



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

10/1/2024

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

All-School News

Thank you for attending the CJES open house! It was so great to have all of our families join us in the school. We hope that you enjoyed the evening connecting with teachers, staff and fellow families.

Families that attended the open house had the opportunity to sign up for teacher conferences. Conferences will take place on November 25th and 26th. If you did not get a chance to sign up for a conference time, please contact your student's teacher directly through Remind or by [email](#) to set up an appointment. Conferences are available in person or virtually depending on what works for your family. Conferences are also available with our specialists (Art, Music, Media, PE and ELL) if you would like a time to connect with a special's teacher.

Picture Day this Thursday, October 3rd.

CJES Picture Day is this Thursday, October 3rd. Students were sent home with a picture order form last week. You can send your student with the completed order form on Thursday, or you can [order photos online](#).

All students will have their photo taken, whether you plan to order pictures or not. Picture retake day is already scheduled for November 15th if your student misses picture day.

Front Office Staffing & Hours:

The front office hours this year are 7:45am to 2:45pm. During the day, front office staff assist with lunch duty and are scheduled to take lunches as well. If you call the office and no one picks up, please leave a message and we will regularly check messages throughout the day.

October Emergency Drills

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

Upcoming Events

- 10/03 - Picture Day
- 10/9 - Walk and Ride to School Day - more information coming
- 10/10 - Fun-d Run
- 10/11 - No school
- 10/22 - PTO Profit Share - Tamale Boy
- 10/23 - Early Release @ 11:50
- 10/27 - Playground Project Planting Project

At the end of the day, it is important to pick up your student(s) on time. Student's are dismissed at their class dismissal location and will be with their teacher until 7 minutes after the bell. After 7 minutes, students will be brought to the front office and families will be called to inquire about pick up plans. We understand that sometimes things happen outside of your control and you may be late to pick up. If you are running late, please call the office and let us know so we can communicate to your student that you are on your way.

Because of limited staffing and how busy the end of the day is, we ask that you do your best to refrain from picking up your student between 2:15 pm and 2:30 pm unless it is an emergency. Thank you for your willingness to help us with keeping the end of the day dismissal process smooth.

- 10/31 - End of 1st Quarter
- 11/1 - No School - Grading Day
- 11/1&11/4 - No School, Teacher Planning days

Nutrition Services

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

Phone Directory -

The PTO is planning on helping put together a grade level phone directory for parents and guardians of CJES students. We are pulling a list of parents and guardians who have granted directory information release. If you do not want your directory information (phone and email) to be released please contact Ashey Gale - agale@pps.net by this Friday, October 4th.

Fun-d Run - Thursday, Oct 10, 2024

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.

All students will be coming home with bright green pledge form to collect pledges from family and friends, please do not ask strangers for pledges. Please collect all pledges by October 10th, and send the form with your student to school on October 10th. If you are interested in volunteering for a shift during the fun-d run, sign up below!

If you are not volunteering for the fun-d run but would like to watch, we invite families to line up on the outside of the fence on the playground to cheer on the CJES students.



K-2nd grade | 10:05 am volunteer arrival - 10:45 am wrap-up | 10:15 am run start
3rd-5th grade | 1:20 pm volunteer arrival - 2:00 pm wrap up | 1:30 pm run start

Want to be part of the day? We need adult volunteers to help count student laps.

Please sign-up here: <https://signup.com/go/aYcmKfd>

To participate, you must have an up-to-date background check on file with PPS.

Email any questions about the event to: volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org

School Nurse

As we are shifting into fall and spending more time together in enclosed spaces, many of us are getting colds and other respiratory illnesses. We do have students at Chief Joe who have compromised immune systems so please consider this when sending your child to school. The ODE exclusionary guidelines for symptoms have changed this year but please use your best parental discretion. We want all of our students to have access to education, to be with their friends, and to thrive!

Thank you!

Susan Rhedmon RN

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:

We had a great first meeting of the school year a few weeks ago, but in case you missed it, you can [read the meeting notes](#) on our website. Our next meeting will be November 13, 2024, so mark your calendars! We hope that for our next meeting we can possibly find someone to provide childcare in another space. If you know of anyone who would be interested in helping with childcare during PTO meetings please reach out to info@chiefjosephschool.org

We have our first profit share scheduled with [Tamale Boy](#) on October 22, 2024. If it fits within your schedule and your budget please consider grabbing lunch or dinner on the 22nd. A portion of the proceeds from all food and beverages purchased on the 22nd will be donated to the PTO.



Tamale Boy has been a great community partner for many years, we thank them for their support! Share with your family and friends and make a plan to come hang out with other CJES families.

We had a great first meeting of the school year, thanks to everyone who joined us. We will post our meeting minutes on our [PTO website](#) once they are approved. We hope that for our next meeting we can possibly find someone to provide childcare in another space. If you know of anyone who would be interested in helping with childcare during PTO meetings please reach out to info@chiefjosephschool.org

Please take a moment to learn more about the PTO by visiting our [website](#), and checking out the calendar of events on the bottom of the page. The PTO will also be at the open house so please plan on stopping by to meet PTO members and find out ways to get involved.

Playground Project

The Playground Committee of the PTO meets monthly on 3rd Wednesdays at [Arbor Beer Lodge](#). All are welcome (including kids!) to join at our **next meeting on Wednesday, October 16th from 6pm - 7:30pm.**

We are also hosting a **Fall Planting Party on Sunday, October 27th**, when we'll be working to install some new plants in various areas around the school as well as do some other garden maintenance and prep. Volunteers are critical to making this event a success! If you would like to join us for a morning of community building and gardening, please [register here](#).

Chief Joseph has been selected to participate in the [North Portland Soccer Club \(NPSC\) Fields Project!](#)

*"NPSC has a vision to **create safe and accessible soccer fields** at every K-8 Public School*

in our North Portland service area. In collaboration with Portland Public Schools (PPS), NPSC will work to design, fund, and support the construction of soccer fields to create more play spaces for kids during and after school.”



This is a multi-year process and you can help support the Fields Project by attending NPSC’s fundraiser [“NOPO Night” at Providence park](#). NOPO Night is scheduled for **Saturday, October 19th from 1-6pm**. Please join to support youth soccer and Chief Joseph School!

The Playground Committee continued to make progress on the “4 Trees” Project with additional stumps and outdoor furniture installed in September. If you would like to get involved in future projects, please join the conversation and find out how you can contribute in whatever way works for you. Email chiefjosephplayground@gmail.com with any questions, comments, or to get on our mailing list and stay

informed.

Backpack Program

The Backpack Program supports our community by providing food bags for weekend days to families experiencing food insecurity. 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. There are a few different ways you can support this program.

Automated monthly giving is a great way to assist us. You can do this through the [PTO website](#), clicking the Paypal button at the top right and selecting “monthly” and pulling down to select “Backpack Program”.

We maintain a pantry of food items to supplement the standard bags as needed, such as adding food to cover long weekends. The pantry needs a restock for the new school year. If you are able, we would love donations of:

- Canned tuna or chicken
- Pop top soup/chili
- Peanut butter
- Granola bars
- Applesauce cups
- Instant oatmeal
- Macaroni and cheese

Donate fresh fruit! New Seasons generously donates apples every week, but we need additional fruit to meet our goal of providing 2 pieces of fruit per bag every week. If you would like to donate fruit, please [sign up here](#).



Thank you for your support! Please contact backpack@chiefjosephschool.org with any questions.

Community News

The community waste collection event this year will be on October 12th.

details here: <https://arborlodgepdx.org/waste-collection>

If you would like to help out with the event please [sign up here](#)