

# Bridlemile Friday Flyer



6/11/2020

Dear Bridlemile Families,

I hope this email finds all of you doing well and staying healthy. I want to start this week's message by inviting our families and students of color to a virtual listening session. On Wednesday, June 17 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., the Equity Committee will hold a virtual listening session on racial equity and inclusion via Google Meet. The purpose of this meeting is to give Bridlemile families of color an opportunity to connect and a forum to share their perspectives, priorities, and input regarding racial equity and inclusion at Bridlemile.

If you and/or your child(ren) identify as a person of color and you are interested in attending this listening session in order to share what is on your mind, please send an email to our counselor Rachel Reich at [rreich@pps.net](mailto:rreich@pps.net) by Wednesday, June 17, at 3 p.m. Please let us know if you need an interpreter for the meeting. The Google Meet invite will be sent prior to the meeting. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday! *If you are unable to attend or prefer to have a one-to-one session, please contact any of the equity team members.*

We appreciate this opportunity to hold space for our families of color in this phase of our work. All families can expect further opportunity to participate in the racial equity work at Bridlemile. A community-wide dialogue is essential to moving the work of racial equity and social justice forward; this session will be one of many to come.

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Next I'd like to congratulate our phenomenal 5<sup>th</sup> graders on their graduation from Bridlemile. Our drive-thru promotion to recognize this amazing cohort was a wonderful way to celebrate! I wish our 5<sup>th</sup> graders all the best and a heartfelt congratulations as they start a new journey in middle school. We will miss this group a great deal!

As we move into summer, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) has set some guidelines that will guide school districts as we move into next school year. Here is the link to the ODE document: <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsafety/Documents/Ready%20Schools%20Safe%20Learners%202020-21%20Guidance.pdf>. And earlier this week you should have received an email from PPS speaking to the work being done regarding the new guidelines (see below):

*Dear PPS Families,*

*We have reached the last day of a school year like no other in the history of Portland Public Schools. The COVID pandemic has put a strain on everyone in our community, and while we truly hope that we have served you well through our focus on basic needs and engagement, and our overnight transition to distance learning, we know*

*there is much for us to learn. Thank you for the patience, understanding and flexibility you and your students have shown over the last three months.*

*District staff has been working and planning for the 2020-21 fall opening since March. We have considered and mapped out multiple scenarios for opening, given the number of variables at stake and the fact that situations could change suddenly over the summer. We now await guidance this week from the Oregon Department of Education. Once we have that guidance, we will work urgently to reconcile ODE's direction with our own plans and capabilities. We expect that by next week, we will begin reaching out directly to students, educators and families to ask for your input, preferences and comfort level related to various possible scenarios.*

*Please look for an email from us next week, as your perspective is critical to our ability to finalize our plans for fall. Until then, we wish you a healthy and peaceful start to your summer.*

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Please watch your email for continuing updates on the 2020-2021 school year. Also I am working on staffing as it pertains specifically to Bridlemile. I will be finalizing our staffing allocation and will be in communication with more details soon.

Regarding the chalk work on our school building, it was removed today at the direction of the PPS Facilities department.

I know these past few months have been profoundly difficult for us as a school, a community, a city and a country. When I began at Bridlemile six years ago, an Equity Committee was not well established. Over the past 6 years, I worked with teachers to form a strong Bridlemile Equity Committee that has worked to present multiple training to staff on Critical Race Theory and examining the history of racism and the impact on our society and in our schools. Our Equity Committee also implemented work with focal students and developed plans to support students of color. We also had a Bridlemile Parents of Students of Color Group to help guide the equity work in our school and community. Our work is far from done and we hope you'll join us in this continued urgent effort. I've seen what racism has done to people I love, to the people in my life. I want to make sure nobody else has to feel the pain they did.

As we come to the end of this school year, I hope you and your family can find some quality time to connect. Please continue to take good care of yourselves and know I will be in communication around continued racial equity conversations we are planning, as well as information that pertains to next school year. Thank you for your dedication to make our Bridlemile community a place where racial equity is foundational and everyone in our school feels safe, has a voice and a sense of belonging.

Sincerely,

Brad Pearson

Principal

Bridlemile Elementary

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

June 24	OFFICE CLOSED for the Summer
August 24	OFFICE REOPENS
September 2	First Day of School for 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Graders
September 2-4	Kindergarten Assessments
September 8	First Day of School Kindergarteners

### **WHAT'S NEW INSIDE THIS ISSUE**

- District News- Latest updates
  - From the Office
  - Counselor's Newsletter & goodbye message from Stephanie
  - PTA
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### **OUR BELOVED RETIRING TEACHERS**

Ms. Barlow created this amazing 'assignment' in the Distance Learning Classroom honoring our retiree's, check it out:

[School's Out for Summer!](#)





**FROM THE OFFICE**



**Goodbye and best wishes to all our wonderful 5<sup>th</sup> graders! We know this was not the ending to the year we wanted but know that we will miss you and wish you all the best in middle school!!! Here's to a bright future!!**



**To all our volunteers, you are truly the BEST!!!!**

The entire Bridlemile staff would like to say thank you for everyone's hard work volunteering this year-everyone's efforts towards making Bridlemile the wonderful place that it is, is nothing short of AMAZING!!

- **Next Year Class Placements:** All families will receive their placement letters by **email** sometime in late August. Please notify the office via email of any changes/updates now and throughout the summer. **If you will be attending a different school please be sure to let the office know.**
- **Report Cards-** Will be mailed out next week.
- **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](http://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](http://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**

Hats off to Bridlemile families from Counselor Stephanie!

Almost overnight you went from classroom learning to distance learning from inside your own home. New schedules, new technology and so much more. I too delivered social emotional learning in different ways this year. My heart sits a bit heavier today because this is my farewell to Bridlemile. My time with you was brief, but meaningful for me. I send a safe hug to all the families and staff who welcomed me with open arms. Although I predominantly worked with kindergarten and first grade students I want all students to know that I saw you, I thought about you and I wondered how you were doing. The state of our world reminds us of the importance

of connection and I would love to stay in touch. I leave you with a Skating into Summer video and a thank you for enriching my life.

Sincerely,



Stephanie

 [Movie on 5-30-20 at 1.56 PM.mov](#)

[Counselor's Newsletter 6/11/20](#)

### **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 CLUSTER NEWS**

Registration for Lincoln Youth Football in the fall (flag or tackle) is now open

Lincoln Youth Football Families,

We wanted to provide you with a few updates on the upcoming football season. **Lincoln Youth Football** is still moving forward with plans for a normal season this Fall, we are working on contingency plans should we need to make changes and will keep everyone informed as we learn more. The most current information will also be posted on our website and social media channels.

**Registration for the 2020 season is open:**

We are seeing a great number of kids being signed up for the season and are always looking for additional players. Parents please get your player registered soon so we can plan accordingly for Fall and pass the information on to others that may want to play! We want kids to register now and to pay later~ At checkout click 'pay offline' and payment will be made once the season is confirmed.

**Tackle: 3rd-8th grade; Flag: Kinder-4th grade**

For more Information and to register - <https://www.lincolnyouthfootball.info>

**Join us for a Zoom Q & A with high School Varsity Coach Jeremy Johnson** June 14th, 6pm He will discuss the latest safety and changes being made to Football and why it's such a great sport for kids! Email us if you're interested in joining: [registrar@lincolnyouthfootball.info](mailto:registrar@lincolnyouthfootball.info)



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