

# Bridlemile Elementary CONNECT TO KINDERGARTEN



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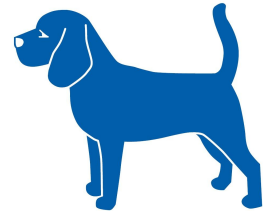


# What's Happening



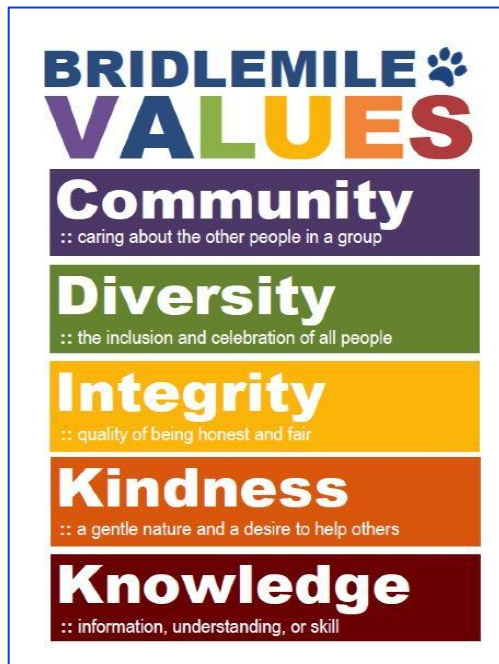
## Agenda

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  
(2024-2026): **424**
- Kindergarten Classrooms: **3**



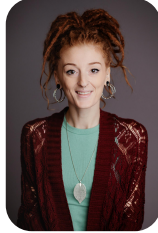
# Meet the Schoolwide Team



**Sonja Williams**  
Principal's  
Admin Assistant



**Dana Burling**  
School  
Admin Assistant



**TK McKindle**  
Health Assistant



**Nina Senaga**  
Speech Therapist



**Amy Gretencort**  
Art Specialist



**Becca Barlow**  
Music Teacher



**Glenn McCormack**  
P.E. Teacher



**Ian Huntley**  
P.E. Teacher



**Nicole Arick**  
Media Specialist



**Amy Wick**  
Media Specialist



# The Kindergarten Team



## Julie Whitaker

**Experience:** over 20 years K-3

**Interests:** social justice advocacy, reading, travel, hiking

**Family:** 1 kiddo in their 4th year of college and another who finished college last May.

*I love teaching because it's an amazing experience to build a community of learning and care, together.*



## Claire Manggala

**Experience:** 5 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:** 11 years in grades K-1

**Interests:** Traveling, Hiking, and Collecting Vinyl Records

**Family:** I live with my husband Brennen 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** 2 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, vocabulary, and academic discourse**
- Engagement with a **diverse selection of literature**
- **Writing** with drawings and words





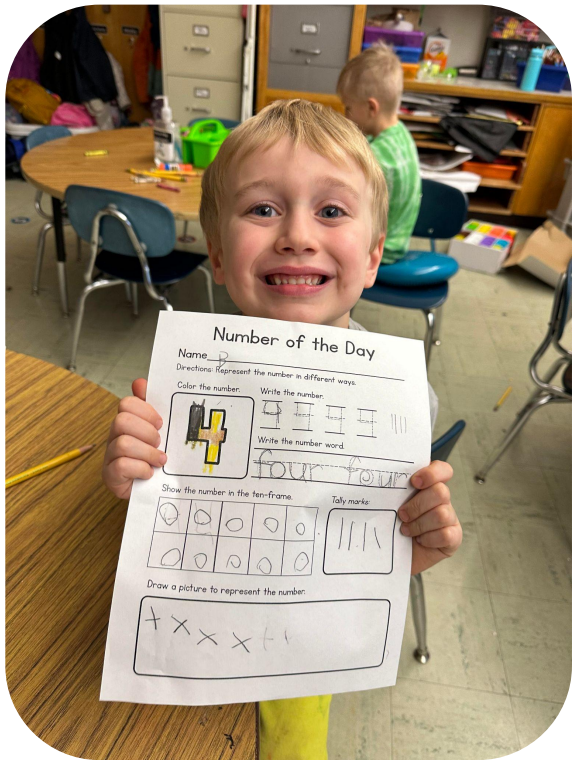
## **3 main units: (Amplify Science Curriculum)**

1. Needs of Plants and Animals: Milkweed and Monarchs
2. Pushes & Pulls: Designing a Pinball Machine
3. Sunlight and Weather: Solving Playground Problems

## **Practice scientific process skills**

## **Hands-on experiments and investigations**





- **iReady** Math Curriculum
- **Hands-on learning** to develop:
  - Number sense
  - Geometric concepts
  - Ability to solve story problems
  - Strategies to add, subtract, compose, & decompose numbers, and compare numbers
- **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



# 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



# Parent Teacher Association & Foundation



**Ashley Schofield, PTA President**



**Kate Evanson, Foundation President**

## PTA Board

Ashley Schofield, President  
Kaleen Anderson, Vice President  
Robert Schaefer, Secretary  
Jeffrey Schmidt, Treasurer  
Christy Irvine, Member at Large  
Tom Nichols, Technology Officer

## Foundation Board

Kate Evanson- President  
Maddie Cois- Vice President  
Michelle Farley- Secretary  
Nathan Aman- Treasurer  
Alex Stephens- Assistant Treasurer  
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](mailto:pta@bridlemileschool.org)

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



# Meet Our Counselors



**Rachel Reich**



**David Salerno Owens**

- **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: [rreich@pps.net](mailto:rreich@pps.net)

David Salerno Owens:

[dsalernoowens@pps.net](mailto:dsalernoowens@pps.net)



# Champions On-Site Aftercare

CHAMPIONS

## 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](http://www.discoverchampions.com)**



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# How to Register for Kindergarten



## Register online before June 1

Go to [pps.net/enroll](https://pps.net/enroll)

## Prefer paper?

Call or email our school office to pick up a packet  
503.916.6292

[bridlemile-office@pps.net](mailto:bridlemile-office@pps.net)

## Additional Resources

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



# How to Stay Connected



## **Bridlemile School Website**

[bridlemile.pps.net](http://bridlemile.pps.net)

## **Social Media**

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/bridlemileschool](https://www.facebook.com/bridlemileschool)

**Instagram:** [@bridlemile\\_beagles](https://www.instagram.com/bridlemile_beagles)

## **PTA/Foundation Website**

[www.bridlemileschool.org](http://www.bridlemileschool.org)

## **2026–2027 Parent Facebook Group**



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**See you  
soon!**

