

Bridlemile Friday Flyer

4/17/2020

IMPORTANT DATES:

Now-June 5th	Building Closed- Distance Learning
June 1 st	Kindergarten Registrations Due (Register on-line here- PPS K enrollment)
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 Community,

I hope this message finds you all safe and healthy. We seem to be getting into a stride and routine with our online learning platforms. This routine still comes with many challenges and our teachers and staff are working hard to continue to iron out details and answer any questions our families have. Each week brings about more learning for all of us as we are transitioning into this new system of teaching and learning. Again, as we take on each new day, I encourage you all to take time outdoors to enjoy this beautiful weather with your family.

In my message to you last week, I gave a staffing update and mentioned our phenomenal and dedicated teachers who are retiring and departing Bridlemile. In the upcoming weeks, we will be having more conversations around celebrating and acknowledging our wonderful retirees. In the meantime, please feel free to send your well wishes to Clare, Eric and Erika.

We will also be having more conversations in the upcoming weeks about recognizing and celebrating our 5th graders. Within the social-distance framework, we will be brainstorming ideas, such as a virtual promotion, to provide closure to our 5th graders while celebrating their experience at Bridlemile. There will also be more information from our school counselors in the weeks to come regarding forecasting and transition to middle school.

Families have also been inquiring about getting access to the building and retrieving personal items. At this point, we are still waiting to hear from the district as to when/if access will be allowed. This directive will likely depend on the state lifting or decreasing social distancing measures. I will continue to keep you updated on any new information from the district regarding this topic as well.

This week, our specialists met and came up with a schedule for when they will be posting announcements and lessons. Please see the schedule below for information on when to expect lessons from our specialists.

Finally, we are reaching that point in the school year where teachers will begin work on the class placement process. Assigning students to classes is an important task that the staff at Bridlemile take very seriously. A great deal of time, staff input, and many considerations go into making placement decisions. Some of the considerations consist of looking at student strengths and areas of growth 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 an optional Google survey linked to this message for you to complete regarding your child. The purpose of the survey is to provide 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 Google survey, 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 surveys should be submitted by Monday, May 4, 2020. We appreciate your input and look forward to providing a stellar educational experience in the upcoming school year!

To access the placement survey click here: <https://forms.gle/GtbG14DmEQwGAc3Y8>

Please continue to take good care of yourselves and your families during this very difficult and challenging time and don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher and school counselors regarding support you may need. We miss all of you very much and look forward to connecting with you all next week. Have a good weekend!

Sincerely,
Brad Pearson
Principal

A Message From the Bridlemile Specialists:

Now that we are moving into more structured remote learning for the remainder of the year, specialist teachers are planning on offering weekly activities that students and families can access at home.

Below you will find the weekly rotation for specials assignments. If your student is in Kindergarten, 1st, or 2nd grade these assignments will show up in their Seesaw class activity list just like an assignment from their homeroom teacher. Students who are in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade will access Specials assignments by opening the Google Classroom for each subject. Students are already enrolled in these classrooms and will just need to click on the correct option from their main Classroom page.

Please know that these activities are intended as options for your student to participate in to whatever extent makes sense for your family. As always, homeroom instruction is the core of our work at Bridlemile. As specialists, we hope that students and families will find these assignments to be fun and engaging ways to extend learning and nurture students’ physical and creative health.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out at any time.

Thank you,

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Bridlemile Distance Learning Specials Schedule

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Subject	Technology	Music	PE	PE	Library
Teacher	Mr. Stenger	Ms. Barlow	Ms. Morris	Mr. Urke	Ms. Dahinden

FROM THE DISTRICT

For the most updated Coronavirus information go to 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 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 1st 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

This week's newsletter: [4/17 Newsletter](#)

For your student(s) to watch: Counselor Time with your host: Stephanie!

[Video 2 from Stephanie](#)

PTA NEWS

Hello Bridlemile Families,

We haven't emailed you in awhile...so it's long...but please read.

We hope you are doing well during this time. The PTA is still active...from a distance...on how to continue to assure the needs for the school will be met for the next school year. This year our school is missing a few key fundraisers such as Run for the Arts, Freaky Friday and Used Book sales. The events help supply funds for not only our teachers but for the kiddos at our school. They help supply funds for the special assemblies, in house artists and one of our big focuses

this year, the new Outdoor Nature Playground. We are looking at alternative ways to help bridge this huge gap your PTA will be feeling for the next school year.

In the weeks to come we will email an ask of volunteers to help assist with the items needed for the Outdoor Playground. There are items that can be made at home for the playground and we will send a list of those needs. There might be a great project on the list to do with your student!

We will also be looking at PTA board positions and committee chair lead positions that are open for our 2020/21 school year. If you want to get more involved in this school, this is your opportunity. A list of positions will be posted on our website next week.

To our graduating 5th grade families/students...we recognize this is an abrupt end to your Bridlemile school days, but you are forever a part of Bridlemile. You have helped shape this school into a beautiful community....so thank you.

If you or a community member are needing assistance with food/personal items, click on this link- [Covid Resources](#) for additional resources available to you.

Finally, we are in an unfamiliar way of doing school, work and...socializing. However, social distancing is working for our community. Please continue social distancing. No play dates with friends, try not to take kiddos to the grocery store and wash those hands. ❤️

We will continue to post updates on our website! www.bridlemileschool.org

Warmly,
Your PTA

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

Lincoln

Registration for Lincoln Youth Football in the fall (flag or tackle) is now open. Register now! Payment isn't needed until we know the season is happening! Click 'pay offline' at checkout, you will be guaranteed early bird pricing that lasts only through May. [click here to register](#)



Wilson

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 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 if you have any questions related to membership.

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Wilson Youth Football

[School Website](#)

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PTA/Foundation: [Parent Resources / Bridlemile](#)

PTA Website: <https://bridlemileschool.org/>