



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

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All School News

Benchmarking Data

Along with report cards, you received copies of your students' benchmarking assessment data for reading, and math in grades 3-5. For some students, their report card grades may be different than their assessment scores. This is because teachers use multiple sources of information, such as in class work, projects, assessments, and student conferences, to determine grades. Whereas the benchmark assessment is one data point.

The benchmarking data for reading is an assessment of your student's reading readiness, and a snapshot of how they are doing in the five big ideas of reading appropriate to their grade level. The five big ideas of reading are phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, comprehension and vocabulary. Each area is not tested in every grade. This data is used to determine need for support. The report card grades are based on Common Core Standards and represent a much broader range of skills. So it is quite possible that a student may be on level based on the benchmarking assessment, but are below level on the report card.

The math data provides two data points of data, which are overall achievement and growth. The overall achievement indicates how your student performs in comparison to national norms. The growth data shows how much your student improved from fall to winter compared to similar students. Again, this data is not used for determining report card grades, but is useful in helping us identify strengths and weaknesses in our program.

With both assessments, the most important information to look at is your student's growth.

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

Upcoming Events

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

PTO Meeting, Health TOSA

3.18.20
6:00-8:00 pm

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 or apply at <https://smartreading.org/volunteer/>

January was our Bird Month in **Garden School** and the students had a blast learning about our local birds. Younger students explored the question: "what makes a bird a bird?" and spotted some bird friends on a Bird Walk around the school. Two groups of kindergarteners even saw a bald eagle!! Second grade got creative with skits based on types of bird calls. Third, fourth and fifth grade looked at Oregon birds through the eyes of an artist and created beautiful bird paintings and drawings. With these lessons we hope to cultivate a sense of place by connecting students to the wildlife in their own neighborhood.



Parent Teacher Organization

FUNDRAISING

- Please pre-register you and your child [HERE](#) for the PTO Auction on February 27th, 6-8pm @ The Village Ballroom. *Pre-registration is not required, but with each ticket that is accompanied by a suggested donation of \$20 the purchaser will receive a drink ticket and be entered into a drawing for two Alaska Airline tickets.*

Questions?: Email 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

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

Email your questions & ideas: president@chiefjosephschool.org, volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org

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

MARCH PTO MEETING

Please join us for our March 18th PTO meeting where the K-5 Health TOSA, Susannah Lightbourne-Maynard, will be joining us to talk about the new Health curriculum! She will be presenting on the "why" behind the curriculum as well as answer any questions that may come up. She will also have grade-specific parent handouts about the curriculum.

Library News

Happy February! Over the past few weeks I have been able to use the money raised from our Fall Book Fair to purchase new books that students and teachers have requested to be in the Library! In addition, students asked for more seating options thus I was able to get four new standing desks and several cushioned stools...if you have a moment, I hope you stop by to check out the new changes!

Over the next few months, Ms. Lynn, our counselor, will be coming during Library class to teach about Digital Citizenship with the 4th and 5th grades. Ms. Lynn will be teaching several lessons from Common Sense Media to help students understand how they can be responsible in our digital age. If you would like more information, please visit The Parent section of Common Sense Media at <https://www.common sense media.org/>.

Mrs. Hall

TAG News

Students who were nominated to be tested in the areas of intellectual, math, and reading will be tested on February 5th. If you have nominated your student (6 families), please ensure your child is at school and on time that day. Also, if your child qualified during SBAC, MAP, or 2nd grade testing, you should have received forms from the district around TAG identifications based on previous tests. We are in the process of booking Mad Science assemblies for currently identified TAG students. If you are able to volunteer once a month to help with this assembly, please let me know at: rmichels@pps.net

TAG question: You have a choice of two doors to enter: One has a lion in it that hasn't eaten in 3 months. The other room has a fire ablaze in it. Which room should you enter if you want to be safe?

-Ms. Michels

Counseling Corner

Hello Families!

As you may have noticed, attendance is a priority at Chief Joseph School. We have a goal to hopefully raise our school's overall attendance by 3% this year. Attendance is important even in the younger grades as it supports teachers and classrooms, helps build routines and sets the precedent for the rest of their years in school. Research has even shown that attendance in elementary school is tied to reading levels and graduation rates. In order to help families plan for the upcoming school year, I have included a link to the PPS school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. My hope is that this will help you plan your vacations and appointments around our school calendar. Please see the calendar [here](#).

Thank you for your support!

Lynn Spiers, School Counselor

Music

Congratulations to Chief Joseph students Madeline Freed, May Johnson, Charlotte Potter, Zoe Smith and Samie Stolpe. These students participated in the Oregon Music Educators' Association Annual All-State Elementary Honor Choir during MLK weekend. The Elementary Honor Choir is one of the events of the All-State Conference for Oregon music educators held in Eugene. The conference features all kinds of music education professional development, concerts by showcased schools, awards and vendors as well as featuring honor ensembles, leveled from elementary through high school, comprised of students from all over Oregon. This year's Elementary Honor Choir was directed by Darcy Morrissey, from Seattle Pacific University. Our students rehearsed before going to Eugene, to learn the music. In Eugene, 100 students rehearsed all day, had breaks for meals, played at a splash park and stayed the night in a nice hotel. Their performance on Saturday had the audience in tears because of how beautiful it was.

