



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

5.27.2020

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

All School News

The Chief Joseph School Community collected photos and combined them into a beautiful video for our staff. Thank you to Fernanda Menda and Nova Newcomer for having the idea and making it happen! If more students or families want to add photos - it's not too late. They can be emailed to Nova (nova@spiritof77.com).

Here is the link to the wonderful slide show - <https://bit.ly/2020CJVideo>

We are developing a process to return student belongings from the classroom. Staff will bag belongings in student desks, cubbies and coat hooks. Families will then be able to pick up bagged items June 10th or 11th. There will be a drive-up schedule for pick up shared early next week.

Register for Kindergarten Online

If you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, please register for kindergarten! To register, go to pps.net/kinderenroll. The process takes 20-30 minutes and school staff will follow up with you later in the summer. With schools closed, online registration is the easiest option.

Things to note - You don't need to register if your child attends a **PPS** Head Start or Pre-Kindergarten. If you already have a student at Chief Joseph School, it might not let you register online. Send an email to Janna at jholm@pps.net and she can help you. Please pass this information along to your friends & neighbors who live in our catchment area and have an incoming kinder!

Upcoming Events

Last Day of Distance Learning

6.10.20

Pick Up of Students Belongings

6.10.20

6.11.20

Backpack Program

We need your help! The Backpack Program will be giving gift cards to our families in need for the summer. If you are able to donate, we are asking for \$10 Fred Meyer physical gift cards by June 1, or you can donate to the Backpack Program [donation tab](#) on the PTO website (make sure to indicate “backpack program” on the drop down menu).

Email backpack@chiefjosephschool.org if you have questions or can help!

Thank you!

Resources

Jefferson High School Food Bank

Day: Tuesdays and Fridays

Time: 1-3pm

Where: Commercial side of Jefferson High School

What: Produce, meat, dairy. The Jefferson PTSA will be receiving an abundance of food through June to support families.

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) Food Benefits

The P-EBT is available to help families offset the cost of meals that would have been consumed at school. It is administered by the [Oregon Department of Human Services](#). As our community deals with fallout of the coronavirus pandemic, we want to make Portland Public Schools families aware of a state benefit to help pay for food. The P-EBT benefit is available to families with a student who qualifies for free or reduced-price meals and any student enrolled in a [Community Eligibility Provision \(CEP\) school](#). Click [here](#) for the website, and [here](#) for more information about the program for PPS families.

Elite Sports Academy (ESA) Virtual Summer Camp:

Elite Sports Academy Virtual is an online summer program focusing on both athletics and academics available at no cost to thousands of students in Oregon. This summer program is FREE for all students who qualify for free and reduced lunches, attend a CEP School, all students in foster care, or all students who qualify for WIC or SNAP. Click [here](#) for more information and [here](#) for the application instructions.

K-8 Growth & Development Instruction for Spring 2020

PPS decided not to teach growth and development (comprehensive sexuality education) and/or violence prevention (Erin’s Law) in grades K-8 via Home-Based Distance Learning during the spring of 2020 because of a variety of reasons and challenges.

PPS teachers, administrators, counselors, and social workers continue to support students’ safety and are prepared to identify, prevent and intervene if a child or family needs support. In remote learning environments, it may be more difficult to assess safety and detect signs of child abuse. Educators and school personnel are still mandated reporters and the [PPS Office of Student Success and Health](#) provides guidance on what to do if a district employee suspects [child abuse and/or neglect](#).

Like ODE, PPS recognizes the fundamental role that parents, caregivers, and families play in preventing violence and abuse. Distance learning provides a window for dialogue between

students and families around: naming important values, identifying emotions, sharing about health and safety, and exploring sexuality-related topics. ODE has published a guide on [Family Engagement during Distance Learning for All](#) that will help to maximize the strengths of the students, families, and learning environments, while also acknowledging the real challenges given the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 in Oregon. Families who would like to provide Comprehensive Sexuality Education and/or Violence Prevention lessons at home can access the curricula used in PPS - [Rights, Respect, Responsibility \(3Rs\)](#), developed by Advocates for Youth as well as [Fight! Child Abuse](#) developed by the Barbara Sinatra Children's Center Foundation. Please also feel free to check out these resources for parents and caregivers posted by ODE:

- Listen to ODE's [Webinar for parents and caregivers on Erin's Law during Distance Learning](#)
- [Oregon SATF's Violence Prevention Resource for Parents](#) (resources and tips for caregivers/parents)
- [Parents for Prevention](#) (lists of topics related to parenting and sexual violence prevention, by age range from PK-12+)
- [Hot Chocolate Talk for Parents](#) (strategies and talking points for child abuse response and risk reduction)
- [County-Specific Support for Violence Prevention](#)