



# Chief Joseph Elementary School

## Family Bulletin

12/3/2024

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

## All-School News

Welcome back from your break, we hope that you had a restful time with your family. The next three weeks are busy with learning and some really fun stuff going on!

The book fair is coming up the week of December 9th - 13th! During the book fair, students and families can shop before or after school for books in the library! We will end the book fair week with a super fun Dance Party sponsored by the PTO! Supporting the book fair means that you are directly supporting the school so we hope you can come peruse the aisles with your student!

The week before winter break we will be celebrating Spirit Week! Students are invited to participate at any level that they want in spirit week! While we don't have the daily themes decided yet, students in grades 3 - 5 have been voting on spirit week themes so we will know the results soon. Be on the lookout for a flier with more information!



On Nov 14th, we celebrated Ruby Bridges with our first walk to school day.

We were really lucky that the sun came out for the occasion and we had a great group of families that were able to join us to honor Ruby Bridges.

Thanks for joining us to honor Ruby and her bravery.

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## December Emergency Drills

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

## [PPS Academic Calendar](#)

## Upcoming Events

- 12/9-12/13 Book Fair in the CJES Library
- 12/13 - PTO School Dance
- 12/16 -12/20 Spirit Week
- 12/18- Early Release @ 11:50am
- 12/21-01/05 - Winter Break, No School

## Successful Schools Survey

There is still time to complete the Successful School Survey! Turn out has been low across the district, so they have extended the survey deadline to December 16th. If you haven't already done so, please complete the survey by clicking [here](#)!

## Nutrition Services

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

## Driving & Safety around the School

We want to take a moment to remind families that while driving around the school and the neighborhood it is important to drive at a safe speed and be alert. We are so lucky to be a neighborhood school with lots of students and families walking and biking to school and we want to keep everyone safe.

We are very excited that our safety patrol is up and running before and after school which will help with safe crossings. Because of the layout of our school, and our entrance and drop off procedures our safety patrol team sets up on N. Bryant street Monday - Friday and can be seen easily with their high visibility vests and and flags.

This is also a good time to remind families that for drop off in the morning when students are entering the school they do so from the locations below.

## CJES - Entering the School



- Kindergarten students and families are encouraged to enter through the doors on the westside of the school between Arbor Lodge Park and the school
- 1st - 2nd grade students are encouraged to enter through the doors near the library from the blacktop
- 3rd - 5th grade students are encouraged to enter the school through the doors near the gym

- All students who wish to enter the school between 7:45 and 7:55 to either have breakfast or wait inside are welcome to be dropped off at the cafeteria door on the south side of the building.

Between 7:55am and 8:00am, we want to refrain from students entering through the front office. We don't have the staffing available to help with answering phones, ringing students into the building and assisting with any other last minute school needs. If a student and their family need to speak to office staff, you are of course welcome to come into the front office.

## Library



Our annual [Scholastic Book Fair](#) is coming! Shop in person December 9-13, 2024 in the Library and online now through December 13, 2024.

We are in need of many volunteers to help the book fair run smoothly; if you would like to volunteer to help Mrs. Hall run the book fair, please sign up [here](#).

### Book Fair Hours:

Monday-Friday Before School 7:30-7:55am

Monday-Friday After School 2:30pm-4:00pm

Friday, 12/13/24 7:30-7:55am and 2:30pm-4:00pm and 6:00pm - 7:30pm during the PTO's Family Dance Night

Scholastic has added its version of a gift card as an option for parents; it's called E-Wallet! In addition, if you would like to help purchase books for students who are not able to purchase, you may purchase an E-Wallet for Mrs. Hall or donate at the Book Fair Registers when you check out. You can learn more about E-Wallets in this [video](#).

**\*\*Please know that there will be no book returns or checking out new books during Book Fair Week. \*\***

## School Nurse

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

### **Afterschool Programming:**

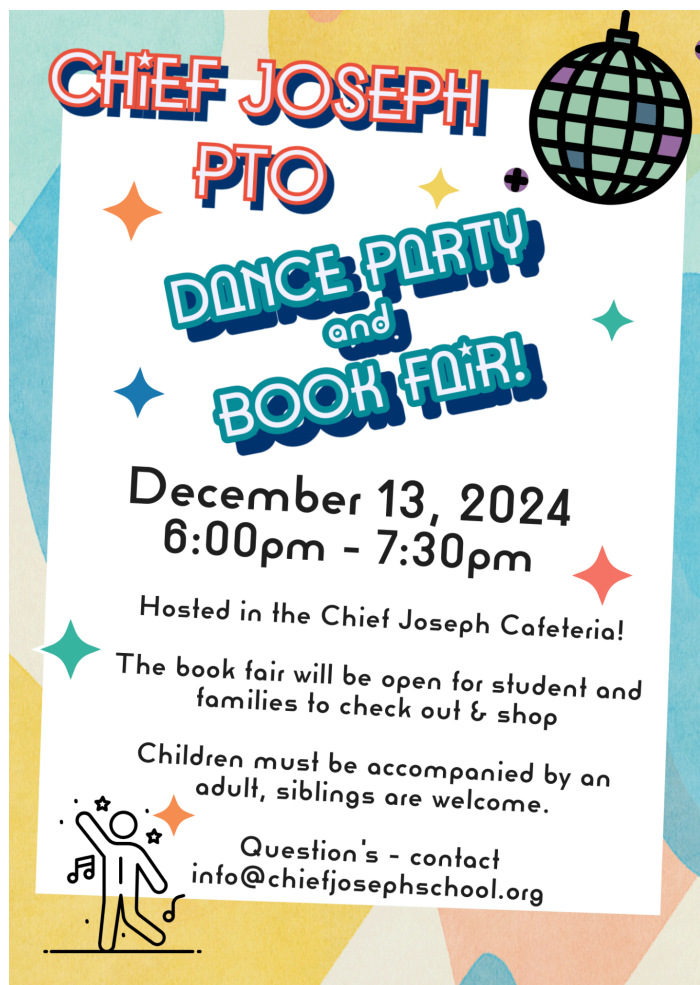
Yoga playgrounds are offering a winter session of their afterschool program!

January 7 - March 18

Tuesday's 2:30-3:30pm

Grade: K-5th

[Register Here](#)



The PTO is excited to host our second annual dance party on December 13th in the evening! Last year it was a blast to see kids and families get dressed up and boogie down! It is also an opportunity for families to check out the bookfair and shop for fun things! We will send more details about the dance, but will stress that this is an event that a responsible adult must also accompany students to. We will have families sign in at the door to make sure that everyone is accounted for!

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**

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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 permission slips are **DUE Friday, December 6 to Ms. Hall**



3rd-5th grade students who want to participate will create a team of 4-5 students and a coach (parent, guardian or other adult). And start reading! The books are in the Chief Joseph library.

<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 -

### 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 December Programming:**

QYC (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*

#### **Preschool Storytime**



Children from **ages 3 to 6** (with a favorite adult) have fun with engaging books, songs and activities as they build their early literacy skills. Daycares and Preschools welcome!

*Fridays, 10:15-11:00am*

#### **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!**

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

#### **Family Storytime and Playtime**

Children from **birth to age 6** enjoy books, songs, rhymes and movement activities while building language and literacy skills. Stay after to connect with other grownups while kids play with toys.

*Saturdays, 10:30-11:30am*

And here is [a link to all the programs](#) we have at Kenton Library - including for grownups!.