

Bridlemile Elementary **CONNECT TO KINDERGARTEN**



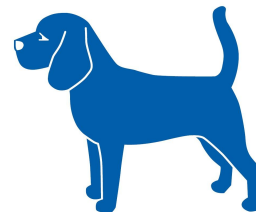
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What's Happening



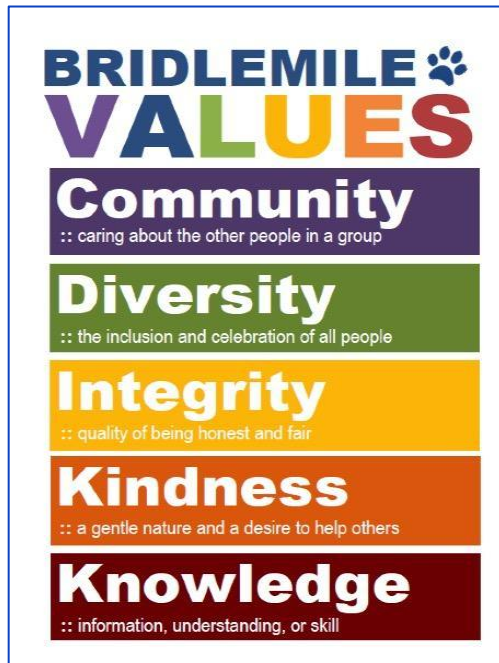
Agenda

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



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

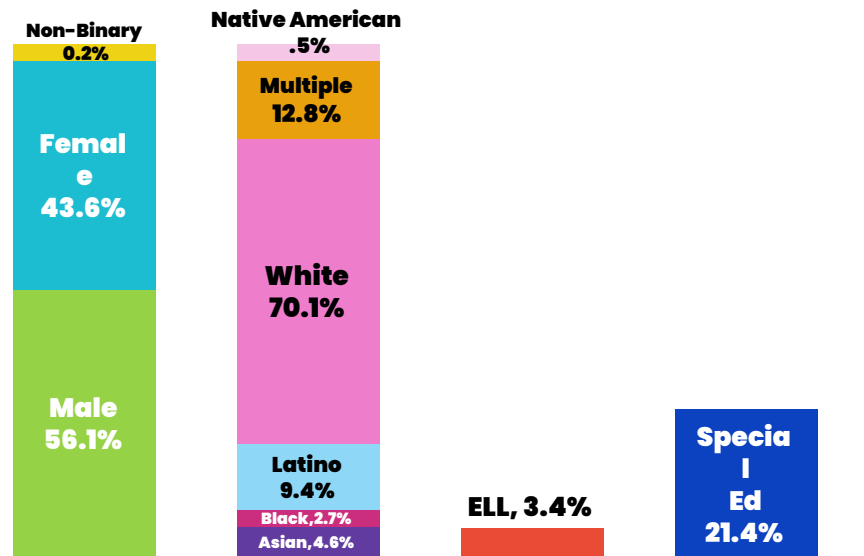


Who are we?

- K-5 Elementary school located at:
4300 SW 47th Drive
Portland, Oregon
- Enrollment 3-year average
(2023-2025): **433**
- Kindergarten Classrooms: **3**

2024-25 Enrollment Demographics

Total Enrollment: 415



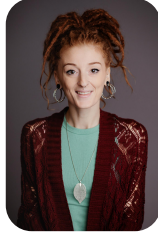
Meet the Schoolwide Team



Sonja Williams
Principal's
Admin Assistant



Dana Burling
School
Admin Assistant



TK McKindle
Health Assistant



Nina Senaga
Speech Therapist



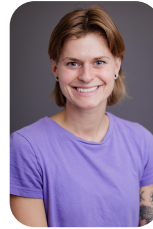
Amy Gretencort
Art Specialist



Matt Chaney
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 fourth year of college and my non-binary kiddo is in their second year of college.

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



Claire Corbett

Experience: 4 years K-1, 3 years preschool/nursery

Interests: cooking, hiking, swimming, and traveling

Family: My partner Billy and two fur babies Ivy and Benny

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



Diana Harp

Experience: 9 years in grades K-1

Interests: Traveling, Hiking, and Collecting Vinyl Records

Family: I live with my husband and have family in Ohio that I visit frequently.

I love teaching because every day is filled with curiosity, joy, and endless possibilities. Watching my students grow each day is incredibly rewarding.

The Kindergarten Team: Special Education



Caitlin Emerson

Teacher, K-2 Communication Behavior, Special Education

Experience

Experience 1 year CB K-2, 3 years ASD 1-4, 1 year resource room K-4

Interests hiking, camping, reading

Family I live with my four guinea pigs, the rest of my family lives in Michigan!

I love teaching because I love getting to know my students and watching them grow throughout the year!

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.



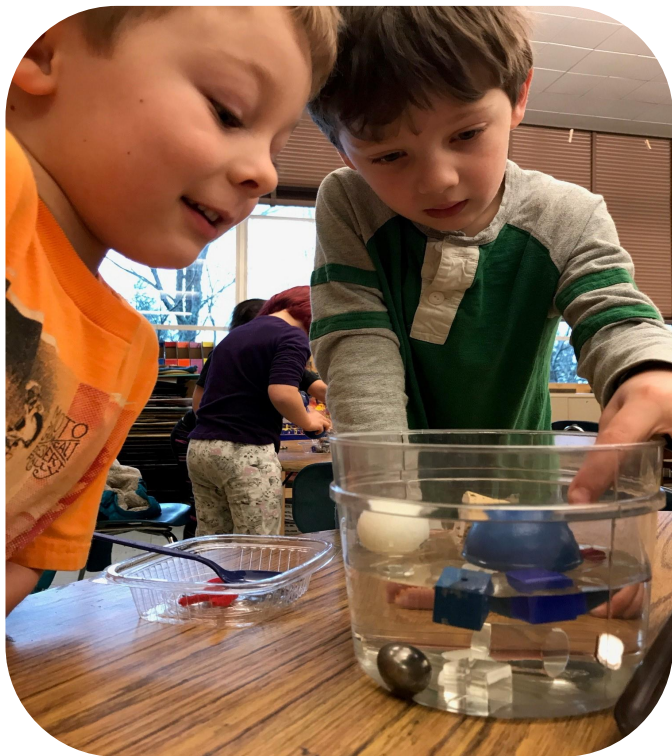
"Inclusion is a very special word because it means that everyone cares for you just because you are alive."



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**
- Engagement with a **diverse selection of literature**
- **Writing** with drawings and words





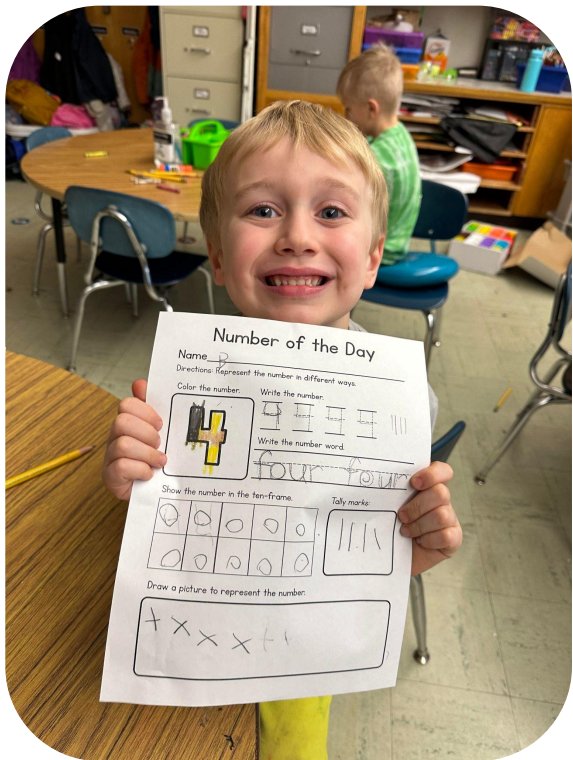
3 main units: (Amplify Science Curriculum)

1. Needs of Plants and Animals
2. Engineering A Game Solution
3. Sunlight and Weather

Practice scientific process skills

Hands-on experiments and investigations





- **iReady** Math Curriculum
- **Hands-on learning** to 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**



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



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



Kate Evanson, Foundation President

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Kaleen Anderson- Marketing and Communications
Anna Campbell- marketing/Comms and Auction Art Lead
Heidi Trenholme- Member at Large

- **PTA & Foundation goals:** fundraisers to enrich the learning experience by providing supplemental funds for items needed in the classroom.
- 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



Rachel Connors

- **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

Rachel Connors rconnors@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:

- \$90 for 1-2 days a week
- \$125 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



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**See you
soon!**

