



# Chief Joseph Elementary School

## Family Bulletin

### 11.12.2019

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

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## All School News

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES are Monday and Tuesday, Nov 25 & 26. If you do not know when your conference is, please contact your child's teacher by email to schedule. Click this link for helpful tips to have a successful conference -

[https://www.pps.net/cms/lib/OR01913224/Centricity/Domain/42/Parent-Teacher\\_v3.pdf](https://www.pps.net/cms/lib/OR01913224/Centricity/Domain/42/Parent-Teacher_v3.pdf)

Also, please check the lost & found (located in the hall in front of the gym) while you are here for conferences!

### SAFETY AROUND DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIME

We have very responsible, trained 4th and 5th graders working as crossing guards at these times so we are asking that everyone **use the designated crosswalks** to cross Delaware Street. Also, please **walk your bike** in the crosswalks with safety guards present and **follow the safety guards instructions**. Regarding the parking lot on the east side of the building. **Please park only in designated spots and do not cross the red line with your cars**. We have after school programs, classrooms being picked up and childcare using our playground after school and it's unsafe to have cars driving on the playground in any way. Thank you for helping keep all our students safe at drop off and pick up!

### A NOTE FROM THE HEALTHROOM

We need sweat pants in sizes 5-9. We have enough leggings, but if you have any other easy to put on athletic pants for kids size 5-9 to donate, please drop them off at the front office. If your child has an accident at school, please wash and return the pants from the health room. You may keep the underwear.

## Upcoming Events

### Principal's Coffee

Friday, 11.15.19  
9:00 am

### Parent-Teacher Conference

Thanksgiving Holiday  
NO SCHOOL

11.25.19-11.29.19

### Winter Break

NO SCHOOL

12.23.19-1.3.20

## Parent Teacher Organization (PTO!)

Today is the LAST DAY to [order a wreath](#)! Wreath purchases go toward supporting our school [Backpack Program](#) and [Grow Portland](#) classes at our school. If you'd like to support these programs without purchasing a wreath - you can always make a donation to the school via [Paypal](#) or by dropping off cash/check in the PTO lock box at the school. Please consider making a contribution within your means to help keep these programs funded. We are currently quite below our financial goals and every little bit would help.

Also, if you're an Amazon shopper, please consider using [AmazonSmile](#) for your shopping! Chief Joseph will receive a .5% donation for qualifying items from AmazonSmile when you use that specific link for your Amazon purchases.

We are beginning to rally volunteers and ideas for our All-School Auction coming up in March 2020. There are currently four more classes in need of a parent volunteer to help create a class project. You can sign up to fill those roles [HERE](#). Ideas for procurement? Please contact Erin Batten at [fundraising@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:fundraising@chiefjosephschool.org)

In preparation for the upcoming Book Fair (see below!) there will be bins in the hall starting November 13th for you to bring in book donations to [The Children's Book Bank](#). Make some room on your shelves for new books from the Book Fair by bringing in gently-used ones you're done reading!!

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



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!

## 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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