

Bridlemile Friday Flyer

6/4/2020

Dear Bridlemile Community,

I am writing to follow up with you about a recent incident. I want to reiterate our district's core value and commitment to [racial equity and social justice](#) and what that means here in our Bridlemile School community.

Our Bridlemile Equity Team drafted, with staff input, a message to our community earlier this week to address the recent tragic events and in support of our families of color. In response to this communication, one of our staff members messaged their classroom community and that message has since been shared publicly (Facebook). As a result, people are understandably upset both inside our community and across Portland Public Schools.

The goal of our Equity Team meeting was to draft a message and come together as a staff to discuss the equity work we need to continue, as well as our mission to ally and give voice to our students and families of color in sharing their lived experience. Make no mistake, I want everyone in our community to know that continuing these courageous conversations around racial equity and social justice while holding each other accountable for this growth, is top priority to me as a leader of our school. Moreover, along with continued racial equity focus for Bridlemile staff, is the utmost importance of supporting and giving voice to our students and families of color. This work is absolutely foundational and aligns with our school values of community, diversity, integrity, kindness and knowledge.

As we move into the next school year, our staff will continue these crucial conversations and our work around racial equity and social justice and giving voice to the experience of our students and families of color. We will continue to learn and grow as a staff and learning community through restorative and community circles and social emotional learning around racism and social justice. Again, I want to urge you to continue these developmentally appropriate crucial conversations and teachings with your families. In this way, through rich and sometimes difficult conversations and holding space for people of color, there is hope for authentic change in the systems that have been historically oppressive and unjust.

Please continue to reach out for support for your child and family at any time. You are welcome to reach out to me directly next week by calling the office or by emailing me. As a reminder, teachers and staff will be at the school assembling student belongings for parent pick-up next week.

The Bridlemile Equity Team welcomes dialogue and conversation with any community member who would like to provide input, suggestions, raise concerns, or ask questions about our

ongoing racial equity work. I will be in communication early next week about holding upcoming community conversations. Please take good care of yourselves and your family and again, don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Brad Pearson
Principal
Bridlemile ES

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IMPORTANT DATES:

June 10 Last Day of School
5th Grade Promotion, 5th graders and family members:
9:00 AM: Mr. Black's class drives through
10:00 AM: Mr Beebe's and Ms. Maddy's classes drive through
11:00 AM: Mrs. Sumner Class drives through
Parent Retrieval of Student Items, grades K-4:
12:00PM: 4th grade parents pick up student belongings
1:00 PM: 3rd grade parents pick up student belongings
2:00 PM: 2nd grade parents pick up student belongings
3:00 PM: 1st grade parents pick up student belongings
4:00 PM: K parents pick up student belongings

WHAT'S NEW INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- New Message from the Principal-Report Cards, student belongings, 5th grade promotion, 2020-21
- District News- Latest updates
- From the Office- Clarification on School Supplies for 2020-21
- Link to the weekly Counselor's Newsletter & new video from Stephanie
- Message from Mr. Stenger- Seesaw issue
- PTA- Join AmazonSmile and give back to Bridlemile

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Bridlemile Families,

I hope this email finds you all healthy and well. It has certainly been a difficult week, but my sincere wish is we can all find potential for healing and making positive change. In this week's

letter I'd like to address report cards, student belongings, 5th grade promotion and the 2020-2021 school year.

Student report cards will be sent out from Bridlemile on Thursday, June 11th. Our 4th quarter report cards will look different this year and you will read the following printed on the report:

*In the 4th quarter of 2019-20 school year, Portland Public Schools converted to distance learning to reduce the spread of COVID-19 virus during the global pandemic. The teachers and administrators of PPS recognize that not all families had the same access to distance learning opportunities. Applying an equity lens, this 4th quarter report card was developed by acknowledging that students were working in circumstances beyond their control. **Distance learning** prioritized care, connection, and continuity of learning for all students. Teachers focused on, maintaining connections with students, delivering innovative instruction, and ensuring that all learners had the opportunity to succeed and were not penalized by the extended school closure.*

Also on the 4th quarter report card students will be issued one of two grades, "Evidence of Participation" or "No evidence of Participation" and there is a section for teachers to provide comments.

Regarding your students belongings left at school, we have put together a schedule and guidance listed below. **All student belongings will be available for pick up on Wednesday, June 10th, 12:00-5:00 PM.** We have scheduled times for students based on grade level below, however if you are unable to come at your designated time, please come when it works best for your family. Please note 5th grade students will receive their belongings at the drive through promotion ceremony. and we will do our best to arrange sibling items for pick up at promotion as well.

Parent Retrieval of Student Items, grades K-4: June 10th, 12:00 to 5:00 PM

12:00 PM: 4th grade parents pick up student belongings

1:00 PM: 3rd grade parents pick up student belongings

2:00 PM: 2nd grade parents pick up student belongings

3:00 PM: 1st grade parents pick up student belongings

4:00 PM: K parents pick up student belongings

Children are welcome to join parents at pick up, however please keep in mind social distancing practices.

Parent Retrieval of student belongings will look like this:

- Parent retrieval of student belongings will occur on the learning plaza near the Bridlemile Garden.
- All student belongings will be arranged outside in a roped off area. We kindly ask that this area only be accessed by PPS staff.
 1. Parents come to the "Check In" table and line up based on last name.
 2. Provide your students name, teacher and **show picture ID**.
 3. Move to the "Pick Up" table and share your child's name and teacher once more,
 4. A Bridlemile staff person will gather your child's belongings and place them on the pick up table for you to take.
 5. Double check your student's name on the bag before leaving.
- Students that purchased a recorder will have their instrument included in their belongings.
- Students that brought a supplemental emergency kit will have it included in their belongings.
- During this retrieval process please maintain safe social distances by utilizing the marked spaces on the ground.
- All parents conducting pick up should wear a mask or face covering.

Parents of children with **BAND AND STRINGS INSTRUMENTS**, please bring your instrument for collection when you come to pick up your student's belongings. Look for the marked area near the Learning Plaza to drop off your instrument.

Parents of children with **BRIDLEMILE LIBRARY BOOKS**, please bring your library book for collection when you come to pick up your student's belongings. Look for the tubs near the "Check In" table for drop off.

LOST AND FOUND will be outside for parents to look through. Please maintain a safe social distance while looking through the lost and found.

If you have any questions regarding picking up your student's belongings please email the office staff at bridlemile-office@pps.net.

Lastly, regarding staffing and budget for the 2020-2021 school year we are still awaiting concrete updates. We also do not know the specifics of what school will look like next year,

however I will update families once we have news and appreciate your continued patience in a time of uncertainty.

Warmly,
Brad Pearson
Principal

FROM THE DISTRICT

For the most updated Coronavirus information go to pps.net/coronavirus

COVID-19 Update May 2020: Expanded Services at Multnomah County Student Health Center

The **Parkrose Student Health Center** is open during school closures and summer break. Phone, video, and in-person appointments are available to all Multnomah County youth ages 5-18. Call **503-988-3392** for an appointment. Translation services are also available.

Expanded Services Include:

- COVID-19 testing for symptomatic youth
- Wellness checks/sports physicals
- Immunizations
- Asthma and other chronic illness management
- Treatment for minor illnesses
- Medication refills
- Lab tests
- Follow-up after emergency room visits
- Contraceptive/STI screening
- Behavioral Health



We can also connect students/families with community resources for food or help with medical insurance.

For more information, visit us at <https://multco.us/health/student-health-centers>. Stay connected via [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Click to access the flyer in your preferred language:

English, Chinese, Russian, Spanish, Somali, Vietnamese

FROM THE OFFICE

- **Register for Kindergarten Online!**
If you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, please register for kindergarten! To register, go to pps.net/kinderenroll. The process takes 20-30 minutes and we will follow up with you later in the summer. With schools closed, online

registration is the easiest option, but paper options will be available soon. **You don't need to register if** your child attends a PPS Head Start or Pre-Kindergarten program. Click here: [Early Learner Program](#) for more information and to access the flyer translated into our 5 supported languages.

- **School Supplies for 2020-21**

Looking ahead to next year, we are providing our updated [2020-21 School Supply List](#). Each list is specific to grade level. There are several options for purchasing school supplies this year:

- Take your school supply list to your local grocery store, big box store, Amazon, etc. and purchase at your convenience.
- School supplies can be purchased online in packaged kits that ship directly to Bridlemile by going to www.schoolhousesupplies.org/online. \$5 discounts are offered if you order before July 11th. The deadline to order is August 1st and proceeds support the local nonprofit Schoolhouse Supplies. See attached flyer for details and please note this is a custom built product and all sales are final.
- **If you would like to provide school supplies for a student in need, please feel free to purchase additional supplies from the store when you purchase your child's supplies and bring them to your classroom teacher.**
- **You may also purchase additional school supply kits online at www.schoolhousesupplies.org/online. When ordering an extra kit:**
 1. Select the grade,
 2. Enter "Principal" for the first name,
 3. Enter "Kit" for the last name.

Should PPS continue distance learning in the 2020-2021 school year, we will arrange for school supply kits to be picked up or delivered to homes.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

This week's newsletter: [Bridlemile Counselor Newsletter 6-4-20](#)

Weekly video from Stephanie: [Kids are Great!](#)

 [Movie on 6-1-20 at 2.36 PM.mov](#)

FROM MR. STENGER-TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Please see the attached message from Mr. Stenger regarding a class selection issue in Seesaw.

 [Class selection in Seesaw](#)

LIBRARY NEWS

Multnomah County Summer Reading Program is online this summer! More information will be posted in your child's SeeSaw or Google Classroom on June 1st. You can also check out this link <https://multcolib.org/summer-reading> . Adults can also participate! Happy reading!

PTA NEWS

On-line shopping? When you shop on **AmazonSmile** (rather than Amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. Select the Bridlemile Foundation or Bridlemile PTA to support our school. <https://smile.amazon.com/> for details and how to sign up. To set up the program on your mobile device [Amazon Smile Mobile App](#)



[School Website](#)

503-916-6292

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

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