



# Chief Joseph Elementary School

## Family Bulletin

### 03.09.2021

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### All School News

As we move into the staffing season, we will be keeping you as up-to-date as possible regarding staffing changes for the 2021-2022 school year. As of right now, we have two announcements - Ms. Lopez, our Learning Center Teacher, will be teaching 1/2 time in the Learning Center and 1/2 time reading intervention next year. Ms. Martinez will be retiring at the end of this school year. We would like to congratulate Ms. Martinez on her retirement and thank her for her dedication to education and service to our community.

We are preparing for hybrid instruction to begin after spring break and know many of you want details. We are working hard to be able to provide those. We are preparing a follow up survey, with additional information available. Look for that via email on Wednesday.

### Kindergarten 2021-2022

If you have a student who will be 5 before Sept. 1, 2021, please join us for a Connect to Kindergarten Virtual Event this Friday, March 12 at 10:00 am or March 18, Thursday at 6:00 pm. The link to join will be on our Chief Joseph School [website](#) on the front page. Let your neighbors and friends with an incoming kindergarten student know! Also, the link to register your student online for next year Kindergarten is [here](#).

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

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### Upcoming Dates

03.12.2021 Fri, 10:00 am  
Kinder Connect Virtual  
Event

03.18.2021 Thurs, 6:00 pm  
Kinder Connect Virtual  
Event

03.19.2021, Fri, 9:00 am  
All School Assembly

03.19-04.  
03.22-03.26-2021  
Spring Break  
No School

04.09.2021 Friday  
Inservice Day  
No School

05.31.2021 Monday  
Memorial Day  
No School

06.11.2021 Friday  
Last Day of School

## **TAG News/CJBOB**

TAG (Talented and Gifted)

2nd Grade CogAT testing is postponed this year. PPS will be testing all 2nd and 3rd graders next year. The district is still working on a plan to test the students who have already been nominated for TAG. Once the PPS TAG office finalizes a testing plan, I will communicate that with families.

CJBOB

If your student has signed up for Chief Joseph Battle of the Books (CJBOB) please make sure they are aware that they need to check their emails periodically for updates. Our next virtual meeting will be on March 11th at 4pm. The code is cjbob. Almost every child has books ready for them at the library to pick up. However if your student doesn't have books ready, it is because they have not responded to the survey. Please check their email or have them go in and tell me which books they need.

-Ms. Michels, [rmichels@pps.net](mailto:rmichels@pps.net)

## **Library**

We have lots of Library Book Bags for students to pick up before Spring Break! The Library is open for Chromebooks, Library Book Bags or classroom materials on Mondays 8am-12pm, Wednesdays 3-5pm, and Thursdays 9am-3:30pm (closed from 12-1pm). The Library will be closed on non-school days/holidays. Library doors are located on the backside of the school on the west side of the playground, behind the Kinder classrooms. Please remember to wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines.

## **Counseling Corner**

Dear Families,

I want to acknowledge that this year has been especially challenging and may have left some of us in situations we have not been in before. This year has also shown us that situations can change quickly, potentially leaving us unsure as to where to turn for help. We, as a school community, want to make sure we are here to help and support our families in as well as outside of the classroom. One of the ways we can help is making sure our families are connected with resources that meet their needs. Therefore, I created a survey for families as a way for them to conveniently reach out, so we can connect them with the appropriate resources. If you find your family needs help with accessing food, school supplies, clothing, or other needs, please complete [this](#) survey. The results will only be shared with myself and Jane Strugatsky, our School Social Worker. This survey will also be posted on our school website so that it is easily accessible if or whenever you may need it.

- Lynn Spiers, School Counselor, [espiers@pps.net](mailto:espiers@pps.net) or 971-770-1521

## **Covid Reporting**

Portland Public Schools is committed to protecting the health and wellbeing of our students, staff, and buildings by providing communicable disease prevention and control services through our health partnerships with Multnomah Education Service District (MESD) and Multnomah County Health Department (MCHD). The confidentiality of the individuals reporting is of the utmost importance; personal identifiable information will not be shared with the public or other individuals. We are asking that students who have tested positive for COVID-19, or

had close contact exposure with a positive case notify their teacher or Principal Gerber. Close contact exposure includes being less than 6 feet from a person who has COVID-19 for at least 15 cumulative minutes in a day, regardless of whether either person was wearing a mask or other personal protective equipment. Students who are experiencing primary symptoms of Covid-19 but have NOT to their knowledge had close contact exposure with a positive case of Covid-19, and who are not positive cases themselves should also report their symptoms to their teacher or Amber Gerber.

### **Primary COVID-19 Symptoms:**

- Temperature of 100.4°F or higher
- Cough
- Chills
- Shortness of breath/ Difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell

In both the above cases, Principal Gerber, or the school health nurse, will contact the family following PPS COVID-19 Case Protocol.

### **Resources**

- **Affordable Housing Options through Relay Resources.** Relay Resources has a variety of affordable housing openings. Some involve waitlists, while others do not. They have many vacancies now, primarily in East County. Find information and a link to sign up for their weekly vacancy email [HERE](#).
- **Culturally Specific Meals.** These organizations are providing culturally specific meals (and supplemental food boxes) to older adults and people with disabilities:
  - Asian Health and Service Center (AHSC)
  - El Programa Hispano Catolico
  - IRCO Senior Center
  - Native American Youth & Family Center (NAYA)
- **Oregon Mortgage Assistance Program.** For homeowners, the Oregon Homeownership Stabilization Initiative (OSHI) has a COVID-19 Mortgage Assistance Program. You can learn about eligibility requirements and the application process at [OHSI's website](#).
- **Oregon Public Utility Commission keeps electric from being turned off, waives late fees, will help you find energy assistance.** 503-378-6600.
- **SEI** - Self Enhancement has utility assistance: 503-713-5590
- **NAYA** - utility assistance (10am-10:10am energy hotline open on March 1st) 503-972-2463
- **Meals4Kids delivers a free meal box 1-2 times a month.** [Meals4Kids](#) 503-953-8115 Deliveries weekdays 9 am - 2 pm Online form. The Meals4Kids home delivery program delivers nutritious meals, milk, bread and fresh fruit directly to the homes of families in need each week.