



Chief Joseph Elementary School Family Bulletin 10/29/2024

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All-School News

As we approach Halloween, we want to express our enthusiasm for this festive time of year. However, we kindly ask that students refrain from wearing costumes to school this week. Our goal is to maintain a focused learning environment for all.

Our teachers work hard to get students outside even if it is raining or a little chilly. As the season changes, we ask that you ensure your child brings a coat to school each day. Please remember to label your child's coat with their name to help us reduce lost and found items. If your student is in need of a coat, please reach out to [Michelle](#) or [Ashley](#) and we'd be happy to get them one.

It's the time you've all been waiting for....**The Successful School Survey** begins November 1st! For more information and information on completing the survey please click [here](#).

November is a busy month, with several grading days and teacher planning days scheduled. Specifically we have no school coming up on:

- Friday, Nov 1, 2024
- Monday, Nov 4, 2024
- Monday, Nov 11, 2024

I have added the PPS academic calendar to the sidebar of the bulletin (to the right) so you can keep an eye on the calendar for these dates. Additionally, parent-teacher conferences will be held on Nov 25, 2024 and Nov 26, 2024. If you haven't already booked your conference time, please reach out to your child's teacher to schedule an in-person or virtual conference. Teacher emails are on our [website](#), and most teachers are available through the remind app. Conferences

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October Emergency Drills

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

[PPS Academic Calendar](#)

Upcoming Events

- 11/1 - No School, Grading Day
- 11/2 - PTO Pack the Stands @ University of Portland Men's Soccer Game
- 11/4 - No School, Teacher Planning days
- 11/8 - Report Cards on ParentVue
- 11/11 - No School, Veterans Day

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.

This year student report cards will be available online through [ParentVue](#) starting on November 8th. If you do not have ParentVUE set up, or need assistance with access or a password reset please email me ([Ashley Gale](#)) or call the front office (503) 916-6255 and we can assist with getting you access. More information on the PPS report card: [PPS guide for K-5 Report Card](#)

Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day - Nov 14

Six-year-old Ruby Bridges stepped into the history books on November 14, 1960, when she became one of the first students to integrate William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans, becoming a national icon for the civil rights movement. Today her story continues to inspire the next generation of leaders to end racism together one step at a time. Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day (RBWTSD) is the perfect opportunity to teach children about the civil rights movement and make connections to today's collective efforts for change. RBWTSD gives children the opportunity to celebrate Ruby's courage by walking to school. We are still finalizing the meeting location and time, more information will be sent out next week via Remind.

After School Plans

As a reminder, If your students regular after school plan changes, please:

- Communicate changes with their teacher the day before the change if possible.
- 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
- If your student attends the neighborhood house after school program and you plan to pick them up right after school please consider picking up your student from staff with neighborhood house at the cafeteria doors. This helps neighborhood house manage the changes and account for students with alternate plans.

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!

- 11/14 - Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day
- Coffee w/ the Principal 8-8:30am in the Library
- 11/15 - Picture Retakes

Nutrition Services

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

School Nurse

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.

Classroom Library Organization Volunteer Opportunity:

Organizing Classroom Libraries - We are reorganizing our classroom libraries to align with the Science of Reading training that our staff is receiving this year. If you are interested in helping our Instructional Coach Julia Fogg with this project, please email her directly: jfogg@pps.net.

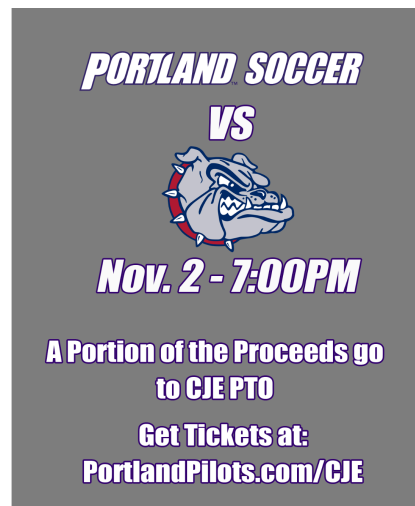
PTO Update:

Our next meeting will be **November 13, 2024**, so mark your calendars!

We have lined up childcare for our November meeting! We have a PPS teacher from another school who will have art supplies and a movie going in the music room. Your student is welcome to attend the PTO meeting and hang in the music room during the meeting. Students can not run around the building, and will need to be in the music room or cafeteria!

UofP Pack the Stands Event - Save the Date November 2nd

We are really excited to partner with UofP for an evening of soccer! Please join us on November 2nd at 7:00pm to come cheer on the Portland Pilots men's soccer team as they take on Loyola Marymount. [Use this link for tickets](#)



Thank you for your support of our first profit share with Tamale Boy! Thank you to all of the families who dined in, or ordered take out for our first profit share event! We appreciate the support and will update you on how much we made in profit with this event!

Grade Level Directories the PTO put together grade level directories and gave them to teachers to hand out. In the past the PTO created a school wide directory for all grades, but we decided that a grade level directory would suffice. We hope this helps you connect with your students classmates' families for future playdates!

As always, 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.

Backpack Program

The Backpack Program supports our community by providing food bags for weekend days to families experiencing food insecurity. We have a 4-day weekend coming up (November 1-4) and need extra food to supplement our basic bags. If you are able, we would appreciate donations of:

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

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

OBOB

OBOB stands for Oregon Battle of the Books!



It is a voluntary competition where teams across the state read the same books and then compete in battles to see who knows the books best. It's open to 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. More information and permission slips will be going home in November, but in the meantime, it's a great time to talk to friends about forming a team of 4-5 students with a team coach (parent, guardian or other adult).

If you have questions, reach out to Eve, this year's coordinator: evebernfeld@gmail.com (subject: OBOB).

<https://www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org/>

Community News -

Kenton - Free Clothing Exchange

The North Portland Free Clothing Exchange is a free community event held every month at the Kenton Church on North Lombard Street. Everyone is welcome. All sizes of Men's, Women's, and Children's clothing are exchanged. No donation is required in order to receive clothing.

DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED DURING EVENTS ONLY

With limited space, we can only accept donations during events. Please check the list below for items we need most. We invite you to join us at our next event and drop-off clothing there then pick up some great, new clothes for yourself.

Kenton Library November Programming:

Below are the Kenton Library's free programs for November.

Celebración del Día de los Muertos/Day of the Dead Celebration

Celebre el Día de los Muertos a través de la creación de manualidades y aprenda sobre esta tradición tan especial en Latino America. / Celebrate the Day of the Dead, a festive and colorful Latin American holiday. Learn more about this special tradition by creating crafts. This program will be conducted in English and Spanish.

For families. Registration required.

Saturday, November 2, 3:00-4:30 PM

Queer Youth Club *(new flyer attached based on participant feedback)*

Queer Youth Club is a weekly youth-run club that unites LGBTQIA+ and allied youth. It is a safe place where ALL youth are welcome to be themselves. Find support, eat snacks, get creative, discuss favorite books, play games and more! Bring a friend, or make a new one. **All youth are welcome.**

Thursdays, 4:30-5:30pm

Tween Council

Help your librarian choose the best books, movies, comics, programs and events for you and your friends. Be part of a fun team, work on special projects, meet new friends, and make your library even better! **For kids aged 9-12.** Snacks provided!

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 4:30-5:30pm

[Pokémon Club](#)

Are you a Pokémon fan? If so, join us for some Pokémon free-play. There will be time for sharing, trading and playing Pokémon TCG. This is for kids new to Pokémon and experts. The Pokémon Club is a great opportunity to meet new friends! **Ideal for Grades 3-8, but all Pokémon-loving kids (and their grownups who want to learn more) are welcome! First come, first served.**

1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays of each month, 4:30-5:30pm

[Lego Club](#)

Join us for fun and imaginative LEGO building sessions. We'll provide the blocks, you bring the creativity! **Ideal for Grades K-5, but younger and older siblings are welcome!**

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[Link to all the programs](#) available at Kenton Library!