



# Chief Joseph Elementary School Family Bulletin 12/17/2024

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## All-School News

As we head into the winter break we want to send you all well wishes for a safe holiday season. We hope you enjoy time with family, and hope students return back to school rested and ready to learn.

Mark your calendars for January 16th! We are hosting a coffee with the Principle event! 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!

### Roosevelt Student's Giving Back!



We wanted to take a moment to highlight some amazing leadership from one of our former students who now attend Roosevelt High School. Hazel Patterson (our former student) and fellow student council member Jasmin Reyes wanted to find a way to give back to the community this holiday season, so they created a Giving Tree. Partnering with the local elementary schools for

student wishlists the Roosevelt student body and families are working on fulfilling student needs. They not only are wrapping

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

### December Emergency Drills

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

### [PPS Academic Calendar](#)

## Upcoming Events

- 12/18 - Early Release at 11:50am
- 12/21-01/05 - Winter Break, No School
- 01/16 - Coffee w/ the Principal, 8am
- 01/20 - Dr. MLK Jr. Day, No School

## Nutrition Services

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

all the gifts, but they will also be delivering them to each school this week.

### **Awesome Business Shout out ... the Mouse Trap Tavern!**



The owners at the [Mouse Trap Tavern](#) reached out to Michelle about helping a family from our school this holiday season. They have partnered with us in the past and are going to help spread holiday cheer to a family in our community! Consider supporting them by donating to help purchase gifts or by frequenting their business!

*From their website:*

Every year money is raised to buy presents and essentials for families in need from Chief Joseph School in North Portland. It is a long-standing bar family tradition

to give back to our community by buying, wrapping and delivering gifts in the spirit of the holiday season. Please consider donating in honor of Carol!

### **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 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.

### **Middle School Grading Update - good information for 5th grade families!**

PPS is moving to a new Standards-Based Grading System for all 28 middle schools. The purpose is to provide clearer and more meaningful feedback to students. Learn more about this: Information available in [English](#) & [Spanish](#)



## BizTown - 5th Grade Students

Last week our 5th grade students had the opportunity to attend [JA BizTown®](#). Our 5th grade students were able to apply in-class learning with a day-long visit to a simulated town. Students had the opportunity to help run local businesses, write checks and also vote for elected officials. The goal of the day is to help connect what students are learning in school and implementing into a real-world experience. Check out a few pictures from the day!

**Committee Members needed! Parents and Students:** We need YOU to be part of a new committee that will help lead the distribution of philanthropic dollars raised through The Fund for PPS. We are excited to announce the formation of the PPS Board of Education's new Parent Advisory Committee (PAC): Distribution of Donations for Staffing. There is just over \$1 million to allocate for 2025-2026 school year, and we need representatives from all PPS clusters to serve on the committee plus two high school students.

**Apply before Dec. 21:** You can learn more and apply at <https://www.pps.net/Page/22782>. Thank you.



## Library

A BIG thank you to everyone who shopped at the Book Fair this week! I greatly appreciate our community! Still waiting for final paperwork from Scholastic, but we made over \$8,000!!!! Which means I will be able to purchase \$4,000 in library books and materials!

## 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

**Student Health Center Winter Break 2024: Need healthcare while schools are closed for Winter Break?** The Parkrose Student Health Center will be providing primary and mental health care services from 8:45 am to 4:45 pm Monday through Friday Dec. 23 through Jan. 3 (except closed on Christmas Day Wednesday Dec. 25 and on New Year's Day Wednesday Jan. 1, 2024). We see all youth ages 5-18 who live or go to school in Multnomah County. You don't have to attend Parkrose High School to receive services. Call 503-988-3392 to schedule an appointment. All other Student Health Centers will be closed.

<https://www.parkrose.k12.or.us/student-health-center>

**School Nurse Needs!** We are looking for soft pants (leggings, sweatpants, etc.) in sizes 5-10 and any extra coats in any sizes for our health room. We appreciate your help with supplying our health room clothing closet for when students have accidents, get wet from the Oregon rain, or when kiddos need a warmer layer!

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](mailto: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.

## Film Scoring in the Music Room - Mickey Mouse!



Our 2nd–5th grade musicians had an amazing time creating and performing their own original soundtrack for the 1929 version of Mickey Mouse and the Haunted House! 🎵👻 It was a fun, spooky season experience as they brought the classic animation to life with their own original music. 🎹🎸

Be sure to check out their creative performances in the class videos linked below in this CJ playlist — enjoy the show! 🎬✨

[Click Here To Watch Mickey Mouse and the Haunted House by CJ Elementary School Students](#)

## PTO Update:

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.

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

### PTO Still needs volunteers!

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 you have some time we hope you can reach out to the PTO to learn about how you can help!

The [playground committee](#) is also looking for ongoing support and volunteers! If you are interested please reach out to the playground crew to ask about how you can get involved!

### PTO Dance Party & Book Fair

The PTO hosted a dance last friday night that coincided with the book fair ending! We just wanted to put a big shout out to families to say thank you for joining us for an evening of fun! It was great to see so many kids and families all dressed up for the fun occasion of getting out and dancing up a storm!

## CHIEF JOSEPH ELEMENTARY

# Talent & Art Show

CALLING ALL  
ARTISTS AND  
PERFORMERS!



7  
MARCH

LOOKING FOR A FEW PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO HELP!  
CAN YOU HELP THIS YEAR?

[INFO@CHIEFJOSEPHSCHOOL.ORG](mailto:info@chiefjosephschool.org)

### CJES Talent & Art Show!

We're looking forward to CJES's 2nd Annual Talent 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](mailto: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!!

### Afterschool Programming (Fliers Attached)

Yoga playgrounds are offering a winter session of their afterschool program! [Register Here](#)

January 7 - March 18  
Tuesday's 2:30-3:30pm  
Grade: K-5th

**NW Children's Theater** - Performance 101 - [Register here!](#)  
Fridays, January 10 - March 21st  
Grade: 2nd - 5th  
2:30 - 4:00 pm

### **CJES Takes over the Moda Center!**

PTO is excited to partner with the Blazers again this year to pack the stands and cheer on the Blazers! Last year it was wild with the game being scheduled during an ice storm, and some of our families made it to a very fun and eventful game! This year we hope to avoid the ice and dicey driving conditions with a game in February!

There are a variety of ticket prices available - [get your tickets now!](#)



**PORTLAND**  
vs.  
**SACRAMENTO**

**THURSDAY, FEB. 6**  
**7:00 PM**



#### **CHIEF JOSEPH ELEMENTARY PTO FUNDRAISER NIGHT**

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. This is a fantastic opportunity to show your school spirit while enjoying the game with friends, family, and fellow members of the school community.

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.

Don't miss out on this special event and a chance to represent your school pride! Get your tickets today!

VISIT:  
[Blazersgroups.com/  
chiefjosephelementary](https://Blazersgroups.com/chiefjosephelementary)

ORDER DEADLINE:  
**Mon, Jan. 27**

CONTACT:  
JOSHUA PETERS  
503.963.3933  
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## **Backpack Program**

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

## HOLIDAY RAFFLE

The PTO is holding a raffle to raise money to provide gift cards to Backpacks families over winter break. We are hoping to raise \$2500.

There are 3 prizes: **2 Kindle e-readers** and **1 signed Blazers basketball!**

- \$25: 1 entry
- \$50: 3 entries
- \$100: 7 entries

You can purchase raffle tickets here:

[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=BQQ5GQYJRLPFY](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=BQQ5GQYJRLPFY)

Thank you for your support! Please contact [backpack@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:backpack@chiefjosephschool.org) with any questions.

## OBOB (Oregon Battle of the Books)

OBOB slips are in, teams are formed and **information will go out soon!**



Practices start in January. If you're doing OBOB, winter break is a great time to read!

<https://www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org/2024-2025-titles/>

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

## Community News -



### 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](http://northportlandLL.org)

Scholarships are available. Contact [president@northportlandll.org](mailto:president@northportlandll.org) for more information.