



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

12/12/2023

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All-School News

As a reminder, our winter break dates have shifted and we will have school the week of Dec 18-22. We understand that some families had plans and commitments during this week so we understand if your student will not be in school.

If your student will be out of school please notify your student's teacher of their absence. They will forward that information to the front office staff. You are also able to log into [parentVUE](#) to update your students' attendance.

Emergency Drills

I want to acknowledge the confusion around the "Secure the Perimeter" drill that was conducted on 11.30.23. The main reason we conduct drills is to build automaticity in how to respond in specific situations, and identify areas for improvement. In the case of our last drill, we identified several areas for improvement, and will be conducting this drill again, on Thursday, 12.14.23. In a Secure the Perimeter drill, it is "business as usual in the classroom" and typically does not impact students' school experience.

One area for improvement is family notification. Although a notice about the November drill was in the Family Bulletin, it was not very prominent, and there was no additional information about what this drill entails. To rectify this, we have the monthly drills highlighted in red on the upper right side of this page. We have also linked information about drills for families interested in more info.

We are required to do a "Lock Down" drill twice a year, in September and March. For these drills, which are more impactful to students, I will notify families of the date and time of the drill.

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

This Month's Emergency Drills

- Fire Drill
- Secure the Perimeter
- [Summary of Drills](#)
- [Parent Emergency Resources](#)

Upcoming Events

12/11- 12/15 - Book Fair in Library
8-8:35am & 3-4pm

12/15 - Picture Retake Day (am)

12/15 - PTO Dance Party & Bookfair open!

12/25 - 1/1 - Winter Break No School

1/10 - PTO Community Meeting

1/11 & 11/12 - Evening Conferences

Picture Day, December 15th

If you did not get your students' school picture taken earlier this school year, or you would like a new image we just want to remind you that Dorian will be here for picture retakes this Friday, December, 15th.

Orders may be placed online by searching for your school name at mydorian.com and selecting the green Order button next to your school retake day event. Online orders are available up to 4 days after retake day.

If you already ordered and want a new picture taken please be sure to return your original picture packet to the photographer on retake day.

1/16 - No school,
MLK Jr. Day

1/26 - New
Instructional day,
former teacher
planning day

1/29- No school
Teacher Planning

Nutrition Services

[Breakfast](#)

[Lunch](#)

Conference Sign ups

You should have received information about how to sign up for a first quarter conference from your student's teacher. Links for all teacher sign ups are on our [CJES homepage](#). If you have not yet signed up for a conference, please do so as soon as possible. Conferences are a great way to connect with your students' teacher and get an update on how things are going in the classroom.

Buddy Day!

Last week we had our first Buddy Day at Chief Joseph Elementary School! It was an amazing day seeing our various paired up classes working alongside their new buddy classes. Buddy classes help create community between our grade levels and give students the opportunity to work together on a shared project or craft. We hope that your students have an opportunity to share more about this fun experience.



Lost and Found

Our lost and found is currently overflowing with coats, jackets, and miscellaneous items! If you are missing anything, please have your student check the lost and found. We will be cleaning out and donating lost and found items starting next week. Please send your student to look for lost or missing items.



Neighborhood House Winter Wonderland Camp - Dec 27, 28, 29

Neighborhood house will be offering a winter wonderland camp during winter break. More information on the camp can be found [here](#). Flier is also below.

You're invited to our



Library

It's Book Fair Week!

Monday - Friday 8:00-8:35 am and 3:00-4:00 pm

Friday, December 15th 6:00-7:30 pm (during the PTO Dance Party)

Shopping for books will take place either before or after school. During scheduled library times at school, students will have the opportunity to create a wish list of books for the book fair but will not be able to purchase books during the school day.

Students should not be sent to school with money to purchase books during the day. All teachers will have a Wish Tub for families to purchase books that teachers would love to have in their classrooms! If you are interested, please ask Book Fair Volunteers or Mrs. Hall when you visit the Book Fair where you can see teachers' wish tubs.

Pennies for Books Class Challenge will be different this year! Instead of each class collecting change, the Library will have a Pennies for Books collection during the Book Fair! The change collected will be used to support the Backpack Program in getting books to students who may not be able to shop the Book Fair.

Have your student keep their library books for another week as we will not be checking them in this week.

We still need volunteers - if you are available to help please sign up [here](#).

Welcome to our New Social Worker!

MEET THE

School Social Worker



About Me

Hello! My name is Brittany Jaramillo (Ms. Britany) Pronouns she/her. This is my third year working as a School Social Worker. I am so happy to be at Chief Joseph and can't wait to meet you! Your kids have all been so welcoming and kind. I can already tell this school is very special.

Education

- Portland Public School Alumni (Last graduating class from Marshall High School)
- Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Portland State
- Master's Degree in Social Work from Boise State

Favorites

Sunshine, Coffee, Movies, Thrifting, Running, Sweets, Stuffed & real animals, Food, and Making others smile.

Fun Facts

I was born in Mexico City and speak Spanish. I live with my husband and my two sons who are 4 and 1.

✉ Best way to reach me right now is email but I will share my work cell soon!

Bjaramillo@pps.net

Tutoring Resources:

Portland Public Schools has partnered with Varsity Tutors to provide unlimited, 24 hour live support from highly qualified tutors, self-study resources, and engaging extracurricular classes. Please see the [flier](#) for details.

TAG NEWS:

Winter Referrals open December 15: [Referral Process](#) link

- Students not identified in the Data-Driven system can still be referred for evaluation (this will include 2nd grade students not tested by December 8)

- Can be initiated by family, student, or teacher. Discussions can start NOW. Families and students must work in collaboration with the teacher to complete the referral, only PPS personnel have access to the online form.
- **The teacher must complete the referral**
- Referrals completed by January 26 will be evaluated in the current cycle.
- If additional assessments are needed to make a final decision, proctors will schedule assessments starting in February.

If you are considering nominating your child for TAG, please reach out to your child's teacher so you are both prepared to have the conversation during conferences.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Ms. Michels at rmichels@pps.net

PE News



Students have been working hard and having fun in PE class! This month, our 2nd-5th grade students are learning about aerobic endurance and abdominal strength by practicing the Fitnessgram PACER and playing games that involve sit ups! Our kinder and 1st grade students are practicing their scooter skills!

Interested in signing up to chat with Ms. Mazur during conferences? Click [here!](#)

Backpack Program

Thank you so much for the support of our food and fund drive! We were able to raise over \$2,500 to provide extra support for our families in the backpack program! We will be choosing winners for the Blazer tickets and an ipad later this week!

Thank you for your continued support. We are always welcoming food and financial donations for our community. Please contact backpack@chiefjosephschool.org with any questions.

Thank you to our wonderful local business who are willing to help collect food for our families!

PTO Update:

We are still looking for volunteers for this event! If you are interested in helping please sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/RXyMSVU>

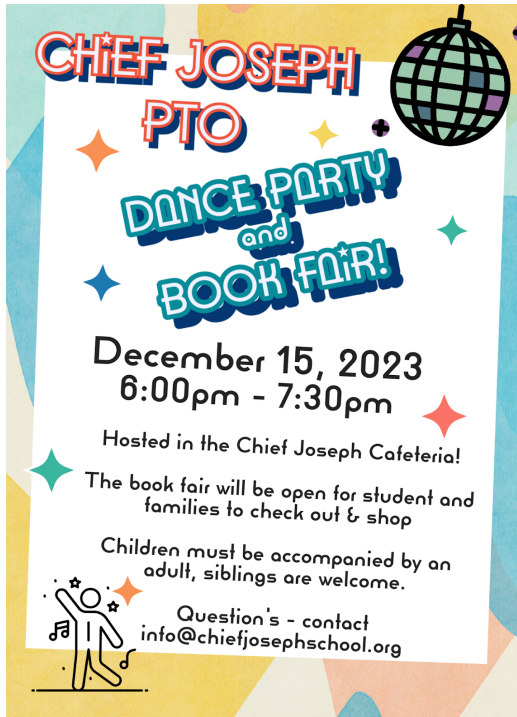
Current Volunteer Needs:

- Fundraising Committee Members - please contact fundraising@chiefjosephschool.org
 - Help with donation procurement for our annual fundraiser. This includes contacting businesses and community members to inquire about in-kind or gift card donations.
- [PTO Dance Party volunteer](#) needs

- Book fair Volunteer needs: <https://signup.com/go/MvGJfuf>
- [Playground Project](#) Committee Members - contact chiefjosephplayground@gmail.com

Contact Mandy at volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org with questions or to express interest in volunteer opportunities.

Join us for a Dance Party on Friday, December 15th @ 6:00-7:30 pm.



The PTO is hosting a dance party from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the cafeteria on December 15th.

We invite you to bring your student to the school so they can dance to fun music with friends and check out the book fair.

We will be offering popcorn at this event but will not have additional food items.

Children must be accompanied by an adult at this event, please do not drop off your student without a responsible adult.

Afterschool Programming - NEW! Fliers for both programs are at the bottom of the bulletin.

Yoga Playgrounds will be offering a winter session of their after school yoga class- For Grades K-3: 3:00-4:00 pm Tuesdays, January 3-March 20th. [Sign up for yoga online here!](#)

[Northwest Children's Theater](#) is offering an after school program starting in January for students in 2nd - 5th grade.

Dates: 3:00-5:00pm

January 9th - March 12th

[Chief Joseph Elementary Fundraiser with the Blazers!](#) Mark your calendar for January 17th!

- The Chief Joseph Elementary School community is taking over the moda center (ok... a few sections). The blazers will take on the Brooklyn Nets at 7:00pm. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the CJES PTO! Tickets start at \$17.
- This is a fantastic opportunity to show support for your school while enjoying the game alongside your friends, family, and fellow members of the school community. Don't miss out on this exciting event and a chance to show your school pride!

Deadline to order tickets is Monday, December 25th. Flier for this event is below!

PTO Community Meetings

We have all of our PTO Community Meetings on the schedule, so please add these to your calendar:

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.

Stay Connected with the PTO!



The PTO has joined instagram! In an effort to help promote events, and share information we think instagram is a great way to stay in touch! Please follow us at: [cjes.pto](https://www.instagram.com/cjes.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:

Enroll your Family for 2024 Health Coverage by January 15, 2024

Individuals and families have the opportunity to enroll in, renew, or change their health insurance plan for 2024 during the current Marketplace health insurance **open enrollment** period, which goes **until Jan. 15, 2024**. Open enrollment is the only time when anyone who is not offered coverage from a job or a public program like the Oregon Health Plan or Medicare can enroll in health coverage through [OregonHealthCare.gov](https://www.OregonHealthCare.gov), often with financial help.

Health insurance covers essential health benefits critical to maintaining individual health and treating illness and accidents. Health insurance helps to reduce medical and prescription drug costs, making health care more affordable and thus more accessible.

Health coverage also is important for students because:

- Having health insurance is linked to better health (study [here](#)).
- Health insurance coverage helps boost test scores among children from low-income households (study [here](#)).
- Expanded health insurance coverage has led to historic reductions in racial disparities in access to health care (study [here](#)).

Trained community groups, Tribal health organizations and insurance agents are available to help Oregonians enroll in coverage through the Marketplace during open enrollment. There is no cost for their services. Many of them offer services in multiple languages. These "Enrollment Assisters" also can help people transition to private health coverage if they have experienced a qualifying life event. This includes people who are losing Oregon Health Plan benefits as the state works to renew each of its

current members. Click [this link](#) to find an Enrollment Assister near you and who speaks your preferred language.

Portland Parks and Recreation Access Pass: Portland Parks & Recreation

- Discounts to Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) programs are available through the Access Pass. Check out portland.gov/parks/discount for more information. Students who receive free meals at school are eligible for additional fee discounts covered by The Fund for PPS.
- The [TeenForce Pass](#) provides youth, ages 10-20 years old, FREE access to designated activities at Portland
- Parks & Recreation's five TeenForce sites: Charles Jordan, East Portland, Matt Dishman, Montavilla, and Mt. Scott Community Centers, as well as a few specially added activities
- For questions, or to register for activities, call or visit any PP&R community center.

Do you know about the North Portland Pass?

All North Portland residents are eligible for a free [North Portland Pass](#) at Matt Dishman Community Center. This pass allows free access to the center's fitness room and drop-in pool activities. To get your free North Portland Pass

- Call the Customer Service Center line at 503-823-2525
- Call Matt Dishman Community Center at 503-823-3673
- Visit with the front desk staff at Matt Dishman Community Center.

* The North Portland Pass is available only to North Portland residents. Passes must be renewed annually at no cost. Registration period does not end. Residents must have a photo taken on their first visit to create a membership card. **Residents who register for a North Portland Pass can also receive a free TriMet bus pass for access to Matt Dishman Community Center. TriMet passes are mailed weekly only to those who indicate needing such during registration.



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**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17
7:00 PM**



CHIEF JOSEPH ELEMENTARY PTO FUNDRAISER NIGHT

Join us for an exciting night of basketball and support the Chief Joseph Elementary PTO as the Portland Trail Blazers face off against the Brooklyn Nets at Moda Center on January 17th. A portion of the proceeds will directly benefit the Chief Joseph School.

This is a fantastic opportunity to show support for your school while enjoying the game alongside your friends, family, and fellow members of the school community. Don't miss out on this exciting event and a chance to show your school pride!

VISIT:

**[blazersgroups.com
/chiefjosephelementary](http://blazersgroups.com/chiefjosephelementary)**

ORDER

DEADLINE:

Mon, Dec. 25

CONTACT:

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STARTING AT

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Kids Yoga

after school at Chief Joseph
Winter 2024



In these fun and active classes kids will stretch and energize their bodies and minds through individual and group poses, mindfulness games and creative relaxation techniques. Packed with **playfulness**, **positivity** and **fun**, these classes give kids the tools they need to manage their behaviors to lead **happier**, **healthier** and more **peaceful** lives.



- *Improve focus and concentration
- *Develop strength and coordination
- *Increase confidence and self esteem
- *Learn self calming techniques
- *Get a healthy body and mind
- *Have fun!

WHO: Grades K-3
WHERE: Chief Joseph Elementary
DATES: Jan 3 - Mar 20
DAY&TIME: Tuesdays 3:00-4:00
COST: \$264 (12 classes)
INFO: hello@yogaplaygrounds.com / 503-807-9720

REGISTER
ONLINE!



yogaplaygrounds.com



SCAN ME

NORTHWEST CHILDREN'S THEATER'S

Play-in-a-Box: Alice in Wonderland

at Chief Joseph Elementary

JAN 10 - MARCH 13 • TUESDAYS 3 - 5PM • GRADES 2 - 5



Head down the rabbit hole and experience the fantastical world of *Alice in Wonderland* with NWCT's Play-in-a-Box!

Everyone gets a part in this unique play complete with sets, costumes, and props. The catch? All production elements fit in a box! Imaginations run wild as you work together to bring the show to life.

REGISTER TODAY
at nwcts.org/drama-club

Teachers were prepared, welcoming, and inclusive. My daughter looked forward to class each day and she felt like a valued member of the group. Thank you for creating a safe and warm space for the students!

— RKL, Parent



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