

# Bridlemile Friday Flyer



9/2/22

Hello Families!

Welcome back to school!! We are very happy to see all of your wonderful children and hope your first week went well. For our new families, we would like to introduce you here to the Friday Flyer. This is our school newsletter that comes out every week. It has all the information you need to know about what is happening at school, and is our MAIN source of communication. Fair warning, the first flyer is pretty long (sorry!) but there is a lot of important information. Please make time to read through each week.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Sept 5th	<b>Labor Day- NO SCHOOL</b>
Sept 6th	First Day of School for Kindergarten
Sept 6th	Kindergarten Parent Coffee Social 8:05am
Sept 13th	PTA Board Meeting 6:00pm-virtual
Sep 14th	Volunteer & Co-Room Parent Orientation
Sept 16th	Charleston Wrap Fall Fundraiser Begins
Sept 22nd	Back to School Night
Sept 23rd	<b>Teacher Professional Development Day- No School</b>
Sept 28th	PICTURE DAY

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

- Message from the Principal-Grow Portland, Site Council
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  - From the Health Room- Medications at school; [Daily Self Screening Checklist](#)
  - Music News from Ms. Barlow- Band, Strings, Recorder Information
  - PTA/Foundation News- Weekly [Newsletter](#); Bridlemile Learning Garden
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Dear Bridlemile Families,

What a warm welcome back it has been, literally and figuratively! Although we've had some hot weather to contend with, there has been no shortage of smiles and laughter at school as we kick off a new year together. Staff and students are building their learning communities, and we are already off to a great start.

### **Grow Portland**

Speaking of new starts (pun intended), we are excited to announce that Grow Portland is coming to Bridlemile! Starting in September, students in all grades will engage in monthly hands-on environmental science learning tied to Next Generation Science standards. Students will be growing vegetables in our garden as part of the curriculum as well. Thank you for the community support that makes this partnership with Grow Portland possible.

### **Site Council**

Are you interested in joining Bridlemile's Site Council? School Site Councils are made up of teachers, parents, non-certified staff, administrators and community members working together to increase student learning and enact our school mission.

Our Bridlemile Site Council is entering the election process which occurs every two years.

Meetings will be held virtually on Tuesdays, 5:30pm-6:15pm: 9/27, 10/25, 1/24, 3/21, 5/23 and others as needed. Indicate your interest here-- [Parent/Caregiver Self Nomination Form](#)

Per state law, adult family members shall be elected by adult family members of students attending the school. Our Bridlemile Site Council will prioritize forming a team representative of the diversity within our school community. Site council membership and meeting agendas and notes will be posted on our school website so parents/caregivers and staff can communicate questions or concerns to the members prior to meetings.

Enjoy a wonderful holiday weekend! We'll see you on Tuesday, September 6th-

With care,  
Katherine

### **From the Office**

#### **STUDENT VERIFICATION**

IMPORTANT! To be sure we have the most current information on file for your student(s) we ask that all Parents/Guardians log on to your ParentVue account [ParentVue.pps.net](https://parentvue.pps.net) or click here: **Verify Online** and verify your student(s) profile. Be sure you select the YEARLY VERIFICATION tab from the menu.

Benefits of verifying online via ParentVUE:

- Complete the required yearly verification of your student's information
- Update your communication and language preferences
- Ensures your school has the most up to date information

## **SCHOOL CLIMATE HANDBOOK, DISTRICT DRESS CODE POLICY, SCHOOL FAQ'S**

The school Climate Handbook, Dress Code Policy, and Discipline Handbooks can be found on our school website under "Our School" or can be accessed here: [School Climate Handbook](#)

## **PPS TEXT ALERTS**

Stay informed! Sign up to receive text alerts about school closures, inclement weather, and bus delays & cancellations by texting YES to 68453.

## **REMINDE APP FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**

Bridlemile uses the Remind App to send notifications to families about school events and happenings. If you would like to use the Remind app to receive these messages, you can download the app for free by searching for Remind in your app store or [https://www.remind.com/send\\_the\\_app](https://www.remind.com/send_the_app).

Review the [Getting Started with Remind](#) guide.

## **DISMISSAL CHANGES**

If an emergency arises and you need to change your child's dismissal plan for the day, please:

- Email your child's teacher,
- CC the Bridlemile office ([bridlemile-office@pps.net](mailto:bridlemile-office@pps.net)), and
- Notify your after school provider if you have one.

If you need to pick up your child early from school, please:

- Email your child's teacher,
- CC the Bridlemile office ([bridlemile-office@pps.net](mailto:bridlemile-office@pps.net)),
- Come to the front entrance and ring the bell. We will call your child down from class and you will sign them out.
- *If your student will be returning, please walk them up to the front entrance, ring the bell, and we will have you sign your student back in.*

## **BRIDLEMILE SCHOOL DIRECTORY**

The school directory is a great way to build our community and stay connected with your fellow Bridlemile students and families. PTA will be managing the directory via Membership Toolkit. In Parent Vue, you were notified that your information will be included in the directory. If you prefer to opt-out, please fill out this form and submit to the office and you will not be included in the directory.

[Publicity Denial & Non-Release of Information to School Directory Form](#)  
[Español](#) | [Tiếng Việt](#) | [中文](#) | [Русский](#) | [Somali](#)

## **PHOTO OPT-OUT**

Student photographs are commonly used in yearbooks (Although Bridlemile only offers a 5th grade yearbook), but are also sometimes included in school newsletters, school websites and other school related publications. If a picture is used, we do not use student names. If you do NOT want your student's photograph used or released for these purposes or for news media, please fill out this form and submit it to the office.

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## LOST AND FOUND

There is a lost and found for student items located at the front entrance of the school. If students lose an item at school we will direct them to the lost and found to look for it. Please encourage your child to be responsible for all their belongings, making sure to bring all their things home each day.

*Please note that our lost and found grows rapidly, therefore we donate away any unclaimed and unlabeled items to the PPS Clothes Closet at Marshall H.S twice a year.*

Sometimes labeling your child's items can help with retrieval. You can buy waterproof, durable labels and permanent stamps from Mabel's Labels [Mabel's Labels](#), which supports PTA! Click "Support a Fundraiser", and type in "Bridlemile".

## FOLLOW BRIDLEMILE ON INSTAGRAM!

Did you know Bridlemile has a new Instagram account? You can follow us @bridlemile\_beagles. We've already shared some sweet photos from the start of the school year!



## From the Nurse

### Medications at school

If your child will need to take medicine during the school day, please check it in with our school Health Assistant Esther Doyle [edoyle@mesd.k12.or.us](mailto:edoyle@mesd.k12.or.us). This includes both prescription and over the counter medication (including cough drops). All medication must be in its original packaging/container and the prescription label must be clear on the package. Please complete an Authorization for Medication Administration Form:

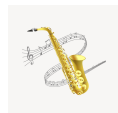
Authorization for Medication Administration Form

[English \(PDF\)](#) [Chinese \(PDF\)](#) [Russian \(PDF\)](#) [Somali \(PDF\)](#) [Spanish \(PDF\)](#) [Vietnamese \(PDF\)](#)

## When should your child stay home from school

Please review this [Daily Self Screening Checklist](#) for symptoms, reporting, and stay home requirements before allowing your student to ride the bus, walk, or be dropped off at school.

## MUSIC NEWS FROM MS. BARLOW



### Band and Strings:

Time to sign up for Band and String for 5th Grade and 4th grade too! Hard copies are available in the Music Room! [Band & Strings Information 2022-23](#)

### **Recorder information:**

Third Graders will need a recorder this year. If you are new to Bridlemile and in third, fourth, or fifth grade you will need one too. [Recorder Order Form](#)

## **PTA & FOUNDATION NEWS**

Hello from PTA and Foundation Bridlemile Families!

PTA is here to help our community stay connected and to support teachers and staff. Foundation raises money to increase staffing and bridge the gap between what public funding provides and the comprehensive educational experience all of our children deserve. In addition, 30% of what we raise goes to the district to support other PPS schools.

To keep us connected, we have a PTA and Foundation [Newsletter](#) which comes out every week. Please bookmark this link, and check back weekly! A copy of the link will always be provided in the weekly Friday Flyer. To stay up to date on all the latest events, to donate, or to find out how you can get involved, visit us on our website: [www.bridlemileschool.org](http://www.bridlemileschool.org) Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Kendra Joyce (PTA President) [pta@bridlemileschool.org](mailto:pta@bridlemileschool.org) and  
Eric Bowler (Foundation President) [bridlemilefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:bridlemilefoundation@gmail.com)

### The Bridlemile Leaning Garden

Volunteers needed!  
Garden Work Party 9/25 12pm-2pm.  
More details next week.

Lauren Barton [garden@bridlemileschool.org](mailto:garden@bridlemileschool.org)  
Bridlemile Learning Garden Chair

 Grow Portland At Bridlemile

### Meet Our New Garden Educator! Max Krieger, Grow Portland Garden Educator

Max Krieger (Garden Educator, He/Him) comes to Grow Portland with 15 years of experience working with young people outside. He began this work in upstate New York in the field of wilderness therapy. After moving to Oregon in 2011, he led courses with NOLS, an international wilderness school, that focused on leadership, risk management, environmental studies, and outdoor skills. Max began his journey with garden education while receiving his MS in Sustainability Education from Portland State University in 2017. Since then he has become passionate about the power of gardens to help people foster connections to the natural world and to each other. Most recently, Max managed a garden for a Sandy area nonprofit that engaged youth in workforce development. Max has fallen in love with the Pacific Northwest and

while he plans to continue planting roots in this region, he will always be a Georgia peach at heart.



Join Us In The Garden!

Bridlemile Learning Garden Committee Volunteers Needed.

We are looking for a team to be working hand in hand with the Bridlemile Learning Garden Teacher's committee, and the new Grow Portland Collaboration. We need volunteers to help build and continue the building of the Bridlemile Learning Garden both literally hands on and behind the scenes.

Experience in the following areas is helpful but not necessary:

- Design / Landscape
- Repairs
- Applying for grants
- Marketing
- Design / Structural
- Green Thumb
- Art

Our biggest need for this year is someone who has experience with non-profit grant writing. This can be a committee role, or non-committee role.

Our committee will meet as a group once monthly. We have a running list of things that can be tackled by anyone who wants to spend time in the garden itself, or helping with community outreach, event planning, or fundraising. We need your ideas too!

We will typically be meeting in the garden to tackle larger projects, but also encourage you to help out whenever is most convenient for you. If you cannot commit to a committee role, we do absolutely still need your help.

Please contact Lauren Barton by email at [garden@bridlemileschool.org](mailto:garden@bridlemileschool.org)

We're excited for all the good things to come for The Bridlemile Learning Garden this year working together to support our students and teachers.

Happy weekend to you!

*The mission of the **Bridlemile Learning Garden** Committee is to create and maintain natural spaces on our school grounds where students can grow nutritious food and become stewards of their environment. We envision an accessible living laboratory with programming that engages students in*

*hands-on learning. We will also promote a healthy lifestyle by teaching from seed-to-plate and getting kids moving outdoors*



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