you to continue to check in with your teachers about anything you might be struggling with or questions you may have regarding the online learning platforms. We are in this together and teachers are here to support you as we continue on this new journey.

This week brought us some very sad and seemingly inevitable news about school being closed for the remainder of the year. I know that families are navigating heartfelt and emotional discussions with their children around this news and these conversations come with some difficult and perhaps unanswerable questions, along with feelings of sadness, worry and uncertainty. Families of our 5<sup>th</sup> graders are asking how to provide closure and recognition of their experience at Bridlemile while looking at middle school forecasting and transition to middle school. Families are also asking about retrieving personal items from the school. Although, I do not have answers to these questions at this time, please know in the upcoming weeks, as more unfolds, I will be in communication with you about these questions and more. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we take each day, one at a time, in working through this difficult and unprecedented time.

### **Staffing Update:**

This year we have three retirees, Erika Collins, Clare McClincy and Erik Urke. These three are amazing and gifted teachers who have positively influenced so many students and families in our community. Erika, Clare and Erik have dedicated many years to Bridlemile and they will be greatly missed. We wish them well and thank them for all of their incredible work and dedication to our students and community. Congratulations Erika, Clare and Erik! We wish you all the very best in this new chapter of your life.

Our part-time school counselor, Stephanie Cox will be leaving Bridlemile to move to Odyssey in a full-time position there. We appreciate Stephanie's work and the tremendous impact she has had in our school during the time she has been with us.

Fourth grade teacher Anna Selivanova will be leaving next school year to teach in Russia on a one-year leave. We will be hiring a temporary 4th grade teacher to fill her position. We wish Anna well in her new teaching experience and adventures abroad!

### **New Hires To Date:**

PE - Glen McCormick will be our new PE teacher. Glen has 20 years of experience teaching PE in California, at Lincoln High School, Access Academy and at Whitman Elementary. We are very excited to have Glen join our team at Bridlemile. Welcome Glen!

Kindergarten – Welcome to Christina Lockett who will be joining our kindergarten team after teaching several years at Beach K-8. We feel Christina is a great fit for our kindergarten team and are very excited for her to be at Bridlemile.

1st grade – We are thrilled that Jeff McNeal will be joining the 1<sup>st</sup> grade team. Jeff comes to us after teaching for several years in early childhood education. He is excited to join our staff and we are eager to have his energy and enthusiasm at our school. Welcome Jeff!

Counselor - Roxanne Davidson will be joining our counseling team as a full time counselor. Roxanne joins us from Hayhurst and before that she was a school counselor at Alameda. We are thrilled to have someone with Roxanne's experience and skill-set on our staff.

As we progress through the school year, I will continue to keep you posted on new hires, staffing updates/changes as they arise. Again, congratulations to our beloved retirees and a very warm welcome to our new hires!

To wrap up this Friday message, I want to acknowledge all the hard work our staff and families are doing during this stressful and challenging time. Please continue to take good care of yourselves and your families. I hope you get outside to enjoy the beautiful days ahead and find health and positivity in each new day. We miss seeing our students in person and we are working hard to maintain connection with each and every one of you. Our Bridlemile staff has created a video for you to enjoy. I hope it brightens your day and brings a smile to all of your faces.

**Click this link and enjoy "Smile Bridlemile": <https://youtu.be/KzQ8aiQL4vU>**

Have a wonderful weekend and know how very much we appreciate you and all of your collaboration and support.

Sincerely,  
Brad Pearson  
Principal

### **FROM THE DISTRICT**

For the most updated Coronavirus information go to [pps.net/coronavirus](https://pps.net/coronavirus)

#### **Child Care**

For families who need child care services, please go to the PPS [COVID website](#), there is a link for emergency child care options.

#### **SNAP BENEFITS FOR FAMILIES**

Households financially impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) may be able to qualify for The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP offers food benefits to eligible, low-income individuals and families. Find out if you are eligible and how to apply for food benefits.

<https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ASSISTANCE/FOOD-BENEFITS/pages/index.aspx>

### **FROM THE OFFICE**

Stay connected! If your email address or any other contact information has changed please email the office right away: [bridlemile-office@pps.net](mailto:bridlemile-office@pps.net) and we will be sure to update our records.

Kindergarten Registration 2020-21: The building may be closed but registrations can be done on-line. Click [here](#) to register your incoming kindergartener. The deadline is currently June 1<sup>st</sup> but we encourage everyone to register early! If you know of any families with incoming kinders, please help spread the word!

Thanks, stay safe and healthy!!

### **COUNSELOR'S CORNER**

Click [here](#) for the latest newsletter.

HHHHeeeelllloooo Bridlemile,

Tap on the link below to watch Video 1 from me, Stephanie, School Counselor.

Feel free to email me your thoughts, ideas, questions, stories, jokes and whatever else is on your mind. Let's stay connected as we experience this unique journey that we're on together.

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## **OTHER NEWS**

### **Champions Child Care for Essential Services Employees**

Hi Families,

During this time of school closure, Champions is currently parting with Rieke Elementary school and several other locations to provide child care for families who work in essential service roles during the corona virus crises. This includes, but is not limited to: health care workers, first responders, mental health specialists, grocery store employees etc. If you are unsure if you fall into the essential services category, please feel free to reach out and we'd be happy to talk with you!

We have increased safety measures in accordance with CDC guidelines by having OHSU personnel come in and train our custodial staff on increased sanitation methods, and Champions teams on modifying our group games and materials to be safe for the kids to use. We've been able to work with the school and utilize the classrooms to maintain a 1:9 ratio in a room, as well as roll out our educational curriculum throughout the day in a safe and engaging way. We also do temperature checks for every child and adult that comes through our programs.

Most importantly: we will make sure your kids have a great time, even with these new regulations in place.

If you are interesting in care at this time, the following are the locations in our area:

- [Portland / SW](#) (Rieke)
- [Portland / East](#)
- [Beaverton](#)
- [Hillsboro](#)
- [Sherwood](#)
- [Gresham](#)
- [Troutdale/Fairview](#)
- You may view the following map of all the available [Champions/KinderCare Emergency Care Locations](#)

You do not have to be a current Champions family, and there is no initial enrollment fee. We are also accepting DHS subsidy payments, and would be happy to talk with you if you feel that cost may be a barrier.

Click here to sign up: [Portland Request for Care](#)

Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have! I look forward to hearing how I can support you during this critical time.

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## **SCHOOL CLUSTER NEWS**

The Wilson Youth Football Board has been monitoring the latest developments surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID 19). We feel for all the communities and families affected. We also know that we are stronger together and our kids need sports now more than ever. We stand together as a Football Community and look forward to seeing our athletes on the field again soon! We are happy to announce that Early Bird Tackle Football Registration for Fall 2020 is Open! - don't miss out! Membership for 2020 includes access to many off season camps, discounts on merchandise, registration for the 2020 season, all equipment rental and much more. Each player will be provided a helmet, shoulder pads, football pants, & jerseys to use for the season. Cleats & other protective gear (gloves, arm pads, etc) are not provided with the membership fee. Your player will join our coaches who are already planning for an fun and exciting year helping your player learn how to play safe and be a leader on the team and in the community! Join us for our 20th Anniversary year! Don't let cost be a deciding factor for you and your family. We want you to join us and will work with you to make football a reality for your family. Scholarships: Partial and full scholarships are available to families who qualify. Please contact [registrar@wilsonyouthfootball.com](mailto:registrar@wilsonyouthfootball.com) for more information. Payment Plans: The membership fee can be split into 3 monthly payments up until August 1st. Any memberships completed after this date will be allowed to create a limited payment plan or pay in full. Email: [registrar@wilsonyouthfootball.com](mailto:registrar@wilsonyouthfootball.com) if you have any questions related to membership.

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