



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

10/16/2024

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

All-School News

Report Cards:

Report cards are completed by teachers at the end of each academic quarter. The end of the first quarter is October 31st, 2024. Student's report cards will be based on work completed in the first quarter of the school year. This year report cards will be available online using ParentVUE to families by November 8th ([click here](#) for instructions).

More information on the PPS report card: [PPS guide for K-5 Report Card](#)

Conferences:

Conferences will take place on November 25th and 26th. If you have not signed up for a conference time, please contact your student's teacher directly through Remind or by [email](#) to set up an appointment. Conferences are available in person or virtually depending on what works for your family. Conferences are also available with our specialists (Art, Music, Media, PE and ELL) if you would like a time to connect with a special's teacher.

Fun-d Run -

Thank you so much to all the students and families for the support of our annual fun-d run! The kids ran a lot of laps and it was a perfect day to be outside! Seeing all of the families lined up around the playground cheering on the whole school was a highlight of what makes this community so special.

We wanted to also send a special thank you to Coach Kay for putting on such a fabulous event and a big thank you to the volunteers that stepped up to help tally laps for the students.

October Emergency Drills

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

[PPS Academic Calendar](#)

Upcoming Events

- 10/22 - PTO Profit Share - Tamale Boy
- 10/23 - Early Release @ 11:50
- 10/27 - Playground Project Planting Project
- 10/31 - End of 1st Quarter
- 11/1 - No School, Grading Day

It's a tough job, but someone has to do it!

Now that the laps are tallied, pledges can be delivered to homeroom teachers, the front office or through [SchoolPay](#). Please work to submit pledges by Friday, October 25th. We thank you for continued support of the school. We work hard to use these funds to directly support our students and community and they make a difference!

- 11/4 - No School, Teacher Planning days

Nutrition Services

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



Front Office Staffing & Hours:

The front office hours this year are 7:45am to 2:45pm. During the day, front office staff assist with lunch duty and are scheduled to take lunches as well. If you call the office and no one picks up, please leave a message and we will regularly check messages throughout the day.

At the end of the day, it is important to pick up your student(s) on time. Student's are dismissed at their class dismissal location and will be with their teacher until 7 minutes after the bell. After 7 minutes, students will be brought to the front office and families will be called to inquire about pick up plans. We understand that sometimes things happen outside of your control and you may be late to pick up. If you are running late, please call the office and let us know so we can communicate to your student that you are on your way.

Because of limited staffing and how busy the end of the day is, we ask that you do your best to refrain from picking up your student between 2:15pm and 2:30pm unless it is an emergency. Thank you for your willingness to help us with keeping the end of the day dismissal process smooth.

School Nurse

As we are shifting into fall and spending more time together in enclosed spaces, many of us are getting colds and other respiratory illnesses. We do have students at Chief Joe who have compromised immune systems so please consider this when sending your child to school. The ODE exclusionary guidelines for symptoms have changed this year but please use your best parental discretion. We want all of our students to have access to education, to be with their friends, and to thrive!

Thank you!

Susan Rhedmon RN

Our student health assistant **Zoe Eberspecher** works from 8:30 to 2:30pm. If you have any student health questions or needs please don't hesitate to reach out. You can reach Zoe by phone by calling the main office, or by email zeberspec@mesd.k12.or.us

Exclusion guidelines for this year have changed, please take a moment and review the guidance ([Available in English and Spanish](#)).

Music Notes With Ms. Joy



Hello, Chief Joseph Community! We're having a blast in the music room as we celebrate Spooky Season! We're singing and playing pumpkin-themed songs, and even crafting our own soundtracks for Mickey Mouse and the Haunted House. Stay tuned—I'll share our student-created soundtracks at the end of the month!

If you'd like to schedule a conference for **Monday, November 24th**, please email me at jschuetthames@pps.net. I look forward to chatting with you about all things music!

Counseling Program Update:

Counseling Program Monthly Focus - This year, The Counseling Program has aligned the PPS Tier 1 Counseling Core Curriculum and the Caring School Community SEL Curriculum to create a school-wide [Counseling Program Monthly Focus](#). Students will receive 1-2 lessons per month that relate to each topic and have opportunities to demonstrate knowledge and skills in these areas throughout each month.

PTO Update:

Our next meeting will be **November 13, 2024**, so mark your calendars!

We have lined up childcare for our November meeting! We have a PPS teacher from another school who will have art supplies and a movie going in the music room. Your student is welcome to attend the PTO meeting and hang in the music room during the meeting. Students can not run around the building, and will need to be in the music room or cafeteria!



In other exciting news, we have our first profit share scheduled with [Tamale Boy](#) on **October 22, 2024**. If it fits within your schedule and your budget please consider grabbing lunch or dinner on the 22nd. A

portion of the proceeds from all food and beverages purchased on the 22nd will be donated to the PTO.

Tamale Boy has been a great community partner for many years, we thank them for their support! Share with your family and friends and make a plan to come hang out with other CJES families.



UofP Pack the Stands Event - Save the Date November 2nd

We are really excited to partner with UofP for an evening of soccer! Please join us on November 2nd at 7:00pm to come cheer on the Portland Pilots men's soccer team as they take on Loyola Marymount.

[Use this link for tickets](#)

As always, please take a moment to learn more about the PTO by visiting our [website](#), and checking out the calendar of events on the bottom of the page. The PTO will also be at the open house so please plan on stopping by to meet PTO members and find out ways to get involved.

Playground Project

The Playground Committee of the PTO meets monthly on 3rd Wednesdays at [Arbor Beer Lodge](#). All are welcome (including kids!) to join at our **next meeting on Wednesday, October 16th from 6pm - 7:30pm.**

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A note from Melissa - member of the Chinook Nation, CJES parent, and contributor to the Playground Project:



hayu masi / huge thanks to all of the CJES students that chose to join in on planting the first tree well during their recess time. We had self-declared Cover Crop Pullers, Bug Protectors, Soil Depth Supervisors, and Planters. Everyone should be incredibly proud of the work our students did to organize themselves and work together.

In honor of Orange Shirt Day 9/27, Indigenous Peoples Day 10/14, and the

upcoming Native American Heritage Month, we will be gathering at the Chief Joseph Native Plant Garden located on the west end of the playground on October 27th. We'd love to have

you join us -
[sign up here](#) to help be a steward of this land.

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Chief Joseph has been selected to participate in the [North Portland Soccer Club \(NPSC\) Fields Project](#)! This is a multi-year process and you can help support the Fields Project by attending NPSC's fundraiser "[NOPO Night](#)" at [Providence park](#). NOPO Night is scheduled for **Saturday, October 19th from 1-6pm**. Please join to support youth soccer and Chief Joseph School!

If you would like to get involved in future projects, please join the conversation and find out how you can contribute in whatever way works for you. Email chiefjosephplayground@gmail.com with any questions, comments, or to get on our mailing list and stay informed.

Backpack Program

The Backpack Program supports our community by providing food bags for weekend days to families experiencing food insecurity. We receive pre-packed bags from [Portland Backpack](#), which contain enough food for 2 days of breakfast and lunch. We add fresh fruit and distribute the bags to classrooms. There are a few different ways you can support this program.

Automated monthly giving is a great way to assist us. You can do this through the [PTO website](#), clicking the Paypal button at the top right and selecting "monthly" and pulling down to select "Backpack Program".

We maintain a pantry of food items to supplement the standard bags as needed, such as adding food to cover long weekends. The pantry needs a restock for the new school year. If you are able, we would love donations of:

- Canned tuna or chicken
- Pop top soup/chili
- Peanut butter
- Granola bars
- Applesauce cups
- Instant oatmeal
- Macaroni and cheese

Donate fresh fruit! New Seasons generously donates apples every week, but we need additional fruit to meet our goal of providing 2 pieces of fruit per bag every week. If you would like to donate fruit, please [sign up here](#).

Thank you for your support! Please contact backpack@chiefjosephschool.org with any questions.

Community News -

Peninsula Odd Fellows Hall is hosting a halloween carnival!

[All Fun No Frights Halloween Carnival](#)

A Fundraiser for our local school PTAs

October 26, 2024, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

[Kenton - Free Clothing Exchange](#)

October 20th, 2024

2:00-4:00 PM in the loft at Kenton Church

2115 N Lombard Street, Portland Oregon

The North Portland Free Clothing Exchange is a free community event held every month at the Kenton Church on North Lombard Street. Everyone is welcome. All sizes of Men's, Women's, and Children's clothing are exchanged. No donation is required in order to receive clothing.

DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED DURING EVENTS ONLY

With limited space, we can only accept donations during events. Please check the list below for items we need most. We invite you to join us at our next event and drop-off clothing there then pick up some great, new clothes for yourself.