

## Press Release

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### **PDDBM Announces Open House for Afterschool Programs at Bridgeview Resource Center**

**Vancouver, WA – [Monday, July 29, 2024]** – PDDBM is excited to invite parents, students, and community members to our Afterschool Program Open House at the Bridgeview Resource Center, located at 505 Omaha Way, Vancouver, WA 98661. The event will take place on Saturday, August 24th, from 1 pm to 3 pm, and Monday, August 26th, from 6 pm to 8 pm. This open house is an opportunity for families to learn more about our engaging and enriching afterschool programs designed for middle and high school students.

With the Vancouver School District's first day of school on Wednesday, August 28th, we want to ensure that parents and students have ample time to explore our diverse programs, meet the instructors, tour the facilities, and ask any questions they may have.

#### **Highlights of the Open House:**

- **Fashion Design Program:** Students will learn the basics of fashion design with a focus on print-on-demand fashion, create unique clothing pieces, and participate in two fashion shows over 20 weeks.
- **PROUD Magazine Journalism Program:** This program aims to uplift, empower, educate, and inspire African American youth through journalism, developing their writing, research, photography, and editorial skills while producing two magazine issues.
- **Film Afterschool Program:** Over 20 weeks, students will collaboratively create a short film from scriptwriting to screening, utilizing resources like MetroEast Community Media and Open Signal.
- **Modeling 101 Program:** Suitable for all ages, from babies to adults, this program covers essential modeling skills, including runway walking, working with photographers, and professional grooming.

#### **Event Features:**

- Meet the instructors and fellow students
- Interactive activities and curriculum exploration
- Tour of the classroom and facilities
- Q&A session to clarify expectations
- Copies of the program syllabus
- Food, drinks, and games provided

We are also offering a modeling program for beginners to learn how to walk the runway. While dates for this program are TBA, spots are filling up fast. Interested individuals can sign up for the modeling camp by scanning the QR code available at the event.

**Additional Information:**

- **Program Cost:** Our afterschool programs are FREE for low-income and vulnerable students. For households exceeding the income guidelines outlined in the attached application (page 8, 2024 HHS Poverty Guidelines), the cost is \$350 per school year per program or \$35 per month for 10 months. We are actively seeking grants and scholarships to make the program free for all students in the future.
- **Transportation:** Transportation will be provided from Clark County Public Middle and High Schools.
- **Open House Sign-Up:** There is no need to sign up for the open house. You and your student(s) are welcome to attend by simply showing up on the day of the event.

PDDBM is committed to empowering and inspiring the next generation through our diverse and comprehensive afterschool programs. Join us at the Open House to discover how we can help your child succeed and thrive.

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About PDDBM: PDDBM is dedicated to providing educational and empowering opportunities for youth in the community through innovative afterschool programs in fashion design, journalism, film, and modeling. Our mission is to nurture creativity, skill development, and self-confidence in every student we serve.