



# Chief Joseph Elementary School Family Bulletin

05/13/2025

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

## All-School News

**Please join us for the PTO Spring Fest this Friday, May 16th from 5:30-7:30pm! We hope to see you there!**

**Tonight! Current 3rd and 4th Grade Families join us for a google meet!**

We know that many families have questions about next year's 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> blended classrooms. Ms. Amber will be hosting a google meet on May 13th at 5:30pm, where she will be sharing information about the blended model and answer questions.

Tuesday, May 13 · 5:30 – 6:15 pm

Time zone: America/Los\_Angeles

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: [rmd.me/pYYwmHgFNKc](https://rmd.me/pYYwmHgFNKc)

Or dial: (US) +1 567-238-9613 PIN: 279 322 607#

More phone numbers: [rmd.me/EO0sQMk4sG3](https://rmd.me/EO0sQMk4sG3)

If you are unable to make it to the meeting tonight, we will post the slide deck from the meeting for families to review!

## CJES Bike Bus

Spring is here and so is the Chief Joseph Bike Bus! Running every Friday, the bike bus is an opportunity for kids and parents to ride to school together.

We have one route currently that meets at the Peninsula Park playground at 7:25am, departing by 7:30am. Most of us are fair weather bikers, but don't let that stop you as we're hoping to make it a

## May Emergency Drills

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

## Upcoming Events

- 5/13 - 3 & 4th grade Virtual Information meeting @ 5:30pm on google meet
- 5/16 - PTO Spring Fest
- 5/21- Early Release @11:50am
- 5/22 - Coffee w/ the Principal
- 5/26 - No School, Memorial Day
- 6/10 - 5th grade Promotion, 5pm
- 6/11 - Field Day
- 6/12 - Last Day of School, 5th grade clap out

rain-or-shine event year round — and eventually have enough consistent volunteers that kids can join the bus without their parents.

## Nutrition Services

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

If you're interested in riding and/or helping organize, please fill out the interest form here:

[tinyurl.com/chiefjoebikebus](https://tinyurl.com/chiefjoebikebus).

Contact Kristin Sweeney (kinder parent) at [kristin.e.sweeney@gmail.com](mailto:kristin.e.sweeney@gmail.com) with questions!

**Storybook Parade** - Last Friday we held our annual storybook parade. It was such a joy to see kids dressed up as beloved book characters. It was really special to see how kids and families were able to use what they had to create costumes. Thanks to families who lined the park to cheer on the kids, and help in the celebration.



## 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) or contact our front office!

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.

## Counseling

Hello CJES families,

A parent in our community is experiencing a significant medical need that is making it difficult for her to walk her student to school. She has requested help with picking up and walking her student to school in the morning. They live near Rosa Parks and Interstate. If you are willing to help, could you please reach out to me at [sweed@pps.net](mailto:sweed@pps.net)

## 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

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](mailto:jfogg@pps.net)

Spring Fest! | **May 16th 5:30-7:30pm**

- Join us on the blacktop for food carts, bounce house and games!
- We need volunteers to help! Please sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/MmOdUpa>

<p><b>JOIN US FOR</b> <b>Chief Joseph Elementary School's</b> <b>SPRING FEST</b> <b>Friday May 16th</b> <b>@ the School Playground</b> <b>5:30pm to 7:30pm</b></p> <p></p>	 
 	<p><b>We will have:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Two bounce houses</b></li><li>• <b>Music</b></li><li>• <b>Fun games</b></li><li>• <b>Food Trucks on site with food available for purchase</b></li><li>• <b>&amp; more!</b></li></ul> <p></p>

At our final meeting of the school year on April 9th, the PTO held annual elections for board positions. We had a great turn out and successful election, with a full board elected and ready to take over for the 2025-2026 school year.

Congratulations to our new President, Vice President, Treasurer, Fundraising, Communications, Volunteer Coordinator, and At-Large Board members!!

Position	Name
President	Chris Johnson
Vice President	Justin Demallie
Treasurer	KC Heaney
Communications Coordinator	Lauren Bowen
Communications Coordinator	Hundley Suber
Fundraising Coordinator	Kelly Cadigan
Fundraising Co-Coordinator	Open
Volunteer Coordinator	Amira Schultz
Backpack Coordinator	Helen McLauchlan
Playground Coordinator	Kristin Sweeney
Playground Coordinator	Leigh McIlvaine
Advocacy Sub-committee	Kara Johnson
At-Large	Aubrey Giese
At-Large	Cheryl Gaze
At-Large	Catherie Morrison
At-Large	Nicole Ready

## Upcoming Events

### **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).

## Food for Families



**Thank you Chief Jo - we are so grateful for the incredible generosity you have offered!** Our Food Backpack program is well-stocked thanks to you and your generous donations! We're now (happily) busy organizing all the food that you donated! **Please watch this space** - we'll be sure to let you know when more food is needed to keep this vital program running!

**Please join us to distribute food bags!** CJES families made sure that backpacks are stocked, and every Thursday morning we'll continue to pack bags and distribute them around the school. This is an easy and fun way to contribute to our wonderful CJES community. We kick things off just after the morning bell.

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

## Community News!

Join Harper's Playground as they celebrate 15 years.

- When: June 1 (11am-2pm)
- Where: Harper's Playground, Arbor Lodge Park

Love to bake? To celebrate 15 years, Harper's playground will be having a donation-based bake sale. Items must be individually wrapped with a list of ingredients provided. Interested? Contact Lindsey at Harper's Playground, 203-994-6108 or [lindsey@harpersplayground.org](mailto:lindsey@harpersplayground.org).





**2025**

# SUMMER CAMP

Field trips, crafts, outdoor projects,  
guest experts, clubs and more!

**Week 1: June 16-20**

(June 19 holiday)

Around the World

**Week 2: June 23-27**

Decades

**Week 3: June 30-July 3**

(July 4 holiday)

Animals

**Week 4: July 7-11**

Fantasy

**Week 5: July 14-18**

The Great Outdoors

**Week 6: July 21-25**

The Arts

**Week 7: July 28-Aug 1**

Prehistoric Times

**Week 8: Aug 4-8**

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

## PRICING:

Holiday weeks-4 days: \$400

add AM care: \$100

Full weeks-5 days: \$500

add AM care: \$125

\$25 enrollment fee per family

**LOCATIONS:** Sabin and Boise-Eliot  
Elementary Schools

**HOURS:** AM Care: 7:30am-9:30am  
Camp: 9:30am-5:30pm

**AGES:** 5-12 (incoming K-graduated 5th)

**REGISTER NOW!**



# S.T.E.A.M. TEAM SUMMER CAMP

**Come join Ms. Michels on the S.T.E.A.M. Team, and learn more about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math through a weeklong summer camp!**

**Some of the concepts we will explore:**

- Creating Button badges from cloth
- Using watercolor to paint a special piece of art
- See the effects of chemistry in the kitchen
- and much more!



**Where: Chief Joseph Elementary School**

**Who: Incoming 3-6th graders (siblings/friends welcome!)**

**When: M-F June 23-June 27, 2025**

**Whole days: \$600 for the week 9am to 3pm**

**(I've reduced the price this year to offset inflation and make it more accessible for all!)**

**(Light snacks provided both am and pm)**

*\*Scholarships and financial assistance available*

**Spots are limited, so please sign up early.**

If you would like to sign up, please follow this link to complete registration:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hbt4e4y\\_BSzoQeO0DafvY2WcGoDVrJ5Nc33hWy7bXsU/edi](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hbt4e4y_BSzoQeO0DafvY2WcGoDVrJ5Nc33hWy7bXsU/edi)

**Please check your email for a Venmo invoice once you register.**

**Questions: email me at [michelsrose@hotmail.com](mailto:michelsrose@hotmail.com)**

**Scan code to sign up today!**

