

10/2/2020

IMPORTANT DATES:

Oct 2nd Last Day for Charleston Wrap Fundraiser

Oct 7th Music Recorder Pick up, 9am-4pm, School Front Entrance

Oct 9th NO SCHOOL - In Service Day

Oct 13th PTA Board Meeting

WHAT'S **NEW** INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- District News-Childcare: Openings at Hayhurst, Nutrition Services Update, MAP update
- From the Office-Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-Ups Coming Soon!, Reminder: Be sure to complete your Student Verification
- From the Nurse-City Childcare Resources, Student Health Centers Open
- Counselor's Corner- Weekly <u>10-1-20 Counselor Newsletter</u>
- Technology News-Lexia Updates
- Music News from Ms. Barlow-Recorder Distribution Day
- From the Library-Book Return Extended Dates
- PTA/Foundation Latest <u>Newsletter</u>, Message about Charleston Wrap Ordering

Dear Families- We want to remind you that there is no school *next Friday Oct* 9th, it is an in-service day for staff. Enjoy that 3-day weekend!

DISTRICT NEWS

For the latest district news click here: PPS District Homepage

Child Care Update

We have successfully reopened child care programs in partnership with our child care contractors in a phased approach this Fall. One of our contracted programs, <u>Camp Fire</u>, has about 20 spaces open in their program at Hayhurst E.S. For qualifying families, ERDC covers most or all child care costs. This is an amazing opportunity for families! If you would like to register for a space in the Camp Fire Program at Hayhurst, click on this flyer <u>Child Care Flyer</u> and click "Register Here" for Hayhurst School. For more information, and to access the flyer in a different language, visit the <u>PPS Child Care website</u>.

Child care programs

- Accept children ages 5 12.
- Enroll no more than 30-40 students per school.

- **Set aside 50% of the slots for families qualifying for state subsidies.** Low rates last for one year if subsidy is approved by Oct. 31, 2020. State subsidy application is here.
- Enroll PPS students and children of PPS employees regardless of which school children are enrolled in.
- Follow strict licensing guidelines including stable cohorts, face coverings, hand hygiene, routine cleaning and sanitation, parent drop-off/pick-up outside of the school building.

SUN site managers, coordinators and community agents have been trained to support families in accessing child care, whether in a PPS building or in the community. In addition, child care staff have been trained on supporting students during distance learning.

Employee-Related Daycare (ERDC) Flyer

From Nutrition Services Important Information about Meal Benefits (Free/Reduced Price Meals)

While meals are served at no cost to children ages 1-18 at several Portland Public School sites through December, there are several benefits for eligible families to submit a meal application this school year.

- To ensure eligible students who qualify for free and reduced-price meals continue to receive meals at no cost for the entire school year (past December)
- Families approved for free and reduced-price meals may be eligible to receive future potential government assistance such as Pandemic EBT benefits.
- Families may be eligible for other benefits such as school related fee reduction or waivers, low cost internet and health coverage.

Families have the following options to submit a meal application:

- 1. Online at www.schoolcafe.com/pps.
- 2. Print, complete and mail back a paper meal application (https://www.pps.net/Page/2464) to PPS Nutrition Services, 501 N. Dixon St., Portland, OR 97227.
- 3. Request a paper meal application be mailed home from mealbenefits@pps.net or call 503.916.3402.

Families do not need to submit a meal application if any of the following apply:

- A meal application has been submitted and approved for the 2020-21 school year.
- The household received a 2020-21 Direct Certification Approval letter.
- All students in the household attend a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school (list located online: https://www.pps.net/Page/2088) where students eat meals at no cost.
- The household does not meet the Oregon Expanded Income Guidelines

For meal benefits related questions, please call 503.916.3402 or email mealbenefits@pps.net.

MAP Assessments (UPDATE)

Dear PPS Colleagues,

Whether in more typical circumstances or during our current Comprehensive Distance Learning mode, it's important for our educators to have the best possible understanding of their students' learning needs (this is one of the reasons we began the school year with our soft start, which prioritized student-teacher connections). One of the tools PPS uses to help teachers with that understanding is the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment.

We had planned to conduct MAP assessments over the next four weeks. However, given the numerous variables and challenges all of us are navigating right now, and considering the feedback we have heard from families and educators, we are suspending the fall testing window. As such, we have canceled MAP assessments for all students this fall. We will re-evaluate the opportunity for assessments later in the school year.

Thank you.

Family Resources Webpage

District created user guides for key applications, as well as getting started documents; they have also been translated into five languages. Visit pps.net/familyresources and scroll down to access the Comprehensive Distance Learning Platforms & Tools.

FROM THE OFFICE

Fall Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held Monday November 23rd and Tuesday November 24th. Watch for Conference Sign-Ups in next week's Friday Flyer!



Student Profile Verification Please remember to update/review your student's information online! We are at 50% completion, let's get to 100%!! Thank you to all the families who have already completed their student verification!

Each year parents and/or guardians are asked to review and update the information on file for their children (students). This information can be reviewed, edited and submitted online via PPS ParentVUE. Get started by going to: ParentVUE.pps.net

Benefits of verifying online via ParentVUE

- Complete yearly verification of your student's information
- You can update your communication and language preferences
- Ensures your school has the most up to date information
- Saves paper and time

Attendance

if you are reporting your child's absence from distance learning, please email your child's teacher and cc the Office: bridlemile-office@pps.net

FROM THE NURSE

Families, please see the attached link from MESD (Multnomah Education Service District) for childcare resources outside of PPS.

COVID-19 Childcare Resources

Student Health Centers Open Fall 2020

Multnomah County Student Health Centers are open at David Douglas, Parkrose and Roosevelt High Schools (Sept. 8) for in-person health services and mental health counseling this fall, while schools are engaged in distance learning. Phone and video appointments are also available. Any Multnomah County K-12 youth can access care at any center and there are no out of pocket costs.

English version (PDF) Chinese version (PDF) Russian version (PDF) Spanish version (PDF) Vietnamese version (PDF)

COUNSELORS CORNER

Click the link to see this week's counselor Newsletter: 10-1-20 Counselor Newsletter

FROM MR. STENGER-TECHNOLOGY NEWS

New Update:

Lexia Reset

This week, there was a District-wide reset of student accounts in Lexia. This was done because many students, particularly in 3rd-5th were stuck in lower levels because they had last used the site several years prior. This means that all students in 1st-5th who had not already been reset this year will be placed back into the placement assessment before returning to normal work within the site. This placement should only take 10-20 minutes to complete and should be completed independently by each student. The hope is that this will place all students into the appropriate level in order to move forward. However, if you feel that your student's placement needs to be adjusted, please let me or their classroom teacher know and we can make the needed changes.

Ongoing Information:

Accessing District Digital Resources and Support



The district hub for students and families during distance learning can be found at www.pps.net/fall2020. From that page, families can access information and support for the primary digital platforms being used for distance learning, as well as child care, health care, food support, and more.

Fall 2020 Specials Schedule

All specialists are using Zoom and Seesaw for classes this fall. The weekly specials schedule can be found here: <u>Bridlemile Remote Specials Schedule</u>.

While Zoom meeting links are best accessed through your student's Seesaw account, we have added clickable links to the schedule as a backup in case there are technical issues.

If your student is having trouble accessing their specials classes in Seesaw, the steps to reach them can be found here: Accessing Specials Classes

Common Issues with District Devices

We have had a couple of issues crop up with district devices that were distributed to students both in the spring and fall. Many of these issues can be resolved by making sure that your device is updated to the latest version of the ChromeOS. If you are running into any problems with a district device, these steps are a good place to start: <u>Updating a District Chromebook</u>

MUSIC NEWS- FROM MS. BARLOW



Dear Bridlemile Parents and Guardians,

I would like to begin to teach the recorder in online Music Class. Don't worry - it won't be as painful as you might think!

I will have them available for pick up by the front door at Bridlemile on Wednesday Oct. 7th, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. I will be sitting on the sidewalk between 2:30-4 to pick them up by the front of the school. There is no charge for the recorder. If you want to purchase one online here is where I buy them from: https://www.peripole.com/items/12453 (they are in Salem)

The third graders will be beginning as soon as we can get them handed out. Most of the Fourth and Fifth graders should already have them but if you are new or can't find yours please feel free to pick one up!

If you are not able to pick one up let me know and we can figure something out!

Questions? bbarlow@pps.net
Thank you! Becca Barlow

LIBRARY NEWS FROM MS. DAHINDEN

BOOK RETURN

Books can be returned Wednesday, October 7th and Thursday, October 8th from 8:30 to 3 pm outside the Bridlemile main doors.

LET'S GET READING (LGR)

Bridlemile library will be offering limited book checkout services following COVID19 safety protocol. Thank you for your patience as we implement this new procedure. If you have questions, please contact: Susan Dahinden, Teacher Librarian, at sdahinden@pps.net Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesday mornings.

This is how it works:

- First, fill out the book request form found on the Bridlemile library website, Reading page.
 <u>Important:</u> Remember to log into your student's PPS Google account before accessing the form.
- Click on the link to the **Book Checkout Request Form.** There is a link to a brief video explaining how to fill out the form.
- When you fill out the form, be sure to <u>include a parent email address</u> so library staff knows who to contact to set up a time for book pick up.
- On the form, please put your <u>preferred day and time for pick up</u>. Library staff will contact you and let you know your exact pick up time based on availability.
- Books will be available for pick up outside the main doors of Bridlemile. There will be a <u>15</u> minute window for books to be picked up. For example, if your pick up time is at 1:00 pm. You will have between 1 and 1:15 to pick up the books. After the period of time expires, the items will be removed and be made available for others to checkout. Please do not approach the pick up area if there are other people present.
- Books will have a two week loan period. Library staff will try to fill requests, but please remember that specifically requested items may not be available at the time the hold is filled. If a requested item is not available, different items will be substituted. There will be a book tub available at the main doors to return items when finished. Please remember, that due to COVID books will not be checked in for 72 hours.

PTA/FOUNDATION NEWS

Here is the link to this week's PTA/Foundation newsletter: Newsletter

Charleston Wrap
Hello Bridlemile!

Today is the last day for Charleston Wrap. You can still participate!!

www.charlestonwrap.com

Access code: 11094

Thank you to all who have helped us with this fundraiser so far!

If you do not wish to purchase items from Charleston Wrap but still want to donate, go to www.bridlemileschool.org

Although today is the last "official" day of our Charleston Wrap Fundraiser, you, your family and friends may still buy from the website and support Bridlemile through the end of the year! This will be a great source for holiday and birthday gifts! Our kids and our community thank you for your support!!

Thank you!
Your Bridlemile PTA

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<u>School Website</u> 503-916-6292

Friday Flyer Archives: School Website

PTA/Foundation: <u>Parent Resources / Bridlemile</u>
PTA Website: <u>https://bridlemileschool.org/</u>