



# Chief Joseph Elementary School

## Family Bulletin

### 2/25/2025

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

### All-School News

#### No School Reminders

Don't forget we have an early release tomorrow Wednesday, *February 26th*! Students will be fed lunch and pick up is at 11:50am. If your students' pick up plan is different on early release days, don't forget to update their students' teacher and the office.

Also, a reminder that there is no school for students, Monday, March 3rd for teacher professional development day.

#### Kindergarten Registration begins Feb. 28th!

Do you have or know a child that will be 5 years old on or before September 1st? If so, it's time to register them for kindergarten! To register you can visit [pps.net/kinderenroll](https://pps.net/kinderenroll), contact our front office or come to one of our Connect to Kindergarten events! Our Connect to Kindergarten events will be held in the CJES library on:

- Wednesday, March 5th at 9:30am
- Tuesday, April 8th at 5:30pm

Once you've registered your student, please fill out this survey [here](#) to let us know about your incoming kindergarten student.

Thank you!

#### Staffing updates

We wanted to let families know that we have a long term substitute teacher in Music. Terri Parente has been subbing and has accepted the longer term coverage while Joy is out. She has over 40 years of music education experience, we are so excited to have her in our school.

#### February Emergency Drills

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

#### [PPS Academic Calendar](#)

#### Upcoming Events

- 2/26 - Early Release day at 11:50am
- 3/3 - No School, Teacher Planning
- 3/5 - Connect to Kindergarten 9:30am
- 3/5 - Ockley Green [6th Grade Preview](#) 6pm
- 3/7 - CJES Talent Show 5pm
- 3/15 - PTO Annual Fundraiser 6:30pm
- 3/17-3/21 - Spirit Week

**The PTO's Annual Fundraiser is coming up on March 15th.** Join us for the Chief Joseph Elementary Annual Fundraiser! Get your tickets now at the [Chief Joseph PTO store](#).

Have fun with fellow CJ parents and staff, enjoy a delicious taco bar from ¿Por Qué No? and charcuterie from Sprig & Spread, and win some incredible prizes –all while helping raise funds for critical services for our students and educators. Guests are welcome to participate in any or all of the evening's events, including:

- A couple rounds of bingo with multiple winners each round!
- Lots of great raffle prizes with goods and services.
- A silent auction including locally made products and artwork, out-of-town activities, and very special teacher experiences, like Librarian for the Day!
- A very special LIVE auction of two incredible offers:
  - A three-night stay in a Rockaway Beach house generously donated by the Rowley Family
  - A consistent favorite and guaranteed kid-pleaser: Ms. Penny's group lunch and ice cream social

[There are two ticket options:](#)

- Entry, food, 1 bingo card: \$30 suggested donation (also available as a sliding scale)
- Entry, food, 1 bingo card + 2 drinks: \$40

Your donation will allow us to fund supplies and services for our students, families, teachers, and staff, including:

- Field Trips: funds help cover the cost (or keep costs low) for field trips
- Health (fans, air purifiers, hand sanitizer, extra clothing for emergencies, etc.)
- Learning (markers, notebooks, pencils, glue, etc.)
- Comfort (bean bags, lamps, etc.)
- Teacher appreciation (gifts, meals, etc.)
- Community (dance night, movie nights, spring festival, etc.)

## Library



If you were able to join us for the Remix Educator Night in February, there is a second set of photos that were shared with me late last week. You can access them [here](#).

There is still one more date that students, who complete the challenge, can receive one free student ticket and discounted adult tickets for the Hispanic & Latinx Heritage Celebration Game on March 2nd; use the code REMIX.

- 3/20 - Coffee w/ the Principal 8am
- 3/24-3/28 - Spring Break!

### Nutrition Services

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

## 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

## Counseling Program Update:

At Chief Joseph Elementary, we value cultivating a sense of safety, belonging, and inclusion for every student. As the School Counselor, I support those values through counseling lessons in the classrooms, school-wide programming, restorative justice practices in small group and classroom settings, and through skill-building with students. These values are also represented strongly by our Caring School Community SEL Curriculum, which our students engage in daily.

In January and February, I am delivering classroom lessons focused on Social Justice, including topics such as Diversity, Social Identities, Understanding Race and Racism, How to be a Changemaker, and How to Interrupt Hate Speech. Additionally, I will be working with our GSA student group to deliver school-wide programming that promotes the [ODE Standards for Supporting Gender Expansive Students](#), as well as grade-level standards in the [Learning for Justice Anti-Bias Framework](#). Be on the lookout for more information about that in our Family Bulletin next month. As always, feel free to connect with me at [sweed@pps.net](mailto:sweed@pps.net) if you have any questions, or want to connect!

Take care,  
Shoshana Weed, LPC (she/her)  
CJES School Counselor

## PTO Update | [www.chiefjosephschool.org](http://www.chiefjosephschool.org)

Our 2025 annual fundraiser is March 15th, 2025 6:30pm - 9pm

Peninsula Odd Fellows Hall.

[Tickets available now!](#) Sliding scale options for entry.

CHIEF JOSEPH ELEMENTARY PTO ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

# BINGO

## FUNDRAISER

RAFFLE + BINGO + FOOD + FUN + AUCTION

**SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH**  
**6:30PM TO 9:00PM**

Peninsula Odd Fellows Lodge  
4834 N Lombard St

All tickets include entry, food, and 1 bingo card!!

### Ticket options

- Sliding scale
- \$30: suggested donation
- \$40: also includes 2 drink tickets

Tickets sold here:



JOIN FELLOW CJES PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND FUNDRAISING.

PROCEEDS ARE USED FOR CRITICAL SUPPLIES AND SERVICES TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

Questions? Please contact [fundraising@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:fundraising@chiefjosephschool.org)

**Volunteers needed** - please reach out to our volunteer coordinator by emailing [volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org) to sign up to help plan the fundraiser.

### CJES Talent & Art Show!

CHIEF JOSEPH ELEMENTARY

# Talent & Art Show

CALLING ALL ARTISTS AND PERFORMERS!



7 MARCH

We're looking forward to CJES's 2nd Annual Talent & Art show **March 7th, 2025!!** We will open the doors to the cafeteria around 4:45pm.

**Volunteers Needed!** Learn more and sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/JuQhMso>

Organizers are also looking for 1-2 parents of kinder- 4th graders to carry the tradition next year and years to come!! Please contact Skye via Ashley Gale (at her PTO email address) - [info@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:info@chiefjosephschool.org)

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

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

## OBOB Update:

No OBOB (Oregon Battle of the Books) this week. Students have been working hard and having fun! Our final battle day will be **March 5**, 2:30-4:30 The school winner will progress to the Regional OBOB competition on March 15!

## Spring Afterschool Programming:

**Yoga Playgrounds is back on Tuesdays at Chief Joseph Elementary School**

2:30-3:30pm

Grades K-5

April 8 - June 3 / 9 classes

Register [HERE](#)



The graphic features a blue header with the text "SUMMER YOGA WITH YOGA PLAYGROUNDS". Below the header are three photographs: two children performing a yoga pose on mats, a child holding a banner that says "YOGA PLAYGROUNDS", and a group of children and adults posing on a wooden structure outdoors. At the bottom left is the "yoga playgrounds" logo, and at the bottom right is a QR code with the text "Scan Me!".

PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade | June - July  
Packed with playfulness, positivity and fun!

**REGISTER TODAY!**  
www.yogaplaygrounds.com  
503-807-9720  
hello@yogaplaygrounds.com

Scan Me!

## Backpack Program - Join us!

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

**Food donations (including fruit and Girl Scout cookies!) Help supply CJES families with nutritious food!** The food backpack program always welcomes donations of fresh fruit to offer more variety to families. We also supplement bags with extra food at certain times, especially before long weekends. Your donation of **non-perishable, individual containers** of meals and snacks goes a long way toward creating greater food security for CJES families. Items like macaroni and cheese, canned soup, oatmeal, and granola bars are great! In addition, once each year we include a box of Girl Scout cookies as a special treat. Please keep this sweet tradition going by donating cookies. Please bring your donations of food to the office, and thank you!

**Help pack food bags!** Every Thursday morning we pack the food bags with fresh fruit (and sometimes extra items like those cookies). **We'd love you to join us!** It's an easy and fun way

to contribute to our wonderful CJES community. We kick things off just after the morning bell, and are typically done by 8:30am.

Please email [backpack@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:backpack@chiefjosephschool.org) if you're interested in volunteering, or have any questions!

## Community News:

### Ockley Middle School Open House - March 5th at 6pm

Preview To

# 6th Grade

Ockley Green Middle School



# DAYS OFF @ OHSU

When School is Out, Saturday Academy is Open.



## MYSTERIES DECODED

 OHSU School of Nursing



**MON  
MAR 3**

**FRI  
APR 4**

## STEAM YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

 OHSU Auditorium Building



## MACHINE LEARNING INNOVATORS

 OHSU Auditorium Building



**MON  
APR 7**

**HANDS-ON | GRADES K-5**

**9 AM - 4 PM**



**MORE INFO:**

**[SATURDAYACADEMY.ORG](https://saturdayacademy.org)**

Scholarship support is available! Visit our website for details.