



# Chief Joseph Elementary School

## Family Bulletin

10/03/2023

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## All-School News

Thank you for joining us during our open house on September 26th! It was so great to welcome so many families into the school.

**Picture day is coming up this week on Thursday, October 5th!** Your student's teacher sent home a photo order in their backpack. Please review the options for ordering pictures, and make sure to have your students' order form ready to turn in on picture day. Your student will have their photo taken even if you do not order a package. Class composites are complementary for every student, but they will be delivered at a later date.

**The Fun-d Run is coming up on Thursday, October 12th!** The fun-d run is an annual event where students collect pledges from families and friends for laps that they run around the playground. 1 lap is equal to  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile, and students will run/walk for 30 minutes.

Funds raised with this event are used to support a variety of programs. In the past, we have used these funds to bring artists, musicians to perform at assemblies and other opportunities to strengthen school spirit. We also purchase supplies, equipment, and fund classroom experiences such as field trips and guest programs. Additionally, funds are used to upgrade technology, purchase books for classrooms and the library, and replenish PE and art supplies.

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community where  
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creative and fun!*

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## Upcoming Events

**10/5/23** - CJES  
Picture Day

**10/12/23** - Fun-D  
Run

**10/13/23** - Teacher  
Professional  
Development  
Day/No School

**11/3/23** - Teacher  
Planning Day/ No  
school

**11/8/23** - PTO  
Community Meeting

**11/10/23** - Veterans  
Day/ No School

**11/16/23** - Picture  
Retake

**11/20 & 11/21**- Day  
and Evening  
Conferences

All students will be coming home with bright yellow pledge forms to collect pledges from family and friends, please do not ask strangers for pledges. Please collect all pledges by October 12th, and send the form with your student to school on October 12th. If you are interested in volunteering for a shift during the fun-d run, sign up [here!](#)

### **Volunteering:**

Volunteers are a very important part of our school community and we rely on volunteers to help with a variety of events. In order to volunteer with PPS you need to complete the [volunteer application](#) online. Applications can sometimes take a few weeks to process so please submit as soon as possible to make signing up to volunteer easy!

### **Conferences:**

First quarter conferences will take place on Monday, November 20th and Tuesday, November 21st. If you did not have a chance to sign up for a conference time during the open house, please contact your student's teacher to select a time to come in.

### **Afterschool Changes:**

As a reminder, if your student's after school release plans change please:

- Communicate changes with their teacher
- Let the front office know when:
  - It is a change for the same day, and the teacher might not get a message in time
  - It is a long term, and regular change
  - If it will change their bus riding schedule

We work to try and make the end of day release go as smoothly as possible so knowing plans ahead of time is extremely helpful!

### **Student Health Needs**

If your student is unwell and needs a medical appointment right away, consider calling the [Jefferson Student Health Center](#) near our school campus. There is never an out-of-pocket cost and they take all types of insurance and will see you if you're uninsured. Call 503-988-3360 for more information.



## **Library**

### ***Amazon Donation:***

This week we received an Amazon Donation of Book Bags with three books for each 1st and 2nd grader to take home!

Thank you to all those who came into the Library during Open House. I had a few questions about book check out, thus I wanted to include it here. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me through email at [bhall@pps.net](mailto:bhall@pps.net) or through the Remind app.

### ***Policy for checking out books:***

- **Kindergarten** checks out 1 book at any given time.
- **1st Grade** starts off with checking out 1 book in September, and once we get back into a routine they begin checking out 2 books in October at any given time.

- **2nd Grade** checks out 2 books at any given time; only 1 Graphic Novel (GNOV) out at a time.
- **3rd Grade** checks out 3 books at any given time; only 2 Graphic Novels (GNOV) out at a time.
- **4th Grade** checks out 4 books at any given time; only 2 Graphic Novels (GNOV) out at a time.
- **5th Grade** checks out 5 books at any given time; only 2 Graphic Novels (GNOV) out at a time.

#### **Procedures for returning books:**

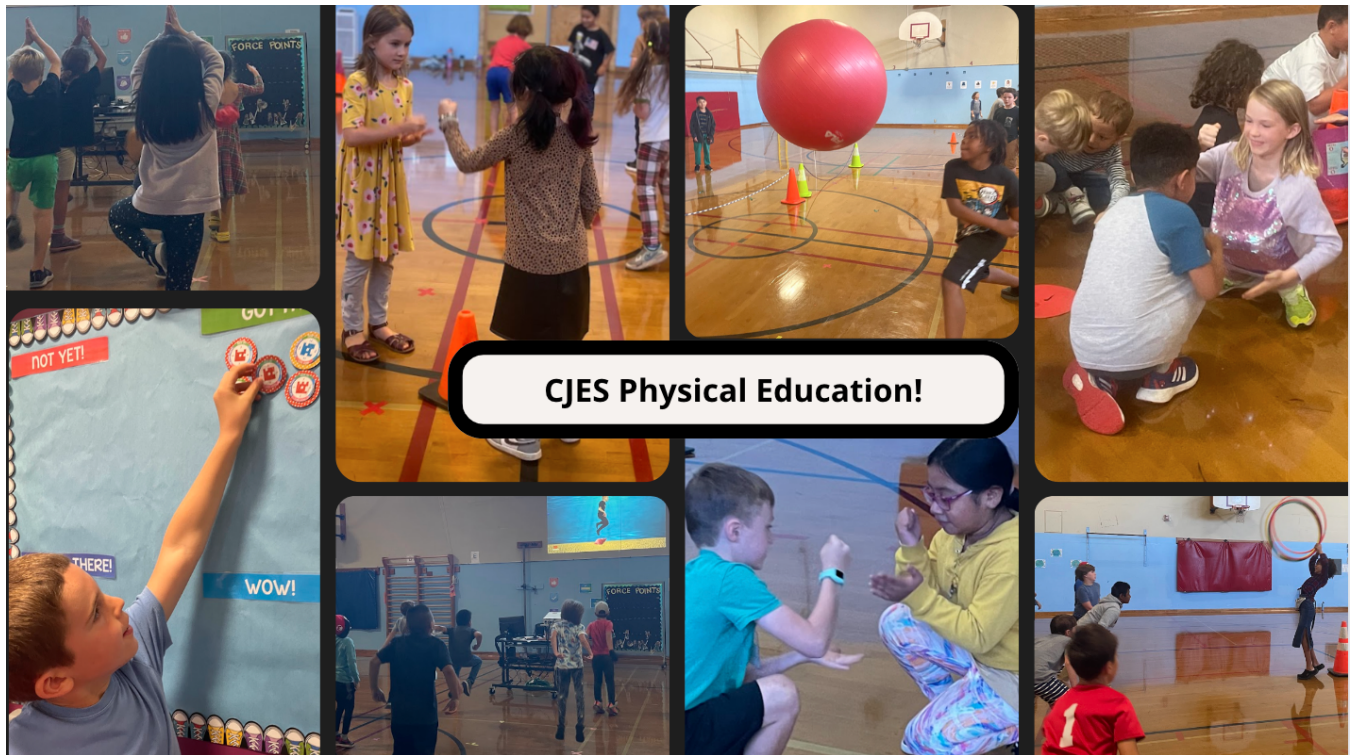
1. Students can return books on their Library day to a classroom return cart, which is brought up to their classroom the morning of their library. (See chart below to know which day is Library Day.)
2. Students can return books through the Return Slot located in the corner of our desk inside the Library.

#### **Procedures and Policies for dealing with late, missing, or damaged books:**

1. Students are verbally reminded of which books they have checked out.
2. Students are only allowed the number of books allotted for their grade level to be checked out at any given time (i.e. 2nd grade is only allowed 2 books checked out at any given time).
3. After a few weeks or when a student requests, we will send home a print out with the student's name and titles that they need to look for.
4. Parents are emailed 3 days before books are due (via automated District email).
5. Parents are emailed daily (when applicable) **Two Weeks Overdue Notice** (via automated District email).
6. Parents are emailed daily (when applicable) **Four Weeks Overdue Notice** (via automated District email).
7. Chief Joseph Library Staff will send out late notices and Fine Notices will be sent home (via folder in backpack and/or report cards) 2-3 times throughout the year.
8. If a book is lost or damaged, the student will be charged for a replacement book and parents will be emailed via automated district email. Parents can pay the replacement fee with exact change with Mrs. Hall, the Front Office or on SchoolPay, replace the book with another book of the same title, or have students work off the replacement fee (this needs to have written permission from parents before students can work off fines).

## **PE Update**

Students at Chief Joseph have been moving, playing and learning in PE class! This month students reviewed our recess games and are starting to learn new activities that involve problem solving and cooperative skills. We will be training for our school wide Fun(d) Run and hope you consider [volunteering](#)!



Interested in signing up for a conference with PE teacher Ms. Mazur? [Click here!](#)

## TAG NEWS:

Hello Families,

I am Miss Michels, your building Talented and Gifted program's building coordinator. I will be presenting more information on the TAG program at our Back to School Night on September, 26, 2023.

Here are some updates for the 2023-2024 school year:

-There is no longer a fall window for acceleration. Families inquiring about single subject acceleration for math can ask for a TAG plan for math and apply during the spring. We are not able to make any exceptions at this time.

- MAP scores will be used for TAG identification in reading and math. If your child is in grades 3-5, they will be tested for Reading and Math, and you will be notified if your child qualifies for TAG nomination. Students in grades 2 will all be tested for Intellectual giftedness in the classroom.

-Parents and teachers may nominate their child in the areas of intellectual, reading, or math, if they are not tested in that area at their grade level. The best time to talk about TAG testing is generally during or before conferences. Please contact your child's teacher if you are considering nominating your child.

Please feel free to contact me with any TAG related questions at [rmichels@pps.net](mailto:rmichels@pps.net).

-Miss Michels

## Backpack Program

The Backpack Program supports our community by providing food bags for weekend days when food scarcity is higher. We receive pre-packed bags from [Portland Backpack](#), which contain enough food for 2 days of breakfast and lunch. We add fresh fruit and distribute the bags to classrooms.

We need weekly donations of fruit. If you are interested, please click the link below to sign up. Fruit can be delivered to the office on Wednesdays, to be packed Thursday morning.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F44AEAB2FA1F49-fruit>

We are always in need of extra food. We would love to have enough extra meals on hand to add into the bags for 3 day weekends and longer breaks. Suggested items include:

- Canned tuna or chicken
- Pop Top Soup/Chili
- Peanut butter
- Granola bars
- Mac and Cheese

Any donations can be brought to the front office and are greatly appreciated.

We have a great team of volunteers to pack and distribute bags. We'd love to add 1-2 more folks who would be willing to make a regular commitment. Packing happens on Thursday mornings and takes about 20 minutes. If you are interested, please email [backpack@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:backpack@chiefjosephschool.org).

The Backpack Program would like to thank New Seasons Market for donating fresh fruit each week!



## PTO Update:

It was great to see so many families at the Open House! Thanks for swinging by the cafeteria! We loved chatting about getting involved and seeing everyone check out the merchandise we have in stock. We are working to order more merchandise in adult sizes as they have been quite popular!

Our PTO works to support our hard working teachers along with the families and students at Chief Joseph. Open House was a long day for teachers and staff, so the PTO purchased dinner before the evening activities began. We also want to thank the families who brought in cookies and treats to supplement the meal!



## Dine & Raise Funds! Upcoming Profit Shares

The PTO has partnered with three local businesses to raise funds for our community. If dining out fits within your family's budget and schedule, please consider adding these dates to your calendar:

- Monday, October 16th: [Tamale Boy](#) Dekum location (All day)
- Monday, November 13th: [Atlas Pizza](#), Killingsworth location (4-10 pm)
- Monday, December 4th: [The Old Gold](#) (3-11 pm)

## PTO Community Meetings

We have all of our PTO Community Meetings on the schedule, so please add these to your calendar:

**Nov 8, 2023**

**Jan 10, 2023**

**Mar 13, 2023**

**Apr 10, 2023**

The doors for our community meetings will open at 6pm, and the meeting will start at 6:30pm. We are working to have childcare provided for the remaining meetings, but will confirm prior to each meeting.

## PTO Volunteers Needed!

The school and the PTO are in need of volunteers for many things throughout the year. You should have received information regarding volunteering in the welcome packet that was sent home with your student. Please refer to the handout, or this website <https://www.pps.net/volunteer> to start the process of getting cleared to be a volunteer for the school. Just a reminder that clearance does expire, so if you have questions about your volunteer status please contact Ashley in the office: [agale@pps.net](mailto:agale@pps.net)

## Current Volunteer Needs

- Fundraising Committee Members - please contact [fundraising@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:fundraising@chiefjosephschool.org)
- [Playground Project](#) Committee Members

Contact Mandy at [volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org) with questions or to express interest in volunteer opportunities.

## Afterschool Programming:

There is still space in some of the programs so please do take a look and see if your student would be interested in participating.

- **Portland Early Learning - Adventures in Spanish** - For students in grades K-3rd.  
Thursdays, September 21st - May 23rd 3:00pm-4:00pm
- **Yoga Playgrounds** - for students in K-3rd  
Tuesday's September 19th - Dec 12

## [Stay Connected with the PTO!](#)

If you haven't already connected with the PTO through remind, please sign up to receive timely updates and to stay in touch. You have to opt-in online to receive communications:

<https://www.remind.com/join/cjpto>.

## Playground Project

The [Playground Project](#) carries the mission to transform the school yard into an ecologically and culturally vibrant outdoor space for the whole community to enjoy. This year, our goals are to:

- Integrate into the PTO, as Playground is now a subcommittee!
- Bring the **"4 Trees" project** that was started a few years ago to completion, by adding and improving on understory plantings, benches, and garden fencing.
- Prepare for the execution of a larger rain garden project being planned for next school year.
- Continue to develop the overall [Vision Plan](#) by pursuing grants and partnerships.

Each of these goals requires way more hands and minds than we currently have dedicated to them, so we encourage anyone interested in supporting the project to [reach out](#) and find a way to help. Our first meeting of the year will be on **Wednesday, October 11th** from 6:30-8 at the [Arbor Beer Lodge](#), at which we'll be working on planning for a planting event slated for later in the month...please join us!

## Community News:

A lovely community partner [Fang Pet & Garden Supply](#) is hosting a Fall Fest event on October 21st. Part of the event will be a raffle, and funds raised from the raffle will go to supporting the garden at Chief Joseph School.

