



# Chief Joseph Elementary School Family Bulletin 10/17/2023

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## All-School News

The Fun-d Run was a smashing success! Thank you for your support of our students and our school.



Funds raised with this event are used to support a variety of programs. Each classroom is able to use funds for field trips which ensures that our field trips can remain at low or no cost to all students. We also purchase supplies, equipment, and fund classroom experiences, upgrade technology, purchase books for classrooms and the library, and replenish PE and art supplies.

Thank you to everyone who has already turned in their pledges for your student(s). If you still need to turn in your pledges, there are a few ways you can turn in the funds.

- [School Pay](#)
- Check: You can write a check out to Chief Joseph Elementary School and return to your students teacher, or the front office
- Cash: we can accept cash but prefer school pay and check.

### 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.

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

## Nutrition Services Information

[Breakfast](#)

[Lunch](#)

## Upcoming Events

**October  
Emergency Drills-  
Fire & Earthquake**

**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, no school

11/22-11/24 - No school

### **Lost & Found:**

Our lost and found is growing with lots of sweatshirts and jackets. If your student is missing something, encourage them to check the lost and found in the hallway between the cafeteria and the gym. Small and breakable lost and found items are held in the office, and students are always welcome to swing by and ask if an item is turned in. If parents would like to check the lost and found, you are welcome to stop by the front desk afterschool.

### **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!

### **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!

### **School Nurse Needs**

In the office, our school nurse has a variety of extra clothes, jackets and shoes available for students to change into if needed. We currently are in need of gently used clothing in the following sizes:

- Size 6-8 boys/unisex
- Size 8-12 pants all sizes

### **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.

## **PE Update**

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

## **TAG NEWS:**

October TAG News

**The window for data driven referrals begins October 17, 2023. As a parent, you don't need to do anything yet.**

What will happen during the data-driven referral process is:

- Based on OSAS and NNAT scores, the top 10% of students in the district will be referred for TAG identification.
- Parents will receive a postcard telling them to complete the online referral if they want their child to be considered for TAG identification.
- Teachers will receive a notification of students who are referred
- Final decisions must be completed by January 12, 2024

**NNAT Testing for Intellectual Giftedness for 2nd graders this month**

The second graders will take the NNAT test intellectual giftedness. If your child qualifies for this identification, you will be notified by the TAG department directly

Students who don't qualify during the data driven process, can begin referring their child starting in December. There will need to be supporting work samples and assessments to evidence the need for identification, so it would be best to discuss this with your child's teacher during conferences. TAG identification is used to differentiate instruction based on academic need or performance and not a program per se. If you have any other questions how your child's rate and level are being met, the teacher is your first resource. If you have further questions, feel free to reach out to me at: [rmichels@pps.net](mailto:rmichels@pps.net)

Rose 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:



### Dine & Raise Funds!

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us at Tamale Boy last night. It was so great to see so many Chief Joseph Elementary students and their families at the restaurant enjoying your meals, or grabbing your to-go order.

We appreciate our local businesses partnering with us to help raise funds for our community.

### Walk Bike to School

On October 4th the PTO helped coordinate events for [Walk, Bike & Roll to School day!](#) Walk/Bike & Roll to School Day events connect with many issues that communities care about, like creating safer and more walkable routes to school; building a sense of community or school spirit; and inspiring families to use their feet for the school commute more often.

It was very fun to see so many families participate in this event! Also, a big thank you to our parent volunteers who helped coordinate this event! We could not have done it without you!



## 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, 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 [chiefjosephplayground@gmail.com](mailto:chiefjosephplayground@gmail.com)

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

## [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>.

## 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.



### **Arbor Lodge Neighborhood Association Fall Fun October 20-21!**

Swing by you'll be able to buy a pumpkin and take a free photo in our hay bale/corn stalk/scarecrow photo booth in the parking lot at the corner of Liberty and Newcastle, just off Rosa Parks behind Peace Lutheran. Hours are Friday, October 20th from 8:30-4:00 pm, and Saturday 8:30am to 2:0pm.

This will be available during the pickup for plants previously ordered in the Sparrowhawk Native Plant fundraiser. There will also be a "flash sale" for any leftover plants on Saturday, October 21 around 2pm. The flash sale is first come, first served, so arrive early.



[The Peninsula Odd Fellows hall](#) is hosting a halloween party and carnival for kids. There will be carnival games and opportunities for funds to be raised for various schools PTO's.