



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

10.29.2019

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All School News

Portland Public Schools has referred renewal of a levy that currently funds teaching positions across the district for voters' consideration on the November 5, 2019 ballot. Approximately one in three Portland Public Schools teaching positions is funded by the current levy. At Chief Joseph, the levy funded 5 teaching positions in the 2018-19 school year. Over the past five years, the levy funded an average of 825 teaching positions annually throughout the district. If renewed, the levy is estimated to produce \$99.9 million for Portland Public Schools in school year 2020-2021 and would fund teaching positions and classroom supports, such as Special Education services, at every school in the district.

The proposed levy would not be a new tax. It would be a renewal of the current levy, first approved by voters in 2011 and renewed in 2014. Currently, homeowners pay \$1.99 per \$1,000 of assessed home value for the levy. If approved by voters, homeowners would continue to pay the same rate for an additional five years.

If passed, this local option would require independent citizen oversight so that tax dollars would be used for purposes approved by local voters. Funds would be placed in a sub-account to facilitate oversight and accurate reporting. No funds from this local option levy would be used for district administration.

If the levy is not approved in 2019, the levy rate would not be renewed and Portland Public Schools would not receive an estimated \$99.9 million in tax revenue in school year 2020-21, which may result in the loss of funding for up to 825 teaching positions. **Ballots are due by Tuesday, November 5 at 8pm.**

Visit multco.us/dropsites to find an official drop box. However you

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Upcoming Events

Teacher Planning Day
NO SCHOOL
Friday, 11.1.19

PTO Revenue Share
The Old Gold,
2105 N Killingsworth
Tuesday, 11.5.19

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

choose to vote, we encourage you to vote in this election and in every election.

TAG News

Our school conducted cognitive testing for all second graders on October 28th. In addition, scores from MAP testing in math have come in, and if your child scored between 95th and 99th percentile, your child will qualify for TAG (Talented and Gifted) only once you fill out and return the nomination form to your **child's teacher**. Once the teacher completes the form and returns it to me, I will go ahead and let you know the official designation.

If you would like to nominate your child for TAG in reading, math, or intellectual zones, please contact the classroom teacher first to see if they are seeing behaviors or skills indicative of TAG students. If you then would like to nominate your child, fill in the nomination form and return it to the **classroom teacher**. I will then notify you when TAG testing will occur. It will generally occur between winter and spring.

If you have any further questions, please email me, Rose Michels at rmichels@pps.net

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO!)

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped us put on an amazing Harvest Festival!

We sent home flyers this week for our wreath sale fundraiser for our backpack program. Check your child's backpack for the flyer. The wreaths (or swag or garland!) will be at the school for pick up on Tuesday, Dec. 3. If you do not need a wreath but still want to support our backpack program, we accept donations of shelf stable food in the office and also monetary donations in our locked PTO mailbox in the hallway. Thank you!

Website + Store: www.chiefjosephschool.org

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

Email your questions & ideas:

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

Library News

October has been a whirlwind and I cannot believe that it's almost over! This month *Kinders* have been working on identifying fiction and nonfiction books; *First graders* are working on knowing different parts of a book; *Second graders* are learning how to find books on our online catalog; *Third graders* are looking up books on the online catalog and learning how to find them on the shelves; while *Fourth and Fifth graders* are learning how to access their student drives and create a presentation about

themselves in Google Slides (they can also access their presentations at home if you would like to see what they are working on).



Our annual Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon! I am excited to announce that Scholastic has added its version of a gift card as an option for parents; it's called E-Wallet! You can learn more about E-Wallet in this video ([English](#) or [Spanish](#)).

Last year we made just under \$8,000 from the book fair, which earned us \$4,000 in books and materials for our school library! This year our goal is \$10,000 which would give the library \$5,000 to use towards books and materials. My goal this year is to add materials with higher reading levels to our collection in order to support our higher grade levels. In order to achieve this goal, we are in need of many volunteers to help the book fair run smoothly; if you would like to help out please sign up [here](#).

Book Fair will be open during Teacher Parent Conferences on Monday, Nov. 25 and Tuesday, Nov. 26 and then the following week December 2nd - 6th before and after school from 8:15-8:45 am and 3:00-3:45m. For more information and online shopping, visit our [Book Fair Homepage](#).

Pennies for Books Class Challenge starting November 4th - December 4th students will be encouraged to bring in their pennies and change. Each class will be given a collection tub to collect their change. The class that collects the most change will get to use all the donations to go shopping with me at the Book Fair to choose the books they want to add to the classroom library!

A Note about Fines: The district will be sending out, via email, automated FINE NOTICES starting sometime next week if your child has any fines and/or overdue books on his/her/their account. If you receive an automated email and have questions, you can reach me by email bhall@pps.net or stop by the library Mondays - Wednesdays to discuss. You can pay for fines on SchoolPay at <https://pps.schoolpay.com/> or in the school office; if paying in the office please make sure you have a print out of your email or form from the library so they know how much to process.

Counseling Corner

Dear Families,

School attendance is very important. Therefore, this year we are improving our Tier 1 attendance supports by providing consistent attendance data to students and families. Every Monday morning, students will be informed of their grade level's average daily attendance during our Monday morning announcements. This will also be tracked on our attendance bulletin board at the front of the school. Additionally, at the end of the month the grade with the highest average daily attendance will earn an extra recess with me, Ms. Lynn. We hope that this will support our families and students in keeping their attendance up by encouraging those students who may struggle to get up on time or make it to school when they aren't sick.

I will also continue sending home attendance letters at the end of the month to students and families who have accumulated more than 2 missed days each month as a way to inform families how quickly absences add up. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Have a great week!
Lynn Spiers, Counselor
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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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