



Chief Joseph Elementary School Family Bulletin

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A strong, diverse and respectful community where we make learning creative and fun!

All-School News

Welcome back from break!

Mark your calendars for January 16th! We are hosting a coffee with the Principle event at 8am! Ms. Amber will be available to visit with families, but in addition we will have a guest from the Caring School Community to talk about the curriculum that is used in our school. We hope that you can join us for this event!

Month of Service in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

We want to make sure that January 20, 2025 does not just turn into a day off and an extended weekend. This day is a valuable learning opportunity for our students, family and community to honor Dr. King's legacy and help build the future he dreamed of.

To honor Martin Luther King Jr., we will hold a Month of Service. Each grade will work together to collect specific items to donate to Rose Haven and The Portland Rescue Mission.

Collecting Items: January 6th-21st

- **Kindergarten & 3rd Grade**
 - **Food:** Canned fruits and vegetables, Pet food
Pet Supplies
- **1st & 4th Grade**
 - **Gently Used or New:** clothes, Jackets, hoodies, gloves, scarves, blankets
- **2nd & 5th Grade**
 - **New Items:** Toiletries, hygiene products, socks, underwear

Attendance Process Update:

Please note an important change to the PPS attendance process. From the district: To enhance our focus on student

December Emergency Drills

- **Fire Drill**
- **Team Response**
- [Summary of Drills](#)
- [Parent Emergency Resources](#)

PPS Academic Calendar

Upcoming Events

- 01/16 - Coffee w/ the Principal, 8am
- 01/20 - Dr. MLK Jr. Day, No School
- 01/27 - No School, Grading Day
- 01/28 - No School, Teacher Planning

Nutrition Services

- [Breakfast](#) & [Lunch](#)

safety, automated attendance calls through Remind will now begin at 9:30 AM instead of 10:30 AM. To avoid receiving a call, please report your child's absence to the school before 9:30 AM. Thank you for your cooperation.

At CJES, to report an absence you can:

- Parents/Guardians with PARENTVUE access can update absences online
- [Email](#) front office staff (Ashley and Michelle) and students teacher
- call 503-916-6255 to report your student's absence. Please indicate the reason for absence if you leave a message. Options are: Sick, Vacation, Mental Health Day, Family Emergency. etc.

Change in morning class entry!

Beginning January 21st, we are not staffing the 3-5 door (the door between the main hallway and the gym). We are needing to shift staffing around so that we have more staff in the cafeteria since we have had more students entering the school from that entrance.

1st through 5th grade will all enter the library doors. We have found that we need to shift staff to the cafeteria, as there are more students there, and fewer on the blacktop this year. 3-5 teachers, please let your students know about this change.

Community News -

Join us for June Bee's Jamboree



On Saturday, February 1st at McMenamins Edgefield there is a fundraiser for one of our students at CJES, June Bee! We hope that if you are able to support this event by buying a ticket and attending the event, or by sharing with your community it would be much appreciated!

Event Details:

Saturday, February 1 2025 6:00PM doors, show at 7:00PM.

Blackberry Hall at McMenamins Edgefield
2126 SW Halsey St, Troutdale, Or 97060
21 & over event

[Tickets and more information here](#)

North Portland Library News:

The Library Capitol Building Projects Program Management Office is excited to invite you to the ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the updated, expanded North Portland Library. New spaces and features include the new Black Cultural Center with artwork by Sadé DuBoise, Melanie Stevens and Kayin Talton Davis and an early learning and play space by Burgeon Group.

Please join us for the reopening ceremony!

- Saturday, February 8, 2025, 9:30-10 am
- North Portland Library: 512 N Killingsworth Street, Portland, 97217
- DJ and photo opportunities before the event, beginning at 9 am
- Dignitaries' remarks
- Ribbon-cutting ceremony

While the ribbon-cutting ceremony is primarily a media event, it will be the start of two, fun-filled days of activities for the community on Saturday, February 8 and Sunday, February 9. Featuring a performance by the Jefferson Dancers, food from local Black-owned businesses and more, there will be plenty to do while exploring the new features of North Portland Library. [Patrons can stay up-to-date on the library website.](#)

We are excited to celebrate with you and hope you are able to attend. Respond to this email with any questions.

Thanks to your continued support, Multnomah County Library is becoming a library for the 21st century!

North Portland Little League information

North Portland Little League Registration is now open!

NPLL offers Softball and Baseball practice and play for kids ages 4-14 in a fun, supportive environment. Get more information and register now at northportlandLL.org

Scholarships are available. Contact president@northportlandll.org for more information.

Library



This month in Library class students will have the opportunity to Read with The Rip City Remix Basketball Team! The Rip City Remix is the G League affiliate team for the Portland Trail Blazers. During Library the week of January 13-17, 2025, Mrs. Hall will be introducing the Remix Reading Program to K-5th graders and handing out student gameboards. The goal of this program is to encourage North Portland elementary school students to find joy in reading!

Students participating in the program will track their progress of reading for 20 minutes a day for five days starting January 20th through January 31st; one of the five days will be completed at school during Library class so students will only need to read four days outside of school. Students who complete the challenge will receive one free student ticket and discounted adult tickets for either the Educator Appreciation Game on February 10th or the Hispanic & Latinx Heritage Celebration Game on March 2nd. Mrs. Hall will be at the February 10th Educator Appreciation Game, where participating teachers will be recognized at the game and any participating students will be able to access post-game photos with Remix players. In addition to this, a few players will be coming to Chief Joseph the morning of Friday, January 31st to

congratulate students and interact with a few library classes. Unfortunately, not all classes will get to participate on January 31st, as the players' schedules are pretty tight.

TAG Referrals

The Family and Teacher TAG referral window is now open and will remain open until January 10th, 2025. The goal of this second referral round is to identify students who may not have been referred during the Fall data-driven referral window. This includes but is not limited to, those students in K-2 who do not participate in MAP and OSAS testing, as well as those in 3-5 for whom computer-based assessments present a roadblock in demonstrating their academic level and need. Families of 2nd grade students who have scored at or above the 95th percentile on the screening assessment for intellectual giftedness (called NNAT) will be notified in January 2025 that their student will be evaluated for TAG identification based on that assessment.

The referral process this year has changed from previous years. Families interested in referring their student for TAG should contact their classroom teacher during this window to discuss their student's needs. Teachers submitting a referral will complete a reflection about their experience with the student in the classroom and consider several things, including:

- How quickly does this student master new concepts and skills?
- Is the student providing insights and thinking about topics in a way that is different from most students?
- In what ways (if any) does the teacher already need to differentiate for this student to support their success?

Once this reflection is completed, additional work samples and assessment data will be collected before the Chief Joseph ES TAG team meets to make a final decision. Once a decision is reached, parents will be informed via email, prior to April 24, 2025.

The TAG website has more information on evaluation and identification, TAG services, and opportunities for parents to provide input and feedback through the TAG Advisory Council (TAGAC).

Sincerely,
Julia Fogg, CJES TAG Coordinator
jfogg@pps.net

School Nurse

School Nurse Needs! We are still looking for sweatpants and leggings in sizes 6-8 for our health room. We appreciate your help!

From our School Nurse: As many of you are aware, we are seeing increased cases of contagious diseases in our area such as Norovirus, RSV (a respiratory virus), and the flu. If your child is sick PLEASE keep them home from school and if they are diagnosed by a doctor,

please inform us of their diagnosis.

We just want to remind you that in order to come to school, students must be without a fever for 24 hours without medication (medication masks symptoms but kids are still contagious). They must be without a cough for 24 hours and without vomiting and or diarrhea for 24 hours. Please be diligent and help us protect all of our students!

Our student health assistant **Zoe Eberspecher** works from 8:30 to 2:30pm. If you have any student health questions or needs please don't hesitate to reach out. You can reach Zoe by phone by calling the main office, or by email zeberspec@mesd.k12.or.us

Exclusion guidelines for this year have changed, please take a moment and review the guidance ([Available in English and Spanish](#)).

Counseling Program Update:

Counseling Program Monthly Focus - This year, The Counseling Program has aligned the PPS Tier 1 Counseling Core Curriculum and the Caring School Community SEL Curriculum to create a school-wide [Counseling Program Monthly Focus](#). Students will receive 1-2 lessons per month that relate to each topic and have opportunities to demonstrate knowledge and skills in these areas throughout each month.

PTO Update | www.chiefjosephschool.org

PTO Meetings | Join us!

The PTO had a great meeting in November and we were so happy to be able to offer childcare and also to have a Spanish translator available. We hope that in the future we are able to have this in the future!

Our next meeting is on February 12th, 2024 at 6pm in the Chief Joseph cafeteria.
Childcare and Spanish translation available.

Fundraising Update:

Updates on profit shares! When you support our profit shares, you support the PTO! We are excited to report that we raised"

- \$374 at Tamale Boy
- \$442 at Atlas Pizza

CJES Takes over the Moda Center | Event + Profit Share!



Join us for an exciting night of basketball in support of the Chief Joseph Elementary PTO as the Portland Trail Blazers take on the Sacramento Kings at Moda Center on Thursday, February 6, 2025. A portion of the proceeds will directly benefit Chief Joseph School. Purchase your tickets through the provided link to enjoy savings on tickets. Plus, everyone who buys a ticket will have the opportunity to enter

Moda Center early and sit in the lower bowl to watch the players' pregame warmups. Tickets must be purchased through the link to be eligible for this special fan experience. There are a variety of ticket prices available and we've already sold seats for the red section — [get your tickets now!](#)

PTO Still needs volunteers!

Bingo Night: The PTO is in need of volunteers to help with planning the annual fundraiser which will take place in March 2025. The ways that families can contribute are vast and can be done in down time at home, by attending meetings, or by helping on the day of the event! If interested please reach out to our volunteer coordinator by emailing volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org.

Chief Joseph Playground Renovations:

The Chief Joseph Playground Project, a committee of the PTO, is recruiting volunteers for some key roles this year. Parents, guardians, and other community members with interest in helping create a more vibrant outdoor play and learning environment are encouraged to our volunteer coordinator by emailing volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org

The committee is currently in need of volunteers to assist in the following roles:

- Committee lead to coordinate with the PTO and the school
- Fundraiser to continue pursuing resources to transform the school grounds
- Communications support to take notes at committee meetings and provide updates to the school Family Bulletin

The Playground Project has a lot of exciting work planned for the upcoming year. To learn more, see recent [committee meeting notes here](#) or visit [our website here](#).

CJES Talent & Art Show!

We're looking forward to CJES's 2nd Annual Talent & Art show March 7th, 2025!!

The organizers are looking for 1-2 parents of kinder-4th graders to help out this year so they can carry the tradition on next year and years to come!!

Please contact Skye via Ashley Gale (at her PTO email address) - info@chiefjosephschool.org

Details for participants coming soon. But please mark your calendars and spread the word to your kids to start thinking about an act they want to perform or a work of art they want to display!!



Backpack Program

The Backpack Program supports our community by providing food bags for weekend days to families experiencing food insecurity.

Please contact backpack@chiefjosephschool.org with any questions.