



# Chief Joseph Elementary School

## Family Bulletin

### 10.15.2019

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### All School News

Just a reminder - we are practicing an earthquake drill here at school on October 17. Please see the flyer at the end of this bulletin for great information for your entire family about emergency preparedness. Also, this website [www.PublicAlerts.org](http://www.PublicAlerts.org) has specific Portland area information for families.

As many of you know, Oregon recently made a big investment into our schools through the passage of the Student Success Act. The component of this act that will most directly impact our school community is the Student Investment Account. You can find more information about the options for investing these funds [here](#). I encourage parents, along with their older students, to attend one of the PPS input sessions to help shape how PPS applies these funds in our district. Upcoming community forums are scheduled for:

- Thursday, October 17th
  - 6:00-7:30 pm
  - Lent K-8 School: 5105 SE 97th Ave
- Saturday, October 19th
  - 9:00-10:30 am
  - Faubion PK-8 School: 2930 NE Dekum St.
- Tuesday, October 22nd
  - 6:00-7:30 pm
  - Roosevelt HS: 6941 N. Central St.

ODE has scheduled the release for our school report card for October 17th. Please look for that information, as our school made great strides in the 2018-19 school year.

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

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### Upcoming Events

Profit Sharing  
Tamale Boy

Tuesday, 10.22.19

PTO Harvest Party

Friday, 10.25.19  
6:00-8:00 pm

Teacher Planning Day  
NO SCHOOL

Friday, 11.1.19

Picture Retakes

Tuesday, 11.5.19

Veteran's Day  
NO SCHOOL

Monday, 11.11.19

Principal's Coffee

Friday, 11.15.19  
9:00 am

Parent-Teacher  
Conference

Thanksgiving Holiday  
NO SCHOOL

11.25.19-11.29.19

## Parent Teacher Organization (PTO!)

**We hope to see you THIS WEDNESDAY for our next PTO meeting, 6-8pm!! Dinner, childcare, and Spanish interpretation provided.** We look forward to being with you and joining together in caring for our school community - including introducing our new Communications Chair!!!! Until then, here are a couple ways you can participate in supporting the school:

1.) The **Harvest Festival** is just a couple weeks away and is still in need of many volunteers! Please sign up for a 45 minute shift at a game or craft [HERE!](#)

**\*\*If you ordered pies, please come by the Harvest Festival to pick them up on October 25th!!\*\***

2.) Purchase tickets for the Trail Blazers vs Bulls game on FRI, NOV. 29

*Take advantage of a special savings and sit with your friends, family and fellow Chief Joseph Elementary*

*community! A portion of each ticket will go back to support our school.*

*Include Early Entry to sit up close during pregame warm-ups 30 minutes before the general public*

*Visit: [rosequarter.com/groupnights](http://rosequarter.com/groupnights) / Enter Promo Code: **CJPTO** / Order Deadline: **FRI, OCT. 25***

3.) Pick up a few extra boxes of pasta and bring them in for our Backpack program. You can find out more details and see their entire wishlist (as well as volunteer!) [HERE](#). There will be a food drive collection at **Harvest Fest** for the backpack program - we are specifically asking for: peanut butter, pop top soup/chili, pasta sides (Knorr- type pouch or mac), and canned tuna/chicken. Email for any questions! [backpack@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:backpack@chiefjosephschool.org)

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.

*Thank you so much, Your PTO Board: Kimberly, Gretchen, Jess, Erin, Rachel, Dave, and Erica*

## Library News

The Library is still in need of weekly volunteers, especially Monday and Tuesday afternoons! Please sign up [here](#) if you would like to help! Thank you!!!

## Counseling Corner

Dear Families,

School attendance is very important. Did you know that students with good attendance are 4 times more likely to graduate high school than those who are chronically absent?

Here at Chief Joseph Elementary last year, 82.7% of our students had good or acceptable attendance but 17.3% of our students were chronically absent. Chronically absent means missing more than 2 days per month.

This year, please help us provide the best possible education to your child by sending your child to school every day, on time. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's attendance, please let us know. We are here to support your family!

What you can do to support your child's attendance:

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.
- Contact school staff or community partners to find resources around transportation, housing, employment or health care.

## Resources

### Thanksgiving Food Boxes

The Sunshine Division is opening their registration for Thanksgiving Food Boxes on Wednesday, October 16th. To register, you must show up in person at one of their two locations. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis while supplies last. Space is limited. Boxes must be picked up at the location where you sign up.

#### Locations

687 N. Thompson St. Portland, OR 97227 (503)823-2102

12436 SE Stark St. Portland, OR 97233 (971)255-0834

#### Who qualifies?

Residents of the city of Portland and...

- have someone 18 years old or younger dependent upon them
- receive social security/ disability income
- veterans/ widowed veterans pension
- over the age of 62
- receive SNAP benefits

## December Food Boxes

The Sunshine Division is opening their registration for December Food Boxes on Friday, November 1st. To register, call or show up at one of their two locations. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis while supplies last. Space is limited. Boxes must be picked up at the location where you sign up. This is not a toy assistance program.

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# Drop, cover, and hold on at 10:17am on October 17th

Does everyone in your family know how to survive an earthquake?

We could be anywhere when an earthquake strikes: at home, at work, at school, or even on vacation. What we learn and do now will determine our quality of life after our next big earthquake. Is your family prepared?

Millions of people worldwide will practice an earthquake drill at 10:17am on October 17th during the Great ShakeOut. The ShakeOut is an annual opportunity to practice how to be safer during big earthquakes. Many PPS Schools are participating in the ShakeOut this year, and all schools do at least two earthquake drills each year. We encourage you to practice at home, work, etc.

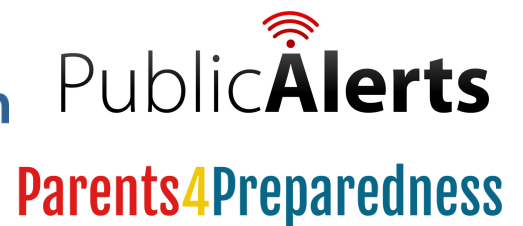
The ShakeOut is also a chance to think about emergency preparedness, review and update emergency preparedness plans and supplies, and secure items in your home in order to prevent damage and injuries.

### [PublicAlerts.org](http://PublicAlerts.org)

- Sign up for emergency alerts
- View current emergency alerts
- Learn about our region’s hazards
- Learn how to get ready
- Find ways to get involved

### [Parents4Preparedness.org](http://Parents4Preparedness.org)

- Learn about school seismic readiness
- Connect with parents and school staff throughout the district and region
- Learn how to talk to children before and after a disaster



# 5 SIMPLE FIRST STEPS

## TO PREPARE YOUR FAMILY FOR AN EARTHQUAKE

### 1. Make Family Plans

Being separated without a plan would be terrifying for you and your child. Make plans and backup plans for how you will communicate and reunite. Visit [PublicAlerts.org](http://PublicAlerts.org) for info about how to make plans. Next, locate the [Basic Earthquake Emergency Communication Nodes \(BEECN\) locations](#) nearest your home and work. These are designated spots where you’ll go for info when phone and internet aren’t working.

### 2. Identify School–Area Contacts

Live or work across the river or far away from your child’s school? Include a school-area person on your child’s emergency contacts list. Even better, include several. Put these people’s contact information in your family communication plan, and remind them yearly that they’re on the list.

### 3. Do Earthquake Drills at Home

**Drop, cover, and hold on!** Practicing at home reinforces the importance of drills, creates muscle memory, and normalizes the idea of an earthquake. Make it fun, and do it often. Let your kids teach you what they've learned at school. Ask them: What do you do during an earthquake? Where is your outside meeting point after the shaking stops? Next, locate and learn [how to shut off your home's utilities](#), and do a [hazard hunt](#) to make sure your home is safe.

### 4. Create Emergency Kits (Together)

Involving the whole family in preparedness helps make the idea of disasters less scary. It can even be fun! Work together to pack some basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency (water, flashlights, non-perishable food, radios, a First Aid kit, etc). Water is the most important item in your kit, so focus on that first. Visit [PublicAlerts.org](#) for info about how to build a kit.

### 5. Register for Public Alerts

Sign up to receive emergency notifications about hazards affecting the areas you spend a lot of time (home, school, aftercare, grandparents' house, work, etc). [PublicAlerts](#) can contact you by landline, mobile phone, text, or email. Next, register to get text alerts from Portland Public Schools about school closures, delays, emergencies, and more. Text YES to 68453.

### ... Keep Going!

For more information about preparing for earthquakes and being ready for all types of emergencies, visit [PublicAlerts.org](#) and [Parents4Preparedness.org](#).