



# Chief Joseph Elementary School

## Family Bulletin

### 1.22.2020

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

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### All School News

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear the phrase “successful schools?” We believe that successful schools are safe, healthy & welcoming learning spaces that are inclusive for all students. But we want to hear your thoughts. In 2019-20, Portland Public Schools is again partnering with Panorama Education to gather information from students and families that will help us improve student experiences across the district. We will survey students in grades 4, 5, 7-10 on their experiences in their classrooms and schools, and families about their perception of the school their child attends.

The survey will cover topics on sense of belonging, school safety, school climate, barriers to family engagement, as well as how students are thinking and feeling about diversity, equity, and inclusion in school.

The current launch date is set for January 27th, the student window is scheduled to be open until February 14th and the family survey until February 28th. Stay tuned for further information!

Please be honest and thoughtful, we value your feedback!

### Can You Give One Hour a Week to Make a Difference at Chief Joseph Elementary?

SMART Reading is looking for a volunteer site coordinator to spend one hour a week coordinating volunteers who read one-on-one with children at Chief Joseph's SMART Reading program Fridays 10am-11am. SMART Reading pairs adult volunteers with kindergarten, first and second grade students for fun, child-guided reading sessions. Joining SMART as a volunteer is a great way to get involved in your school community! Reach out to Kendra Allen at [kallen@smartreading.org](mailto:kallen@smartreading.org) or apply at <https://smartreading.org/volunteer/>

### Upcoming Events

Inservice Day

NO SCHOOL

1.27.20

Principal's Coffee

1.31.20

9:00 am

PTO Movie Matinee

2.1.20

2:00-4:00 pm

Kindergarten Connect

2.6.20

9:00 am

President's Day

NO SCHOOL

2.17.20

Multicultural Night

2.20.20

5:30-7:00 pm

PTO Auction at Village Ballroom

2.27.20

6:00-8:00 pm

## **An important message from our 4th & 5th Grade Environmental Awareness Club -**

Very quickly the environment is being destroyed. A huge problem is the over consumption of single use plastic. An easy thing our school can do is stop using plastic utensils in the lunchroom. Please donate metal spoons and forks by sending them to school with your child. You'll be doing something good for our environment and the future of your children.

Thank you! Lucy Schaal, Environmental Awareness Club Member

## **Parent Teacher Organization**

**PTO MEETING TONIGHT, WED JAN. 22! 6 pm dinner, 6:30 pm childcare & meeting.**

### **FUNDRAISING**

- Our BIGGEST fundraiser, the annual Auction, is February 27th! 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!

### **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/>