

# Bridlemile Friday Flyer



**4/2/2021**

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Apr 5th            2nd-5th Grade AM and PM Cohorts Start, All Hybrid students in building Including K-1  
April 9th        **NO SCHOOL** - Teacher Planning Day  
Apr 13th        PTA Board Meeting

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

- New Message from the Principal
- From the Nurse- COVID Testing Consent Form; Emergency Medication check-in
- From the Office-Message from the Specials Teachers-Link to the Specials Schedule
- PTA/Foundation - [PTA newsletter](#)

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## **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](#)

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Hello Bridlemile Families and Staff,

What a great start to our Hybrid in-person instruction! It was such a joy seeing students arrive at school ready to learn and being welcomed by the wonderful staff of Bridlemile Elementary.

As we prepare to add our 2nd-5th graders I'd like to provide some updates and additional information.

### **Arrival/Dismissal**

#### **Reminders for Arrival:**

- Parents, please be mindful to not drop your students off prior to 7:50am for AM Hybrid and 12:05pm for PM Hybrid.

- If you arrive after 8:00am or 12:15pm, please proceed to the front entrance as teachers will have already taken their students from the blacktop to their prospective entrances.

#### **Reminders for Dismissal:**

- At dismissal there will be a location on the blacktop where we are asking parents to wait for their students so that it will not interfere with our dismissal process. Please look for the **Parent Wait Area** sign.
  - We are asking that parents receive their students then exit the school grounds as soon as possible so that we can maintain safety and distancing as we have a high number of students that are being dismissed simultaneously.
  - Please reach out to your teachers to let them know if you will be driving through the car line to pick your students up or if you will be walking up on foot. If you will be walking up on foot to pick them up (including parking your car) or walking from your home, the pick-up area will be on the blacktop at the rear of the school. If you are driving through the car line and remaining in your vehicle, your student will be picked up from the front entrance of the school. It is important to remain as consistent as possible so teachers will know what area your student should be dismissed from.
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- Please keep any last minute dismissal changes to emergencies only.

Your continued patience is greatly appreciated as we work through these first days of procedures and protocols. Keep in mind that these new processes will take some adjusting so times may be off just a bit. There may also be some additional adjustments that have to be made and if so, they will be communicated as needed. We will continue to do our best to get students out to you as quickly and safely as possible during dismissal.

#### **Playground Areas**

The school play structures are closed between the hours of 7:30am-3:30pm. This is very important for everyone's safety. We are asking that parents and students adhere to these PPS guidelines and do not use the play structures during these times.

#### **Transportation**

Please reach out to the PPS Transportation or the Bridlemile Office if you have any transportation concerns or needs. PPS Transportation can be reached at 503-916-6901 or [transportation@pps.net](mailto:transportation@pps.net) and you can reach the office by calling 503-916-6292 or [bridlemile-office@pps.net](mailto:bridlemile-office@pps.net).

#### **Meals Provided**

Each day, students will be given a bag which will include breakfast, lunch and dinner. On Tuesdays, students will receive enough food for Wednesday as well. On Fridays, students will be given enough food for the weekend. Please reach out to your teachers to inform them whether or not your student will want a school provided meal to take home with them each day. This will help us in knowing how many bags we will need and prevent us from wasting food. All food should be consumed after students have left the school grounds or have exited the bus.

## **Volunteers/Visitors**

Volunteers are not permitted in the building at this time. Building visitors will be arranged by appointment and must wear face coverings at all times while in the building. Visitors must wash or sanitize their hands upon entering and exiting the building. Visitors will be visually screened for symptoms upon entry and anyone displaying symptoms or known to have been exposed to COVID-19 may not enter the school.

Visitors will sign-in with date & time upon arrival and sign-out prior to departure. Visitors may only be in common entry and exit areas. Physical distancing of 6 feet must be maintained between the visitor and staff and students to the maximum extent possible.

We are looking forward to welcoming the entire K-5th grade students to the building on Monday and we hope that your students are excited as well. If you have any questions or concerns please email the office at [bridlemile-office@pps.net](mailto:bridlemile-office@pps.net).

Have a wonderful weekend!  
Jerome Townsend- Principal  
Bridlemile Elementary  
[jtownsend@pps.net](mailto:jtownsend@pps.net)

## **FROM THE NURSE**

### **COVID-19 Testing Consent Form**

PPS is requesting consent to test students for COVID-19 from families prior to the first hybrid instructional day. Please complete and submit an Oregon Health Authority (OHA) consent form:

#### **[COVID 19 Testing Consent Form](#)**

Please email the form to the office [bridlemile-office@pps.net](mailto:bridlemile-office@pps.net). If you are unable to submit electronically, you can also print and submit a paper copy and send it with your child to school on Monday. This is only needed for students who are coming into school for hybrid instruction.

if you have any questions please contact our school Health Assistant Malinda McCollum [mmccollum@mesd.k12.or.us](mailto:mmccollum@mesd.k12.or.us)

If you would like more information please go to: [District Hybrid Instruction](#).

### **Emergency Medication- Hybrid students only**

If you have emergency medication for your student that needs to come to school, please contact our Health Assistant Malinda McCollum [mmccollum@mesd.k12.or.us](mailto:mmccollum@mesd.k12.or.us) to schedule a time to drop it off and have it checked in at the school.

## FROM THE OFFICE

### **From the Specials Team: Schedules for P.E. Music, Library, and Technology**

Here is the link to the Specials Schedule:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18vWPocmq93Wn8beg860H5fWx8V2MWGzM/view?usp=sharing>

Attached is the new hybrid specials schedule. This schedule began today, April 2nd, for all K-1 students and will begin for the whole building next week. Our goal in making this schedule was to make sure that there was no drop in specials instructional time for students with the change to hybrid. To make that possible with 3 cohorts, we plan to teach an AM and PM class for each grade on their existing specials day. Friday classes are staggered to allow both K and 1st classes to fit in one day.

Hybrid students will attend specials classes via Zoom during the half of the day that they are not attending school in person. Students will join specials based on their cohort rather than their individual teacher, so students from all AM students will attend one class together in the afternoon and PM will be all together in the morning. Most CDL classrooms will join either the AM or PM based on the scheduling needs of their teacher, though a few larger CDL groups will meet at a separate time to allow for greater interaction between students and teachers.

In addition to our synchronous classes, asynchronous Music, PE, and Library lessons will continue to be posted weekly on their existing schedule.

### **Message from the 5th Grade Transition Parent Committee**

Hello 5th graders and 5th grade parents. What a year! Make sure you order your 5th grade yearbook TODAY. The yearbook team is busy capturing memories and customizing a personalized yearbook just for you to commemorate your last year at Bridlemile Elementary! If you have any pictures you'd like included in the yearbook, please send them to Winnie Callough [winnie.callough@gmail.com](mailto:winnie.callough@gmail.com)

## **Lifetouch**

**Bridlemile Elementary School**

**Grades Eligible to Purchase:** 5th

**Yearbook ID:** 3964621

Click here to order: [Lifetouch- 5th Grade Yearbook Order](#)

## COUNSELORS CORNER

There is no newsletter for this week.

## **PTA/FOUNDATION NEWS**

[PTA newsletter](#)

## **SCHOOL RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM CHECK-IN**

**TOPIC OF THE MONTH:** Gender Equity- All students need a safe and supportive school environment to progress academically and developmentally. Learning about gender and the gender spectrum is an important part of creating and sustaining this environment for all students.

### **ARE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS TOO YOUNG FOR THIS TOPIC?**

“Research about gender suggests that young people have a strong sense of their own gender identity by 3–6 years old, meaning transgender and/or gender nonconforming children may express gender diversity as young as preschool. This dispels the myth that children and youth are “too young” to know these things about themselves. Furthermore, students may have transgender family members. By introducing these topics in a simple, age-appropriate manner, gender diversity is an easy concept for children to understand. “

Information from: [Portland Public Schools Gender Diversity Support Guide](#)

### **COMMUNITY ACTION: PRONOUNS**

You may notice your friends, family members, colleagues, etc. are adding their personal pronouns to their email signature. But why?

People of all ages have the right to be addressed by a name and pronoun that corresponds to their identity.

Often people make assumptions about a person based on their name or appearance, and these assumptions can potentially be harmful. Using someone’s correct personal pronouns demonstrates respect and inclusivity.

If you are comfortable, adding your pronouns to your email signature helps normalize and foster conversation surrounding gender identity.

### **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](#).

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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

[Ida B. Wells \(Wilson\) Youth Football](#)

Go to our webpage at <https://www.wilsonyouthfootball.com/home> for more information and to register for:

7/8 Flag Football Spring 2021

5/6 Flag Football Spring 2021

3/4 Flag Football Spring 2021

#### Ida B. Wells (Wilson) Youth Boys Lacrosse

The club's focus is learning the game, meeting new friends and having fun! Due to Covid the season is shorter this year: April 12- May 31st. Safety covid protocols, including wearing masks during practice and play, will be implemented.

For more information and to register click here: [Wilson Youth Lacrosse](#)

#### Ida B. Wells (Wilson) Youth Girls Lacrosse

Please come join us for a fun and safe lacrosse experience with Ida B. Wells (also known as Wilson) Girl's Youth Lacrosse. We welcome all skill levels, and if you are interested in playing at either the 1/2, 3/4, 5/6 or 7/8 grade levels, please visit our registration site at:

<http://www.wylax.net.usl.la/> We hope to see you soon!

#### Southwest Portland Little League (SWPLL)

Our upper level baseball and softball programs are open for registration. Our lower levels are expected to open soon, when we secure fields through PPS. Ours is a volunteer run community sport that is accessible to all children.

<https://swpll.org/program/34886/2021-spring-spring-2021>

#### Lincoln Youth Baseball

Spring 2021 Registration is open to all kids PreK-8th grade. Visit [www.lincolnyouthbaseball.com](http://www.lincolnyouthbaseball.com)



#### [School Website](#)

503-916-6292

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