

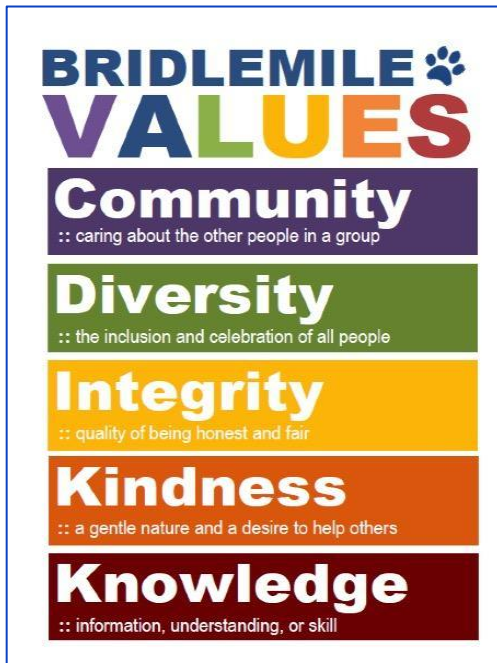
Bridlemile Elementary **CONNECT TO KINDERGARTEN**



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Welcome to Bridlemile Elementary

Our learning environment at Bridlemile strives to meet the student's intellectual, emotional, social, and physical growth patterns using high academic and behavioral expectations coupled with a sensitivity to each child's unique needs and learning style. Through cooperative support of the staff, the teachers, and the parents, we expect each child to reach his/her maximum potential by embracing our core values.



Katherine Hu, Principal

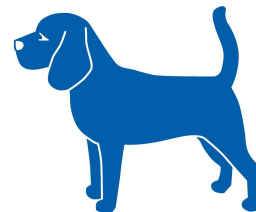


What's Happening



Agenda

1. Principal's Welcome
2. Bridlemile School Overview
3. Meet the Kindergarten Teachers
4. K Curriculum Presentation
5. Music Performance by our Kinders
6. Transition Kids to K Classrooms for a Fun Craft
7. PTA & Foundation Overview
8. Meet our Counselors- Counseling Overview
9. Champions Aftercare
10. How to Register
11. How to Stay Connected
12. Q&A

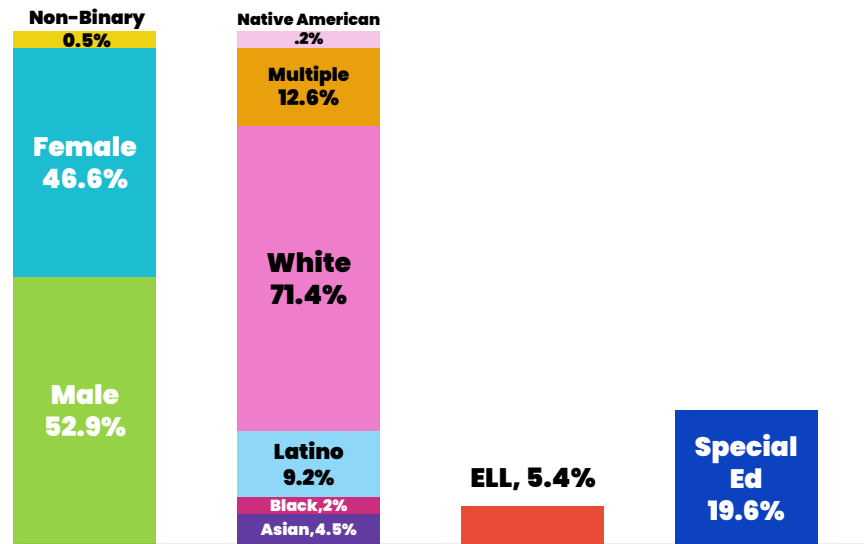


Who are we?

- K-5 Elementary school located at:
4300 SW 47th Drive
Portland, Oregon
- Enrollment 3-year average
(2022-2024): **442**
- Kindergarten Classrooms: **3**

2023-24 Enrollment Demographics

Total Enrollment: 445



Meet the Schoolwide Team



Sonja Williams
Principal's
Admin Assistant



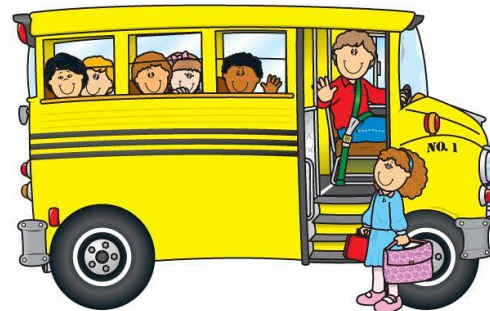
Dana Burling
School Admin
Assistant



CJ Bakken
Health Assistant



Nina Senaga
Speech Therapist



Amy Gretencort
Art Specialist



Luis Soldevila
Music Teacher



Glenn McCormack
P.E. Teacher



Ashley Livingood
P.E. Teacher



Nicole Arick
Media Specialist



Amy Wick
Media Specialist



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The Kindergarten Team



Julie Whitaker

Experience 15 yrs K-3, 5 yrs preschool

Interests travel, reading, hiking, coffee!

Family My daughter is in her third year of college and my non-binary kiddo is in their first year of college.

I love teaching because there is never a day I don't laugh and smile with my students.



Claire Corbett

Experience: 3 years K-1, 3 years preschool/nursery

Interests: cooking, hiking, swimming, and traveling

Family: My partner and two fur babies Ivy and Benny

I love teaching because I love seeing what our kindergarteners can create. They always surprise me!



Amy Miner

Experience 9 years K-3

Interests travel, swimming, kayaking, and playing piano

Family Husband Colin & dog Pepper

I love building a classroom community and seeing what our students can do together!

The Kindergarten Team: Special Education



Jessica Covington-Brehm

**Teacher, K-2 Communication Behavior,
Special Education**

Experience 10 years Special Education

Interests When she's not teaching she is usually knitting or out with her dog.

I am passionate about communication, accessibility, and inclusion!

Playful Learning is Powerful

**Play is not a break from learning.
Play is learning.**

We know children love to play. We know children learn best through play.

- Play provides opportunities for **self-discovery**, **social connections**, and discovering **new ideas**.
- Allows kinders to **try out ideas** and **use what they are learning** in their academic subjects in an open discovery environment.
- Develops **imagination**, **speaking**, **listening** skills and **higher level thinking**.
- Solidifies **math and science** concepts.
- Play is a time when **mistakes can be deeply explored**, while involved in dramatic play, building, and other forms of play.
- This form of learning is a **powerful tool for kinders**.



***“Play is the
highest form of
research.”
– Albert Einstein***

Equity & Justice

Identity

I know and like who I am and can talk about my family and myself and name some of my group identities.

Diversity

I want to know about other people and how our lives and experiences are the same and different.

Justice

I know some true stories about how people have been treated badly because of their group identities. I know about people who helped stop unfairness and worked to make life better for many people.

Action

I care about those who are treated unfairly. I will speak up or do something if people are being unfair.



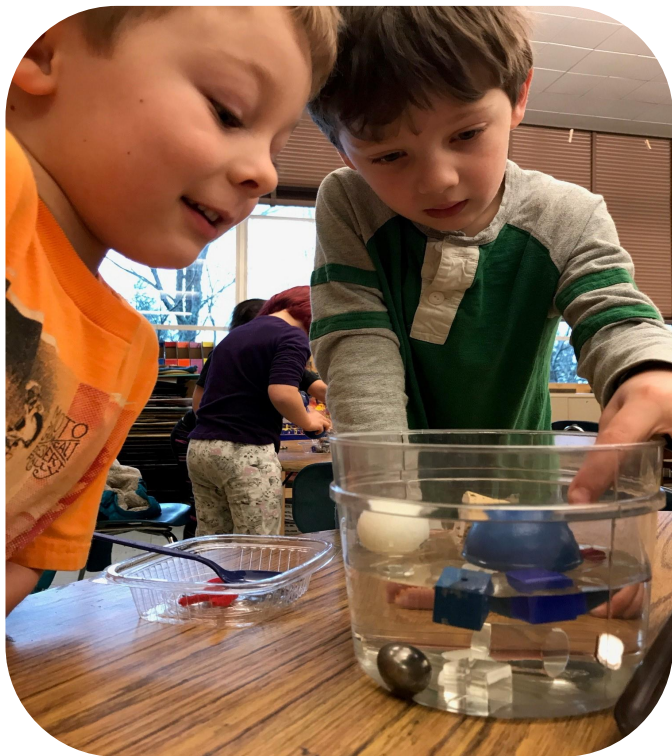
"Inclusion is a very special word because it means that everyone cares for you just because you are alive."



Literacy

- Heggerty & Foundations: District curriculum to develop **foundational skills in phonemic awareness and phonics**
- Wit and Wisdom: District curriculum to build **content knowledge and vocabulary**
- Exposure to a **diverse selection of literature**
- **Writing** with drawings and words





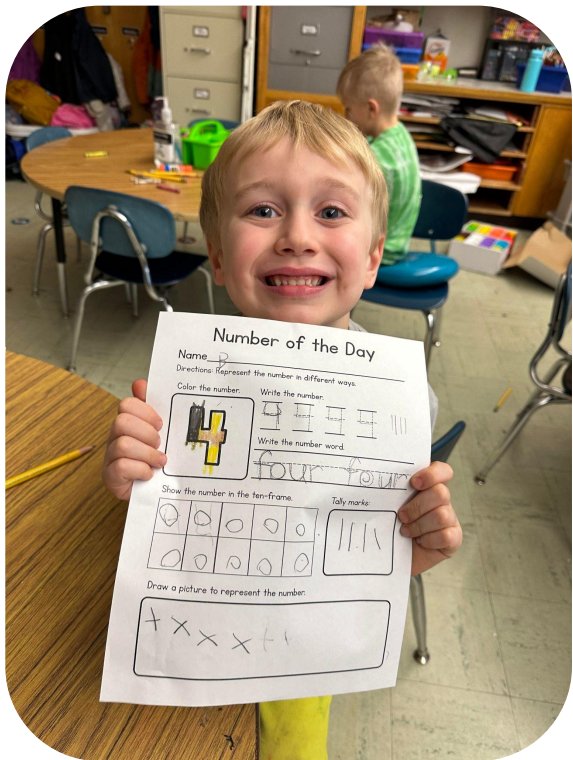
3 main units: (District Created)

1. Engineering A Game Solution
2. Interdependence of Living Things
3. Trees

Practice scientific process skills

Hands-on experiments and investigations





- **iReady** Math Curriculum
- **Hands-on learning** to help develop:
 - Number sense
 - Relationship between numbers
 - Geometric concepts
 - Ability to solve story problems
- **Independent online lessons** that are just right for your student
- Structured to encourage children to work, play, and share **cooperatively**.
- Math Talk: Participate in **mathematical discourse**

Art



- 45 minutes per week with art teacher
- Art is integrated throughout our curriculum
- Artist in Residence program
- Theater field trip



Music



- 45 minutes per week
- Joyful singing through games and songs
- Exposure to **rhythm and beat** using a variety of instruments
- Introduction to **music notation**
- **Diverse music selection** with songs from around the world



Physical Education



- 2 x 45 minutes a week
- **Cooperative learning** and **team building**
- **Rhythm** and **coordination** through these activities: Ball play, gymnastics, jump rope, core strength, yoga and aerobic activity
- Progressive skill building
- Fun!



Library/Media Technology



- 45 minutes per week with librarian
- **Technology** lessons
- **Weekly check-out** of books
- Wonderful selection of children's literature and diverse books to meet all interests!



Making Memories



- **Fun Friday** Activities (i.e. Pajama Day, Flashlight Reading)
- **Assemblies**
- **Field Trips**
- 5th Grade Leadership
- Band/Strings-upper grades
- **Beagle Buddies**
- **Stone Soup** and **Gingerbread** collaborative projects



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Parent Teacher Association & Foundation



Fanny Adams, PTA President



Eric Bowler, Foundation President

PTA Board

Fanny Adams, President
Neisa Dokken, Vice President
Gretchen Morton, Secretary
Jessica Greenman, Treasurer
Jazzmin Reece, Asst. Treasurer
Mariah Fairben, Member at Large
Jason Chen, Technology Officer
Maddie Cois, Room Parent Coordinator

Foundation Board

Eric Bowler, President
Michael Buchalter, Vice President
Jean Cripps, Secretary
Nathan Aman, Treasurer
Heidi Trenholme, Auction Chair

- **PTA goal:** fundraisers to enrich the learning experience by providing supplemental funds for items needed in the classroom.
- **Foundation goal:** raise funds to provide resources to the school to increase staffing
- Both provide **fun community events** to engage our community outside of the classroom.
- There are many opportunities to **volunteer & support** the PTA & Foundation

PTA/Foundation email: pta@bridlemileschool.org

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



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Meet Our Counselors



Rachel Reich



Kaitlyn Dove

- **Social Emotional Learning** to support student academic and personal growth.
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL) teaches students how to:
 - **Build and maintain strong relationships**
 - **Manage emotions**
 - **Handle stress**
 - **Set goals**
 - **Show empathy**

Rachel Reich reich@pps.net

Kaitlyn Dove kdove@pps.net



Champions On-Site Aftercare

CHAMPION

Our Program:

- Create connections
- Develop social and emotional skills
- Build a community

Curriculum:

- Our curriculum is based on the latest educational research, constantly updated
- Whole child approach
- Only after school care program that is accredited!

Our teachers:

- Our teachers go through a minimum of 30 hours of training prior to joining our team
 - Continued education is a must as a Champions educator.

Fall Pricing:

- \$85 for 1-2 days a week
- \$115 for 3-5 days a week
- Subsidy available

Interested in Champions? Add your information to our list!
Check out our website www.discoverchampions.com



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How to Register for Kindergarten



Register online before June 1

Go to pps.net/enroll

Prefer paper?

Call or email our school office to pick up a packet

503.916.6292

bridlemile-office@pps.net

Additional Resources

- Enrollment & Transfer
pps.net/enroll (503.916.3205)
- PPS Early Learners Department
pps.net/earlylearners



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How to Stay Connected



Bridlemile School Website

www.pps.net/bridlemile

Social Media

Facebook: www.facebook.com/bridlemileschool

Instagram: [@bridlemile_beagles](https://www.instagram.com/bridlemile_beagles)

PTA/Foundation Website

www.bridlemileschool.org

2024-2025 Parent Facebook Group

www.facebook.com/groups/239520962535083



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**See you
soon!**

