



# Chief Joseph Elementary School Family Bulletin

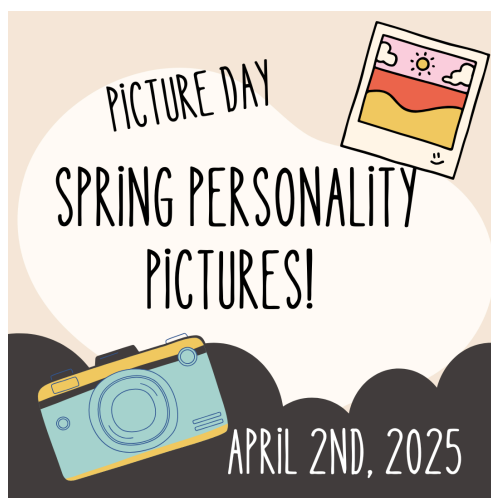
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## All-School News

Welcome back from Spring Break! We hope that you had a restful and nice week off of school. It's great to see the kids back at school ready to learn after the break! It's been fun to hear how everyone spent their break, from grand adventures to staying home to rest and recharge.

I know that we just had time off, but just wanted to remind families that we do not have school this Friday (4/4/25), or next Monday (4/7/25). Teachers will be working on quarter 3 grades, and then have Monday as a planning day to prep for the last quarter of the year. Your student's printed report card will be sent home on Friday, April 11th. They will also be available for viewing on [ParentVUE](#). If you need any help in accessing parentVUE, please email Ashley ([agale@pps.net](mailto:agale@pps.net)).



### Tomorrow, April 2nd is Spring personality pictures day!

Spring pictures are optional and only students that turn in forms or submit an online order will have their picture taken. It is my understanding that spring pictures are more of a "personality picture" where kids get to have

fun with the picture and it is not just a traditional headshot. If your student would like to participate, please send in the picture order form that was sent home or you can order [online here](#).

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

## April Emergency Drills

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

## [PPS Academic Calendar](#)

### Upcoming Events

- 4/2 - Personality Picture Day
- 4/4 - Grading Day  
No School
- 4/7 - Teacher Planning - No School
- 4/8 - Connect to Kinder - CJES Library 5:30pm
- 4/9 - PTO Meeting & Board Elections
- 4/17 - Family Game Night 5-6:30pm

## 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](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:**

- **Tuesday, April 8th at 5:30pm**

## Nutrition Services

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

We will also be hosting Kindergarten popsicle socials near the west end of the building by Arbor Lodge Park on:

- Tuesday, June 10th 3-3:30pm
- Wednesday, August 27th 3-3:30pm

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

## 2025-2026 Academic Calendar

The [2025-2026 Year's Academic Calendar](#) has been approved! This is a good reference for you to use as you make summer plans to know when we return to school (hint ... it's before labor day).

## Library

In an effort to streamline the book return and fine collection process, fines related to *lost library books* will be assessed at the end of the school year. As books often find their way back to the library or textbook office after initial assessments, we ask that students and families wait until the end of the year before settling any fines. This policy is designed to reduce the need for unnecessary refunds and will not impact a student's ability to continue to check out books. If a book has been damaged beyond repair, please notify Mrs. Hall (via email or Remind) to discuss replacement options.

## 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](mailto: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.

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



### Our Annual Fundraiser was a Huge Success!

Thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered at our annual Bingo night. It was a great night of Bingo, raffles, food, drinks and fun. We raised a total of nearly **\$15,000!!** All of which goes directly back to our school community to support field trips, supplies, teachers and community events. THANK YOU!

There were a lot of amazing people that made the event a huge success. A special thank you to Sheila Markwardt, and Kelly Cadigan who were our fundraising team leads!

We will send more information, along with a shout out to the amazing local businesses who donated to our school to make some amazing prize packages.

### Join Us April 9th | PTO Meeting & 2025-2026 Board Position Elections 6pm in the Chief Joseph cafeteria

Dinner, childcare, and Spanish translation will be provided. The doors will open at 6:00pm with time to eat and mingle. The meeting will start at 6:30pm.

**Interested in joining the PTO Board for the 2025-2026 school year?** Positions will be selected during this meeting. You can submit your nomination in-person during the meeting, or if you can't make it, send us your nomination by emailing [info@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:info@chiefjosephschool.org).

Board Positions include:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer

### **Special Opportunity: Cafeteria Volunteers Needed**

**When:** Daily morning & lunch shifts

**Who:** 1-2 volunteers per shift (Easy to get [PPS background check](#))

**What:** Provide general supervision, which includes greeting students, helping with containers, checking in with students to provide a positive experience.

**Where:** CJES cafeteria

**Note:** Ms Whitaker will provide training to orient volunteers and provide tips on how to be most supportive to students.

**How:** Learn more and sign up here <https://signup.com/go/dOhHJUB>

**Interested in volunteering?** Sign up to get 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. Reach out to our volunteer coordinator by emailing [volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org).

### **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](#)

## **Backpack Program - Join us!**

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

**Food donations** *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! 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!

# VOLUNTEERS Needed



## HELP KEEP ARBOR LODGE PARK SPRAY FREE AND BEAUTIFUL

### WE WILL BE

- Mulching
- Weeding
- Meeting Neighbors

**SAT APRIL 12TH**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Arbor Lodge Park

Meet near the west baseball  
diamond off of Dekum

SIGN UP



Dress for gardening, wear close toed shoes  
and bring a filled water bottle





# SUMMER YOGA

## WITH YOGA PLAYGROUNDS



yoga  
playgrounds

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

**REGISTER TODAY!**

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503-807-9720

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