



# Chief Joseph Elementary School

## Family Bulletin

### 1.7.2020

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### All School News

From the Health Room:

Head lice is a health issue that can affect a student's focus & comfort & be passed on to other students in a classroom setting if the students aren't following good health practices. Please encourage your child to "never share when it comes to hair."

A student with live lice will be excluded from school & sent home with lice treatment information. A student with no live lice may return to school, even if nits are present. However, parents are strongly urged to remove all nits from their child's hair to help prevent re-infestation. Students will be re-checked for lice & nits upon initial re-entry and at 7 & 14 days after re-entry into school. If live lice are present, the student will be excluded from school again. After 14 days if live lice remain present, the student will be excluded again & must remain out of school until there are no lice or nits.

Some additional resources for families dealing with head lice:

- MESD <http://www.mesd.k12.or.us/Page/510>
- EPA <http://www2.epa.gov/managing-pests-schools/about-lice-and-their-control>
- CDC <http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/>

For information on PPS's immunization schedule and policy, please click [here](#).

If your child is to take ANY medicine at school (prescription or over the counter - even cough drops) please bring in the medicine yourself in the original packaging and fill out the medical authorization form. Children may not carry their own medicine.

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

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### Upcoming Events

#### Principal's Coffee

01.17.20

9:00 am

#### Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL

01.20.20

#### PTO Meeting Childcare & dinner provided

01.22.20

6:00 pm

#### Inservice Day NO SCHOOL

01.27.20

#### Kindergarten Connect for 2020-2021 Kindergarten

02.06.20

9:00 am

#### President's Day NO SCHOOL

02.17.20

## **JANUARY SAFETY DRILL**

This month, we will practice a Team Response drill. Team Response is activated when we have a medical emergency at school or a non threatening incident that requires all available staff to report to the office. Students stay (or return to) their classrooms and it is business as usual inside the classroom.

## **WINTER WEATHER!**

For information on PPS's school closure policy for extreme winter weather, click [here](#).

## **SMART PROGRAM**

SMART Reading (Start Making A Reader Today) is a children's literacy nonprofit that serves kids in Oregon with two ingredients critical for literacy and learning success: one-on-one reading time and access to books. At Chief Joseph School, volunteers read with kindergarten, first and second grade students, building confidence, literacy skills and a love of reading. Thank you to our dedicated SMART volunteers!



## Parent Teacher Organization

### **FUNDRAISING**

- Our BIGGEST fundraiser, the annual Auction, is coming in February! We need items, experiences and services from our community. Please consider making a donation for the auction. Do you have a skill, service or opportunity you can share? Classes, outings and experiences are a wonderful way to build connections among students and parents. Do you have a connection to business that can offer goods or services? We need to hit or exceed our fundraising goal to continue to support the school with field trip transportation, the garden program, free community events, food for families in need and classroom materials!

Ideas, donations or questions? Email [fundraising@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:fundraising@chiefjosephschool.org)

- The Chinook Book app is an ongoing fundraiser for the school - where we gain 50% of every purchase of the Chinook Book! They offer amazing coupons to local business. Download the app and Enter **Partner ID: chiefjoseph**

### **BACKPACK PROGRAM**

Donations can now be dropped off in the front hall of the school any time during school hours. Please consider bringing in a few things this week to support our kids in need!

### **GROW PORTLAND**

January garden lessons are Friday the 10th.

This month's theme is *Winter Birds*. We'll explore some of Oregon's local birds and learn how they help our garden and ecosystems.

- 2nd grade: Discuss local birds, what they eat, how they fly. Go for a Bird Walk to see who is living near our school. (Nguyen, 10 am - 10:45 am) (Ferguson, 11 am - 11:45 am)
- 3rd grade: Bird Art. Discuss the importance of birds, look at bird art from three different artists, create colored pencil drawings of birds. (Wolfe, 9am - 9:45 am)

If you are interested and available for any of the Friday lessons, please email Andra at [andramcfarlane@gmail.com](mailto:andramcfarlane@gmail.com)

### **PTO CONTACT & INFO**

Website + Store: [www.chiefjosephschool.org](http://www.chiefjosephschool.org)

Follow us on Facebook: [@chiefjosephschool](https://www.facebook.com/chiefjosephschool)

Email your questions & ideas: [president@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:president@chiefjosephschool.org), [volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org)

Interested in quick PTO reminders? We are on the Remind App! Text "@cjpt" to 81010. Opt-out anytime.

## Library News



Are you cleaning out books that could use a new home? Our Free Little Library (in the hallway outside the Library) is looking low on books for students, especially picture books. The Free Little Library helps provide books to students when they have forgotten their library books and are not able to check out for the week. Students also love visiting the Free Little Library before and after school. If you are looking for a new home for books, please consider donating them to our Free Little Library.

## Counseling Corner

Hello Families,

I wanted to reach out to see if there are any 4th or 5th grade students who may be interested in participating in an GSA (Gay/Straight Alliance) lunch bunch. Last year, I was approached by a student asking for a support group focusing on this population and the group was greatly successful! Therefore, I want to make sure to continue that support for students this year. This group will be open to any student who is an ally or who identifies as a member of the LGBTQ+ community and will start at the end of January. This group will not be advertised to the school community as I want to respect where students are in their identity development and information will be kept confidential. The goal of this group is to provide a safe space for LGBTQ+ students and allies by showing support and helping them understand that they are not alone. Please speak with your child and reach out to me, Lynn Spiers, if your child would like to participate. I am also available to answer any questions or concerns. Please call 503-916-6234 or email at [espiers@pps.net](mailto:espiers@pps.net).

## Resources

### Family Support Resources

- **Swindells Resource Center of Providence Child Center** supports parents and caregivers of children who have special needs, developmental delays or disabilities. They provide resources and many parenting class series. You can visit their event calendar at <https://oregon.providence.org/our-services/s/swindells-resource-center/events/>
- **The Pathfinder Network** provides community based support services for justice-impacted adults and their children. You can find their community programs at <https://www.thepathfindernetwork.org/programs/community-programs/>