



# Chief Joseph Elementary School

## Family Bulletin

### 05.03.2022

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

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## All School News

We have a new school secretary! Please welcome Ms. Michelle to the front office. If you have any attendance or registration needs, you can email her [mirowley@pps.net](mailto:mirowley@pps.net). Ms. Janna is now the Principal's Secretary while Ms. Jennifer Pettit is finishing her student teaching.

If you have a child who will be five on or before Sept. 1, please join us for our Virtual Connect to Kindergarten Event on Tuesday, May 10 at 6 pm. This is an opportunity for incoming kindergarten families to meet the principal, counselor and teachers, see a tour of the school, learn about a typical day for a kindergarten student, find out how to help their student succeed in school and ask questions. Let your friends and neighbors know if they have an incoming kindergarten! Click [here](#) to register for kindergarten.

Portland Parks & Recreation's Peninsula Community Center After-School Program for the 22-23 school year is now open for enrollment. They are in the process of registering current families and are accepting applications from new families to participate in a virtual lottery now through May 13, 2022. There is a bus from CJES to Peninsula Park after school. Click [here](#) to register!

## Upcoming Dates

05.05.2022 Thursday  
Black & Brown Families Meeting  
5:30pm-7:00pm

05.10.2022 Tuesday  
Kindergarten Connect  
6:00pm-7:00pm  
<https://pps-net.zoom.us/j/81082299749>

05.20.2022 Friday  
Spring Fest  
Chief Joseph Elementary  
6:30pm-8:30pm

05.30.2022 Monday  
No School  
Memorial Day

06.01.2022 Wednesday  
PTO Meeting  
CJES Cafeteria

06.10.2022 Friday  
Last day of School!

PPS Summer Acceleration Academy is accepting registration for current PPS students for summer school. If you received an invitation, please register your student as soon as possible. If you didn't receive one but are interested in your student attending, please contact Brandi Cole, [brcole@pps.net](mailto:brcole@pps.net). If you have questions about your student's academic progress, please [email their teacher](#) for more information.

## PTO Update

### **Chief Joseph Elementary Spring Fest! Friday, May 20th 6:30PM - 8:30PM**

In the same spirit of our annual Harvest Festival, we are looking to bring our community together at our school for an evening of play and fun. There will be games, bounce houses, crafts, cake hop, and an opportunity to connect with fellow Chief Joseph families!

In order to have a successful event, we need volunteers! Thanks to all who have already raised their hands to help out. If you are interested in volunteering at the event, you can sign-up at: <https://signup.com/go/nSqQbnb>. There are multiple shifts available for every station. We are also still looking for someone to design/lead our craft project and someone to provide music!

Questions: please send an email to [treasurer@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:treasurer@chiefjosephschool.org).

### **Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2nd - May 6th**

Reminder to appreciate your teachers the first week of May! PTO will be coordinating various appreciation treats and the Teacher Wish List! You can purchase specific items by reaching out to [president@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:president@chiefjosephschool.org) or donate funds via our PTO website: [www.chiefjosephschool.org](http://www.chiefjosephschool.org).

### **PTO Meeting & Board Elections June 1st**

Mark your calendar for the next PTO meeting - **Wednesday, June 1st at 6:30 - 7:30**. We'll be hearing from Principal Amber and holding elections for our PTO Board - more info to come!

If you have any questions you can reach out to [president@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:president@chiefjosephschool.org)

If you want to lean in to help and stay updated on PTO activities, please sign up to get our Remind updates: <https://www.remind.com/join/cjpto> or text "@cjpt" to 81010 via the Remind App

## Library

A huge THANK YOU for all your donations to our **Free Little Library!**

IT'S TIME  
TO   
YOUR  
LIBRARY  
BOOKS



All Library  
Books **DUE**  
June 3, 2022

It's almost that time of year and we only have a few more weeks to check out Library books. Last week for checking out books will be May 23-27. All books need to be returned by Friday, June 3rd so we have time to get everything back before Summer Break. Please be on the lookout for late notices and Fine Notices sent home (via backpack and email). If a book is lost or damaged, students will be charged for a replacement book and parents will be emailed. Parents can pay the replacement fee with Mrs. Hall (exact cash only please) or online at [SchoolPay](#). Any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at [bhall@pps.net](mailto:bhall@pps.net).

## Playground Committee Update

The Chief Joseph Playground Committee formed two years ago with the aspiration to improve Chief Joseph's playground for the students and community who use it...adding more opportunities for play, community gathering and connection to nature. As you have likely noticed, we removed 800 square-feet of asphalt this year and planted four trees, including a native Oregon white oak, framed by native plants and three log benches. Over the winter Laura Hartzell, a landscape designer and previous Chief Joseph mom, donated her time to develop a conceptual design based on ideas from many in the community. Our goal is to implement some version of this plan over the next few years with the support of grants and other community fundraising efforts.

**Community input is vital to the success of this project - we want your feedback!** We are excited to share this concept for a redesigned playground with you. Our plan is to finalize the conceptual design this summer based on your feedback. We will offer several ways for the community to provide feedback over the next two months:

- We will have a table at Chief Joseph's Spring Festival on Friday, May 20. Come by to learn about the project, see the conceptual design and fill out a survey;
  - We will do a brief presentation at the last PTO meeting of the year, June 1. Come see a quick walkthrough of the conceptual design and be directed to the [online survey](#) to provide your feedback;
  - Students will get their chance to provide input on the conceptual design at school during the month of May;
  - We will attend the Arbor Lodge and Piedmont neighborhood association meetings in May or June to inform the community, share the conceptual design and allow them to provide input via the online survey;
  - We will provide the link to the master plan and online survey in the rest of this year's

school newsletters.

We are also putting a call out for volunteers to support this effort next year. It will take many of us to bring this opportunity to life; any and all skills are welcome! Email [chiefjosephplayground@gmail.com](mailto:chiefjosephplayground@gmail.com) with your interest, questions or comments. Thank you for your input and support on this exciting community project.