



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

04.07.2021

Translation provided by Google Translator. There may be errors. Please call PPS Language Line, 503.916.3589 for support with translation.

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

All School News

It has been reinvigorating to have students back in the building again. Hearing student laughter in the hallway is joyful, and a sound we have missed greatly. We are committed to ensuring student and staff safety. To do this effectively, we need your help. If you haven't already done so, please be sure to [review this Health and Safety information](#) sent by the district on March 30th. Of particular importance is the [daily health screener](#). Please do not send your student to school sick. The school has the capacity to provide Covid-19 testing. However, you must complete a consent form before we can administer the test. If you give consent, please download and complete this form and email it to jholm@pps.net.

- [English OHA COVID-19 Testing Consent Form](#)
- [Spanish OHA COVID-19 Testing Consent Form](#)
- [Vietnamese OHA COVID-19 Testing Consent Form](#)

Reminder! There is NO school this Friday, so teachers can prepare Quarter 3 report cards.

Upcoming Dates

04.09.2021 Friday
Inservice Day
No School

04.19-23.2021
Spirit Week!

04.28.2021 Wednesday
Assembly 9:00 am

04.28-05.12.2021
Fun'd Run!

05.31.2021 Monday
Memorial Day
No School

06.11.2021 Friday
Last Day of School

Childcare for 2021-22 School Year

We are excited to announce a new before and after school care provider. Neighborhood House will begin offering before and after school care on site in the fall. They are also offering a summer program at Sabin, and Chief Joseph families are welcome to attend. Neighborhood

House was selected by a panel of Chief Joseph school staff and parents. In addition to providing an exciting student centered program, Neighborhood House shares our school's commitment to dismantling racism and provides access to a network of supports through the social service division of their organization. [Please see this flyer](#) for more information, including contact information if you are interested in signing up for child care this summer or in the fall. You can also check out [their website](#) and see the amazing support they offer our community.

PPS Meals for ALL youth in Portland

If your student is attending hybrid learning, they will be given a free lunch at the end of their school day to take home to eat. If your student is doing distance learning, you can pick up free meals daily at Ockley Green Middle School from 3:30-4:30 at the side doors on Ainsworth Street. No need for student ID numbers. Meals are free for ALL youth ages 1-18 in Portland.

Library

This has been a very busy and exciting week as hybrid started! Please know that I have been moved to teaching 5th grade hybrid in the mornings and library in the afternoons and our Library Assistant, Andrea W, has had some schedule changes too; thus there are some important changes in the library schedule. The CJ Library will be open on **Thursdays from 1:00-3:30pm** to exchange library book bags for online (CDL) and hybrid students. Classroom teachers will now be responsible for distributing any classroom materials to students regardless if they are online or in hybrid. As far as chromebooks, I will continue to troubleshoot any issues that I can; however, if you are in need of exchanging chromebooks you will need to do so at the PPS district office (501 N. Dixon St). Please go to the lower level parking lot, which has an entrance on N. Larrabee Ave. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. You can find more information at <https://www.pps.net/devices>.

In the next few weeks, the district library office will be sending out automated emails to students and parents for any books that were checked out last year before the pandemic and that have not been returned yet. If you have any questions about these, please feel free to reach out via email (bhall@pps.net); please include your child's full name and the title of the book that is in question. I will be placing cardboard boxes labeled *LIBRARY RETURNS* at each entrance to the building so students can drop off returning books in these boxes and we will get them checked in after a quarantine period. Please know that these books are not the same books that are in the library book bags that we have been checking out to students and families this year.

THANK YOU PTO!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Chief Joseph Parent Teacher Organization for paying for all of the student school supplies for Hybrid learning!!!!



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 or 971-770-1521

From Jane (Social Worker at Chief Joseph)

I wanted to share this blog from Dr. Amy - a local psychologist who works with parents and professionals on building resilience in children. Here is the [link](#) to her blog and here is the [link](#) to subscribe to her newsletter.

Community Flyers

[Cognizart Kids Camp 2021 \(ages 6-12\) - July 5-9 & July 12-16](#)

[OSU Precollege Programs Summer Reading Skills Programs \(ages 4 through 11th grade\)](#)

Covid Reporting

Portland Public Schools is committed to protecting the health and wellbeing of our students, Astaff, 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

- **Landlord Compensation Fund:** Landlords can be funded for debt owed during the moratorium on evictions. Round 2 applications will open in April. More information can be found [here](#).
- **Community Meal Distribution at Ockley Green daily 3:30-4:30pm**
- **PGE Payment Matching Program:** Portland General Electric has a payment matching program. More information can be found [here](#).
- **Additional Utility Support and Debt Relief Programs for PacificCorp, Idaho Power, NW Natural, Avista, & Cascade Natural:** More information can be found [here](#).

- **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.