

Bridlemile Friday Flyer



4/23/2021

IMPORTANT DATES:

Apr 28th	Virtual Kindergarten Connect for Incoming K families 6:00PM, Join with Google Meet
Apr 29th	Bridlemile Community Meeting: Zoom link: https://pps-net.zoom.us/j/88318845048 Student Meeting 6:00PM, Performance by Artist Aaron Nigel Smith, 6:30PM Parent Mtng
May 10th	<i>Optional</i> Class Placement Survey Due
May 11th	Bridlemile PTA General Meeting, 6:00PM
May 20th	Bridlemile Community Equity Team Parent/Child Book Club Meeting, 6:00PM https://meet.google.com/bgn-iybx-sqd
May 20th	Repeat-Google Meet Kindergarten Presentation/Q&A for Incoming K families, meet.google.com/qub-prmm-xod
May 31st	NO SCHOOL- Memorial Day
June 11th	Last Day of School

WHAT'S NEW INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- From the District-Virtual Special Education & Transition Resource Fair; Meal Benefits
- Message from the Principal- Class Placement Survey
- From the Office-Traffic Safety Reminder!; Upcoming K Connect Virtual Presentation/Q&A;
UPDATED Link to the Specials Schedule:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CdBJgWhsndfYIMlvyrF3Gqp7NYVlz4pl/view?usp=sharing>
- Counselor's Corner-[Bridlemile Counselor Newsletter: 4/23/21](#)
- School RESJ TEAM CHECK-IN-
- Bridlemile Community Equity Team- Last Parent/Child Book Club Meeting 5/20, details below
- PTA/Foundation - [PTA newsletter](#)

DISTRICT NEWS

For the latest district news click here: [PPS District Homepage](#)

At home strategies for families for Distance Learning [resources for P-12 strategies](#)

VIRTUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION & TRANSITION RESOURCE FAIR

Attention! PPS students and families that receive Special Education Services. This is for you!! Please see attached flyer to learn about the Virtual Special Education & Transition Resource Fair happening on April 27 and 28 from 6-8pm.

English- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ms6qEkC6Jyy6yRaKAgXQDdMZRoHaqxoC/view?usp=sharing>

Spanish- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KDqzlgrpvYY6FzleDc6u6JhhZQ-jZvn/view?usp=sharing>

Russian- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ca4fa6DrABkyql6_I6AUCI8HeI3OGOVr/view?usp=sharing

Somali- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1a3PMPWX5IFkdB0WdAA_LLhqXlt89JNaj/view?usp=sharing

Vietnamese- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1W4VAJyWgUwYhIN5-eycpsnRNPQ1LciMy/view?usp=sharing>

Chinese- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ACpaFTTYKuT5A7zkYJFn-e_08_KtEJ2P/view?usp=sharing

Nutrition Services: IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MEAL BENEFITS

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

- Families approved for free and reduced-price meals may be eligible to receive future potential government assistance such as Pandemic EBT benefits (*please note that Oregon has not been approved yet for expanded Pandemic EBT benefits; we will alert families when we learn more and if it is approved).
- Families may be eligible for other benefits such as school related fee reduction or waivers, low cost internet and health coverage.

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

- 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.
- A meal application has already been submitted and approved for the 2020-21 school year.
- The household received a 2020-21 Direct Certification Approval letter.
- The household does not meet the 2020-21 Federal Income Guidelines

Eligible families who would like to submit a meal application have the following options:

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.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings Bridlemile families,

We are reaching that point in the school year where teachers will begin work on the class placement process for 2021-22. 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 no later than Monday, May 10, 2021. 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:

(Optional) [Class Placement Survey](#)

Have a wonderful weekend!

Jerome Townsend
Principal
jtownsend@pps.net

FROM THE OFFICE

Bridlemile Community Meeting via Zoom

Thursday April 29th

6:00 PM: Student Meeting -Performance by Artist Aaron Nigel Smith

6:30PM Parent Meeting

Meeting Link: <https://pps-net.zoom.us/j/88318845048>

Aaron Nigel Smith uses hip, original melodies to introduce basic music theory concepts, creative movement, yoga, language and songs from around the world. Children will explore and gain a greater understanding of rhythm, melody, improvisation and creative movement. He encourages his audience to sing, move, dance, and imagine together.



TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPORTANT REMINDERS

We want to thank everyone for adhering to the traffic safety protocols during the arrival and dismissal of our students. The protocols are put in place to help protect our walkers and bikers as well as car transporters. As a reminder:

If you are driving through the [PARKING LOT](#) to drop off or pick up your child:

As you leave the parking lot, please **TURN RIGHT ONLY**. This is for 2 important reasons:

1. Visibility of oncoming traffic heading west is limited when the busses are parked.
2. Exiting right keeps the flow of traffic moving and will lessen car congestion around the school and parking lot.

If you are dropping off your student at [HAMILTON PARK](#):

Please be sure to pull up to the curb **OUTSIDE the coned area and bus zone**. If space is limited please drive down towards the park where there is more room. Please make your stop brief to lessen car congestion around the school.

PLEASE do not double park when you are dropping off or picking up your child.

Thank you again for your continued cooperation and adhering to this guidance for pick up and drop off. Working cooperatively as a community will allow for the arrival and dismissal to be as safe as possible for our students and everyone involved.



Kindergarten Connect Virtual Presentation and Q&A

We will be hosting a virtual presentation and Q&A for incoming K families. Gather your incoming kinder and come meet our Kindergarten teachers and Principal Townsend. There will be a short presentation and then we'll answer your questions! 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. We will offer a duplicate presentation on **Thursday May 20th** if you are unable to attend on the 28th (or feel free to come to both!)

Wednesday April 28th

6:00PM-6:45PM

[Join with Google Meet](#)

meet.google.com/qmn-ghkv-uch

[Join by phone](#)

(US) +1 314-474-3002 PIN: 297 746 921#

Thursday May 20th (repeat presentation)

6:00PM-6:45PM

[Join with Google Meet](#)

meet.google.com/qub-prmm-xod

[Join by phone](#)

(US) +1 563-293-3832 PIN: 826 540 165#

COUNSELORS CORNER

[Bridlemile Counselor Newsletter: 4/23/21](#)

LIBRARY NEWS FROM MS. DAHINDEN

Please use the updated book request form to check out books from the Bridlemile library. Indicate on the form if your child is attending CDL or Hybrid. Hybrid students will have their books delivered to their classroom on Thursdays and Fridays. CDL students can pick up their requested books on Wednesday afternoons, Thursdays, and Fridays outside the main school doors. Library staff will contact parents to confirm an exact pick up time. The book request link is also posted on the Destiny catalog in the announcement box on the left hand side of the main page. Make sure you are logged into your PPS account before accessing the form.

[Book checkout request form](#)

PTA/FOUNDATION NEWS

[PTA newsletter](#)

SCHOOL RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM CHECK-IN

TOPIC OF THE MONTH: Autism Acceptance Month-

From Psychology Today [Moving Beyond Autism Awareness to Autism Acceptance](#)

“Until society as a whole shifts from awareness to acceptance, autistic people and their families will continue to be impacted by, and potentially internalize, negative attitudes and stigma that currently prevail in the wider conversation about autism. “

Last week we focused on the shift from awareness to acceptance. This week we are thinking further, toward allyship and inclusion. “Where there’s room for some, there’s room for all. Friends can be allies, no matter how small!” This beautiful quote is from the book linked below, “Intersection Allies.” Our community is healthy and safe when we all work toward allyship for one another.

COMMUNITY ACTION:

Being a Good Friend to Someone with Autism



• **Wave hi!** If they don't say hi back it may be because they were thinking about something else, not because they don't want to be friends with you.



• **Be patient.** Give them some time to get to know you.

• If you don't understand what they say, ask them nicely to say it again.

• If you see a friend with autism getting upset, **give them some space.** Don't make fun of them or point and laugh. They are just having a hard time.



• Ask your friend with autism what they like to do. Try some activities that they like.

• People with autism can be great friends! **Have fun** and be happy you have an awesome friend.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS and LINKS:



PPS HATE SPEECH RESPONSE FORM

To ensure a learning environment of safety, security and belonging for every student, PPS does not tolerate hate speech nor acts of discrimination. If you experience or witness hate speech, please fill out this [Hate Speech Response Form](#).

Bridlemile Community Equity Team

Parent-Child Book Club

Tea Cakes for Tosh by Kelly Starling Lyons

Thursday, May 20 at 6:00PM

Meeting Link: <https://meet.google.com/bgn-iybx-sqd>

Please mark your calendar for the last meeting of the Bridlemile Community Equity Team's parent-child book club on Thursday, May 20 at 6:00. We'll be reading *Tea Cakes for Tosh* by Kelly Starling Lyons. Read-aloud happens during the meeting, followed by conversation; no need to have the book on hand! A description of the book is available at <https://socialjusticebooks.org/tea-cakes-for-tosh/>. We'd love to see you there for this last book club discussion of the school year.

COMMUNITY NEWS

[Portland Parks & Recreation Preschool Registration Flier](#)

[OSU Precollege Programs Summer Reading Skills Programs \(ages 4 through 11th grade\)](#)

[Cognizart 360 Arts Camp 2021 \(ages 6-12\) - July 5-9 & July 12-16](#)



[School Website](#)

503-916-6292

Friday Flyer Archives: [School Website](#)

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

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