



Chief Joseph Elementary School Family Bulletin

3/12/2025

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

All-School News



The PTO's Annual Fundraiser is this weekend! Get your tickets now!

Join us for the Chief Joseph Elementary Annual Fundraiser
March 15th, 2025 6:30pm - 9pm
Peninsula Odd Fellows Hall.

Tickets: Get your tickets now at the [Chief Joseph PTO store](#).
Sliding scale options for entry.

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.

March Emergency Drills

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

[PPS Academic Calendar](#)

Upcoming Events

- 3/15 - PTO Annual Fundraiser 6:30pm
- 3/17-3/21 - Spirit Week
- 3/20 - Coffee w/ the Principal 8am
- 3/24-3/28 - Spring Break!

Nutrition Services

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

- 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/Whitaker 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)
- 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.)

Event Volunteers needed - Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/WSxJXWC> or reach out to our volunteer coordinator by emailing volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org.

Kindergarten Registration is open!

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, 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 Update 2025-26: We have received our preliminary staffing allocations for next school year. Due to small class sizes in our current 3rd and 4th grades, we will only have three sections of 4th and 5th grade. Our Instructional Leadership Team is reviewing the options to make this transition. We are also seeking guidance from the district curriculum department to ensure all students have access to grade level materials. We will share more information as final decisions are made. We will also be reducing the Instructional Coaching position from full time to .5. Finally, our music teacher position has been reduced from 2.5 days a week to 2 days a week; this change will not impact students' access to music instruction. It is our intention that we can keep you updated regarding staffing as it is shifting between now and the start of next year. Specific teacher assignments are always in flux during this time of year, and the final assignments will be shared in our welcome back letter in August.

OBOB:

Oregon Battle of the Books was a smashing success! Eleven teams competed and our Chief Joseph school champions The Fab Four: Nova, Augusta, Ella and Rosie will be heading to the regional competition on March 15th! Thanks to all who helped make it happen! Looking ahead, **we need parent volunteers to run OBOB NEXT YEAR!** Please reach out to Ms. Hall (bhall@pps.net) if you would be interested in helping out or taking the lead next school year and/or if you'd like to volunteer at the Regional Competition on Saturday March 15!

TAG

Please visit the [PPS TAG website](#) for the most current TAG information. You can also contact the District TAG Office Directly: phone: 503-916-3358, email: ppstag@pps.net

Important Dates 24-25 School Year

District Assessment Driven Evaluation & Identification Cycle

Sept 30 - Jan 16 | Evaluation Process

Jan 17 | Family Notification

Student, Family & Teacher Evaluation & Identification Cycle

Dec 10 - Jan 10 | Referral Window

Jan 10 - April 24 | Evaluation Process

April 25 | Student & Family Notification

Feb 12 - March 12 | ACCESS Lottery Window

Single Subject Acceleration - Math (SSA-M)

Mar 1 - Mar 31 | Application Window for Families

April 1 - May 29 | Evaluation Process

May 30 | Family Notification

Sincerely,

Julia Fogg, CJES TAG Coordinator

jfogg@pps.net

Counseling Program Update:

Counselor Schedule Change

Our full-time School Counselor, Shoshana Weed is temporarily reducing her schedule to 3 days/week from March 10th through the end of the school year. She will be working Wednesday-Friday each week. We are in the process of hiring an additional Counselor who will be at CJES on Mondays and Tuesdays, and will provide more information soon.

March Focus on Gender Identity and Inclusion

In the month of March, student leaders, with the support of the School Counselor, will be reading books and leading classroom conversations that align with our school values of inclusion and kindness. Here is the [Schedule for Classroom Visits](#). Please reach out to Shoshana Weed at sweed@pps.net with any questions.

5th GRADE FAMILIES: Middle School Forecasting

On March 20th, a School Counselor from Ockley Green Middle School will be visiting our 5th grade students to complete the forecasting process. Forecasting is when students and families share their

class and elective preferences with their assigned middle school. Please discuss and complete this [OGMS Forecasting Guide](#) by March 19th so they have it ready for the forecasting event on March 20th.

The school uses this information to create each student's schedule in the fall. While your student's Middle School will do their best to take everyone's preferences into account, forecasting for a specific elective does not guarantee that your student will be registered for that class.

We recommend that every student forecast at Ockley (or their currently assigned neighborhood school) regardless of which school they plan to attend. If your student will be attending another school, please reach out to the School Counselor at that Middle School to ask about their forecasting process. Please reach out to Shoshana Weed at sweed@pps.net if you have any questions about the transition to Middle School.

PTO Update | www.chiefjosephschool.org

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Interested in volunteering?

Be added to our volunteer contact list and we'll email you 1-2 times per month with volunteer opportunities available. Tasks have a wide range of needs, so there's something for everyone and we'd love to have your support. To be in the know, reach out to our volunteer coordinator by emailing volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org.

CJES Talent & Art Show!



Dylan VanWeelden

I just wanted to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the Talent and Art Show this year! It was an amazing show with so many amazing acts from every grade level! It was so lovely to see so many families come out and join the school community in this amazing event.

There are a lot of amazing people that helped make this event the success it was this year! Special thanks to the following people!

- Skye who produced & directed the show, Sam who supplied all the tech & sound equipment & expertise.
- Ms. Ashley in supporting making the talent show happen, and for being the liaison between the PTO, school & Talent Show.
- Rhett for helping stage manage and coordinate acts on the evening of the big event.
- Thank you to “Pink Pony Dad” Dylan, a new addition to the Talent show crew who supported the behind the scenes and sound mixing! He is signed on to support this production next year!
- Thanks to all of the students that came out to showcase their talents in every way! We had student leaders who MC’ed the event and wrote the script for the whole evening. We had backstage help, that made the evening seem seamless.
- Thanks to the parents who helped support their students with their acts, and their art submissions! We know that without parent support, this event would not be possible.
- Amira for her commitment to helping showcase student Art at the Talent Show
- Ms. Amber, who supported students' visions of wanting a talent show at CJES and bringing it to the PTO to coordinate making this event happen - now two years in a row!
- Neighborhood house who shared their space with the talent show prep and supported letting kids in the program get their chance to audition and perform!
- Ms. Bev and Miguel who are our custodians who care so deeply about taking care of our school, the students and the teachers.
 - Ms. Bev mopped and prepped the beautiful stage for the performance and made sure the cafeteria was ready for the event.
 - Miguel is an unsung hero at CJES! They are so amazing to make sure that the building is safe and cared for. Having a large event is a lot of additional work for Miguel and their support and care is appreciated.

Spring Afterschool Programming:



ADVENTURES in Spanish
Learning that lasts a lifetime

Spanish Classes @ Chief Joseph

Adventures in Spanish introduces children and parents to Spanish language and culture through the magic of songs, play, and more! Our approach involves more than just teaching words and phrases. It's about creating lasting connections and fostering a deep appreciation for the Spanish language and culture. By harnessing the joy of music, hands-on play, and a variety of gross motor activities, we enrich your child's early development and education. Join us as we set them on an exciting path towards bilingualism and cultural appreciation.

BOOK PARENT WINNER 2024

Dates
Fridays
April 11th - May 23rd

Time
2:30-3:30 pm

Register Here!

Adventuresinspanish.org

If you have any questions, please contact admin@adventuresinspanish.org

Adventures in Spanish

WHEN:

Fridays for K-3rd (Spring Term Only):

Apr 11, 2025 - May 23, 2025

2:30pm - 3:30pm PDT — [Register Here!](#)

SUMMER YOGA
WITH YOGA PLAYGROUNDS

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](#)

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 if you're interested in volunteering, or have any questions!

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

Scholarship support is available! Visit our website for details.