



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

08.20.2021

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All School News

Families,

Like many of you, I am sitting with mixed emotions as we prepare for welcoming students back into the building in just a week and a half from now. On one hand, I am bursting with anticipation to see our students, hear their laughter, and feel the love and warmth of our school community, which is so much more palpable when we are in person. And, there are my serious concerns about the current surge in the ongoing pandemic, and the tremendous responsibility I feel to ensure that our students are safe, and our students and families of color are centered in my decision making. However, if there is anything the last 18 months taught me, it is that with the support of our community, we will get through, and be stronger in the end.

That said, I know many of you have questions about our specific building plans. I will do my best to answer your questions, address plans that are still under development, and ensure you have a sense of where to find answers and direct your questions.

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

Upcoming Dates

09.01.2021 Wednesday
2nd-5th Grade First Day

09.02.2021 Thursday
Kindergarten Social
5:00 pm Arbor Lodge Park

09.06.2021 Monday
No School
Labor Day

10.08.2021 Friday
No School
Inservice Day

11.05.2021 Friday
No School
Inservice Day

11.11.2021 Thursday
No School
Veteran's Day

Current Plans:

- Building Entry: The entry plan will be the same as we used during hybrid.
 - Kindergarten students will enter through the west doors, near Arbor Lodge Park.
 - Grades 1-2 will enter through the doors near the library, on the north side of the building.
 - Grades 3-4 will enter through the doors near the gym, on the north side of the building.
 - 5th Grade will go directly to the portable. Beginning on the second day of school, they will put their belongings in the classroom and proceed to their specials, which begin at 8:45.
 - We are still encouraging using the drop & go option on Bryant St. for older students. Approach from the west, and pull up to the curb and students can get out and proceed to the building. You won't have to find parking, and it will reduce congestion around the building.
 - Only students will be allowed into the building at arrival.
- Pick-Up: Again, we will be following the plan we used for hybrid.
 - Classrooms with exterior doors will dismiss directly from these doors.
 - Third and fourth grade will dismiss from the gym doors.
 - 5th grade will dismiss from the portables.
- [Click here for a map of the building with pick up and drop off locations.](#)
- Lunch: Our fabulous PTO has purchased sitting mats so that when the weather is good, students in grades 3-5 will be able to sit outside for lunch. This will allow for grades K-2 to be completely spread out, with greater than 6ft distance between students. We are also looking into obtaining pop-up canopies to continue this practice when the weather is still warm, but a little drizzly. When the cold/wet weather sets in, we are able to ensure that every student will have at least 5ft distance, and most students will have 6ft distance. Students will have assigned seats, and we will be sanitizing the tables between classes.
- Classrooms have adequate space to ensure 3ft distance between students. Students will be required to wear masks while indoors and will be asked to wash and sanitize their hands frequently. We are also limiting shared supplies.
- Volunteers: At this time we are limiting volunteers, essential volunteer work must be approved by the administrator. Volunteers will be required to undergo all safety trainings prior to beginning.
- Air Filtration: All spaces are equipped with air filtration devices. You can find more information about these devices on the district's webpage.

Please visit the district's [Back to School 2021](#) site for more specific details on our standard operating procedures. If you have questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to email me at agerber@pps.net. It is very helpful to hear what's on your mind so that together we can ensure a safe, successful school year.

Kindergarten Parents

I accidentally sent out the link to last year's survey. [The updated survey link is here.](#) Fortunately, your answers are maintained for the questions that are still applicable. There are a few more questions, and I would really appreciate it if you took the time to fill it out again. I apologize for this inconvenience. This information is very useful in guiding the conversation with your student's teacher.

We are going forward with plans for an informal social gathering at Arbor Lodge Park prior to the first official day of school on Thursday, Sept 2 at 5 pm. We will be outside, and have an opportunity to meet other families, and get excited for kindergarten.

Dismissal Plans

We need all families to please fill out the dismissal plan survey before the first day of school. Click [here](#) for the online survey.

Neighborhood House Before/After School Care

[Neighborhood House Application for CJES 21-22 School Year](#)

Please note- the first day of school for 1st-5th graders is September 1st. The first day for Kindergarteners is September 8th. This means Kinders cannot start in our program until September 8th and we will prorate the September tuition for those Kinder families.

Currently we are running fairly small programs as we are prioritizing the health and safety of our staff and students. We will continue to monitor the COVID situation and, of course, continue to follow recommendations from health care professionals, government officials and guidelines from the Early Learning Division and Portland Public Schools.

Students will be enrolled on a first come, first served basis.

You may email your application to me at ascott@nhpdx.org. If you need an alternate way of submitting your application, please reach out to me.

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NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE IS HIRING!

Neighborhood House is looking for experienced Assistant and Lead Teachers to work before and/ or after school on site at Boise Eliot Humboldt, Chief Joseph, Martin Luther King Jr. and

Sabin schools. We provide enrichment activities, snacks, homework help and opportunities for socialization to the children of working families.

Shifts are 7:00am-9:00am and 2:30/3:00pm– 6:00pm

Full time employees work both shifts and have paid planning and meeting time.

Rates range from \$14.50- \$18.00 per hour depending on education and experience.

*Assistant teacher candidates will:

Have an interest in working with children (some experience preferred)

Be able to get CPR/ First Aid Certified

Be available for the AM or PM shift

Experience with or open to training in trauma informed practices, social emotional skill building, culturally relevant practices and PBIS

*Lead teacher candidates will:

Have a minimum of 1 year of experience in a classroom setting with school age children and/ or education/ training in child care or classroom management

Be able to get CPR/ First Aid certified

Be available for the AM and PM shifts

Experience with or open to training in trauma informed practices, social emotional skill building, culturally relevant practices and PBIS

All Candidates will need to be cleared in the Oregon Central Background registry.

Interested candidates please apply on our website or by contacting the emails below.

<https://nhpdx.org/careers/>

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Resources

If your child's immunizations are not up to date, now is the time to catch up. Call 503-988-5558 for an appointment or drop by the **free Back to School Immunization Clinic at Arbor Lodge, 7440 N Denver Ave. from 9am to 4pm on Tuesday Aug. 24**. Those age 12 and older who also get a Covid-19 vaccine will be eligible to receive a gift card for as much as \$100 while supplies last.