

Bridlemile Friday Flyer



3/4/2022

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 7th	Online Foundation Auction Kicks Off
Mar 8th	PTA Board Meeting 6:00pm Google Meeting Link
Mar 9th	Robert Gray 5th Grade Virtual Parent Night
Mar 11th	Double your Dollars Game Night- Bridlemile Foundation Double Your Dollars Event
Mar 21st-25th	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break Week

WHAT'S NEW INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- From the Office- Rainy Day Spare Clothes Request
- News from P.E.-American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge! Take the challenge today!
- Music News from Ms. Barlow- Recorder Orders for Grades 3-5
- PTA/Foundation News-[Newsletter](#); Upcoming PTA RESJ Committee Community Meeting Info; Garden Work Party Sunday 3/13

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL TOWNSEND

Staffing for the 22-23 School Year

Typically, staffing is decided based on current year's enrollment data as well as projected population data. For the past two school years, the school district has 'held schools harmless', which means they have retained staffing based on enrollment numbers from the 19-20 school year. This was done because districts and schools were impacted by the COVID pandemic.

Moving into next school year, the district has to use current enrollment along with projected population measures to determine adequate staffing. Unfortunately, the district has experienced an enrollment decline of 8%. Bridlemile Elementary has had a 9% enrollment decline since the 20-21 school year. In addition, due to the decline in enrollment and the uncertainty of the funds the

Bridlemile Foundation might be able to raise, we are seeing a decrease in staffing that includes the loss of:

- 1 classroom teacher at the 2nd grade level
- 50% technology teacher (foundation funded)
- 50% instructional specialist (foundation funded)
- 50% office staff (foundation funded)

Enrollment numbers are reviewed by the district each June and October and could lead to the reinstatement of some staffing positions.

Graffiti at Bridlemile

In response to the hate speech graffiti on Bridlemile property this past weekend, the Bridlemile Racial Equity Team has provided these updates resulting from collaborations.

Four things emerged when the Bridlemile staff RESJ team met along with discussion with PTA and PTA Equity Committee members: making space for the emotional impact, making restorative actions, reclaiming our Bridlemile space, and continuing the work of antiracism at Bridlemile. The ideas to complement those needs might be met through community efforts (PTA and the Bridlemile Neighborhood Association) and through direct action as a staff.

The RESJ team presented the following direct action for staff to use as one option to be responsive to the hate speech that took place last weekend. Because we have been teaching about identity, race, and antiracism, the onramps for these discussions were already in place.

1. **A reminder of the power of words:** share a grade level appropriate book about the power of words such as: “Each Kindness,” “Ouch! moments, When Words are Used in Hurtful Ways” (available on EPIC), “Words are Not for Hurting” (available on EPIC), or a similar book that has been a touchpoint for the class this year.
2. **An explanation of particularly harmful words called "hate speech:"**
 - PPS provided definition: “Hate Speech” means the written, verbal, visual or symbolic expression of animus on the basis of race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, or national origin.
 - [Facing Facts: What is Hate Speech?](#) *One minute video*
 - “Standing Up to Hate Speech” (available on EPIC, older grades)
 - [Time for Kids Article](#) *to generate conversation on hate speech with students (for grades 3-5)*
3. **Grade level appropriate sharing about what happened over the weekend:** *Our Bridlemile space had hate speech written on the walls of our school and on our playground over the*

weekend. This hate speech used words that mean unkind things about Black people. Words were written that are harmful to everyone, because when one group of people in our community is harmed, it hurts us all. What have you heard about this? What feelings does it bring up? What does it make you want to do?

4. **Opportunity to process and express feelings followed by tangible action** to further process emotionally and feel a sense of empowerment and control.

Engage students in reclaiming our space as No Place for Hate, to send a clear message to one another and to community members that Hate Speech will not be tolerated here.

- *What does a healthy, happy community look like?*
- *How should our Bridlemile community respond to hate speech? What are your ideas?*
- *We don't know who did the mean writing. If you could say something to that person or persons, what would you say? What would you want them to know?*
- *How could we communicate to our community our school values of anti-racism, racial equity, social justice, respect, and integrity (include other values students come up with)?*
- *One idea we have heard: make posters to face outwardly to our community to communicate student voice on these matters,*

It is important for students (and adults!) to understand that racism is not a thing of the past, but something that happens in today's world. ***We all have to work all the time to be anti-racist and to be an upstander. What will you do?***

Some of the artwork and positive messages made by our kinders displayed in the classroom windows:



FROM THE DISTRICT

[PPS COVID-19 Monitoring Dashboard](#)

Bus Route Check Tool: pps.net/routecheck

[PPS COVID Safety & Protocols 21-22](#)

[COVID 19 Symptoms](#)

[CDC Quarantine & Isolation Guidelines](#)

FROM THE OFFICE

Rainy Day Spare Clothes Request

When the rain comes, so does the inevitable mud and puddles. We sure have had some doozy downpours lately! We do have a clothes closet on site to offer dry clothes when needed and we understand accidents happen, but we also want to encourage our students to be responsible and make good choices about playing in the water. It is helpful, and we would greatly appreciate it if on especially wet days, that you pack spare clothes for your student, particularly for our K-1 students. This will allow your child to easily and comfortably change into clothes that fit them and that they prefer. Thanks!

SUCCESSFUL SCHOOLS SURVEY

Tell us about your experience at PPS

Dear Bridlemile Families,

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear the phrase “successful schools?” We believe that successful schools are safe, healthy and welcoming learning spaces that are inclusive for all students. But we want to hear your thoughts.

We are excited to announce the 2021 Successful Schools Family Survey. When you take the survey, you help us understand your experience as a parent or guardian. This important information will guide us as we determine the future of our schools. The survey is open now and will be available for the next four weeks.

[Take the survey today!](#) You can complete the survey from a computer, tablet, or smartphone. It should take less than 5 minutes of your time. Select Bridlemile School and answer the questions for our school. If you have children at more than one PPS school, please complete one survey for each school your children attend. If you need help taking the survey please contact your teacher or principal.

Click [here](#) to take the Family Survey

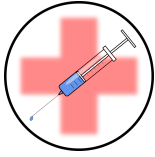
Thank you for being part of the PPS family!

surveys.panoramaed.com/portlandor/ppsfamily



Kindergarten Connect Coming in April

Yay for K! We will be hosting our annual Kindergarten Connect Event for families with incoming Kindergarteners on **Wednesday April 27th from 6:00pm-6:45pm**. It will be a virtual presentation and Q&A format. If you have a Kindergartener who will be joining us next year, or know of other families who have an incoming kinder, we invite you to join us. More details will be posted on our website here: [Bridlemile-Kindergarten](#).



UPLOAD VACCINATION INFORMATION

Parents- you can upload your student's Covid 19 Vaccination Card in ParentVUE in the Yearly Verification screen. Directions can be found [HERE](#).

NEWS FROM P.E.

Subject: Take the Challenge TODAY!

Dear Families –

The **American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge** program is kicking off! Help your child get a jump start by downloading the FREE **Kids Heart Challenge** App for [Apple](#) or [Android](#) or visiting heart.org/khc When registering, your child will choose a heart healthy challenge to **Be Active or Be Kind** and earn a **FREE Road Warrior Wristband!** Our goal is to have 100% of our students register online and take the Challenge.

This year, the KHC Explorers are going on a ROAD TRIP! [CLICK HERE](#) to jump on board and experience the road trip across the U.S. through daily activities for physical health, mental wellbeing and tips to help others with special hearts! Let's have fun and save lives!

MUSIC NEWS FROM MS. BARLOW

Recorder Orders for Grades 3-5

Here is information on how to buy a recorder. We will be playing them in 3rd, 4th, and fifth grades. This is only if you don't already have a recorder:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/12I5BjnnEKw8FF-H_8brgDDT_-D1_Wvk9zoEtoTqOJ3o/edit?usp=sharing

LIBRARY NEWS FROM MS. DAHINDEN

OBOB News

OBOB battles began Thursday 2/24 and are held in the Bridlemile library after school on Thursdays and Fridays from 2:30-3:30 pm. Pool battles will run from 2/24-3/10. The top 8 teams will advance to the playoff bracket which will run from 3/11-3/18.

Parents of participants should have received an email regarding dismissal plans. Please respond as soon as you can if you have not done so already.

Questions? Contact Jenn Baldwin (jendenother@gmail.com) or Ann Hoffman (annshih@gmail.com)

Please see link for more OBOB Info, Rules, Practice Questions, and helpful resources:

[Bridlemile OBOB 2021-22 Info](#)

TECHNOLOGY NEWS FROM MS. DAHINDEN

Having trouble logging into your student's account?

Please refer here: [My PPS & Quickcard Instruction Flyer](#). This flyer provides the step by step instructions to login and how to use the QR badge. Your student's classroom teacher can reset his or her account if needed. For more information click here: [Student Accounts](#)

PTA/FOUNDATION NEWS

PTA and Foundation [Newsletter](#)

Community Equity Team

The Bridlemile PTA RESJ Committee would like to invite you all to an **RESJ Committee check-in meeting on Tuesday, March 15 at 8 PM (see Zoom link below)**. We will plan to review the brainstorming ideas discussed at our most recent meeting. Come to check out all the great ideas proposed and see how you can get involved! From there, we will plan to hold **monthly RESJ Committee meetings every third Tuesday of the month at 8 PM**. We hope the meetings will keep us focused on actionable items as well as allow space for reflection about what we are trying to do to build an equitable and inclusive world for our children.

*Also, based on the staff's initiative of starting a poster project at school, we would like to kickstart a poster campaign in the home. Reach out to us if you are interested in helping us get that started!

Join Zoom Meeting Link for Tuesday, March 15 at 8 PM

<https://zoom.us/j/94327968489?pwd=Y0Z6QzI3NmNKMmJkNFpkQmFTanF4UT09>

Meeting ID: 943 2796 8489

Passcode: Y2Ci8M

Garden Work Party Sunday 3/13

Hello Bridlemile!

Garden Work Party Sunday, 3/13 11-1:30pm. We are looking for parents/caregivers and students to come help prep the garden for spring planting. We are hoping the students will be able to come out during school to help plant as well! BUT to do this, we need to prep! So, sign up for a shift and if you have any of the following items, it would be appreciated to bring:

- >Spading / Pitch Forks
- >Shovels of all sizes
- >Gloves
- >Clippers
- >Garden shears Pruners

>Weed diggers

We will have gloves and small tools for kids and will have a few spares for adult volunteers. Refreshments will be provided as well as fun activities for the kids. Hope to see you there!

<https://signup.com/go/KSRyNGi>

AUCTION NEWS!

Dates to keep on your radar:

Friday March 4th

Last day to order dinner and drink options through [Jacobandsonspdx](https://jacobandsonspdx.com). Meals & beverages will be delivered to your home Thursday March 10th, to enjoy during the online game show night on Friday 3/11.

Wednesday March 9th

Online auction goes live. Bidding opportunities are available until Monday March 14th

Friday March 11th

Double Your Dollars Game Show Night - tune in at 7pm to watch fun trivia with local favorites Timber Joey, Mr. Townsend, Dennis Dixon, and more!

Some of the exciting items that will be available during the auction:

- Classroom art
- Blazer Suite - an entire Suite on April 10th against the Utah Jazz. This includes 22 tickets, 4 parking passes and snacks. Be talking to your friends who might want to join you!
- Six Nights in San Diego - Stay in a beautiful 3 bedroom home in San Diego
- Wine tasting & lunch for 6 - Enjoy tasting and a tour for six at the beautiful Alloro Vineyards
- Comedy & Cocktails on June 4th - Featuring comedian Tyler Boeh. Up to 100 adults can attend, make a date night of it!

This is just a small sample of all the amazing items in our auction this year. Remember, every dollar you spend goes to benefit Bridlemile School & PPS!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Robert Gray Middle School
5th Grade Virtual Parent Night
Wednesday March 9th
6:30pm-7:30pm

Lincoln H.S

Youth Baseball and Softball Opportunities-

Anyone interested in playing baseball and softball this spring, please see the attached flier on how and where to sign up your child for the Spring 2022!!

[Lincoln HS Cluster .pdf](#)

Registration is open for this coming Spring!

Ages PreK-8th grade & CO-ED

*You don't have to live in the Lincoln Boundary

Register NOW: www.LincolnYouthBaseball.com

Lincoln Youth Lacrosse

Register today!

Girls: <https://www.lincolnlaxgirls.com/>

Boys: <https://www.lincolnlax.org/>

Raleigh Hills Little League Baseball Registration Open Now!

Spring baseball registration is open now! Raleigh Hills Little League baseball is open to boys and girls ages 4-12 who attend Bridlemile Elementary AND live in Washington County. This community baseball league puts an emphasis on teaching baseball fundamentals, promoting sportsmanship, and having fun.

Register online at www.RHLLbaseball.com

Questions? Email RaleighHills@gmail.com

Registration deadline is Feb. 11 for AAA and Majors teams. Registration deadline is March 4 for T-ball, A, and AA levels

Community Fliers:

VIBE of Portland [Art Camps, Classes, No-School Workshops](#)

VIBE of Portland [Winter 2022 No-School Workshops and Camps](#)

VIBE of Portland [East Winds Summer Camp](#)

OSU Discover the Scientist Within February Workshop ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))

OSU [Summer Reading Program](#)

Multnomah Early Childhood Program: ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#)) ([Vietnamese](#))

Portland Parks & Recreation Preschool [2022-2023 Registration](#)

OSU STEM Academy [AWSEM Club](#) (includes Spanish flier)



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

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