



# Chief Joseph Elementary School

## Family Bulletin

### 01.26.2021

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

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### All School News

**REMINDER - There is no school this Friday, Jan. 29 for teacher inservice.**

#### Leftover Items

There are still several students who have items left from their classrooms and desks from last school year. A staff member will be calling and/or Mrs. Hall will be sending Remind texts if you have anything left to pick up. Please pick up items with Mrs. Hall at the back Library doors during her open hours on Mondays 8am-12pm, Wednesdays 3-5pm, and Thursdays 9am-3:30pm (closed from 12-1pm). Remember to wear a mask and maintain six feet distance from others.

**Report cards** will be mailed home in early February. The report card is intended to communicate your student's progress in relationship to grade level standards. During Comprehensive Distance Learning, completing report cards is complicated for a number of reasons.

First, we know that completing all of the online activities, or attending all of the online classes, is not best for all students. We continue to support families in determining what is best for their students. If a student is not attending classes or completing online assignments, a mark of "No Evidence" will be given on the report card. This mark simply means that the teacher is unable to assign a grade at this time. As a school, we continue to support the important role of the family in determining how much to participate online.

Second, teachers are finding it difficult to gather the quality information on individual students' abilities they typically rely on to complete the report card. It's difficult to know if a student's struggle with an assignment is due to technology or understanding the concept and applying

### Upcoming Dates

01.29.2021 Friday  
Inservice Day  
No School

02.15.2021 Monday  
Presidents' Day  
No School

03.22-03.26-2021  
Spring Break  
No School

04.09.2021 Friday  
Inservice Day  
No School

05.31.2021 Monday  
Memorial Day  
No School

06.11.2021 Friday  
Last Day of School!

the skill. There is also uncertainty around the level of independence in which students are working. As mentioned above, there is also a varying degree to which assignments are completed. Considering these variables, teachers will do their best to accurately assess and report your students' progress. Just know it is difficult in this environment.

A number of you have asked what is the purpose of the elementary school report card. In short, it is not used in an official capacity at the school level, such as to determine program placements. The primary purpose of the report is to communicate with parents about their student's progress. If after receiving the report card, you have any questions, please contact your student's teacher.

## **LIPI**

Chief Joseph School is in the second phase for implementing Limited In Person Instruction, which means we are beginning our planning and are aiming to begin offering some in person instruction February 22nd. It is important to understand that LIPI will focus on a very small number of students and is based on a number of factors. First, teachers must volunteer to participate as an instructor, which will determine our capacity. Second, students will be selected to participate in the program based on specific criteria. We are still in the planning stages, and will be reaching out to individual families that meet the criteria in the second week of February.

## **OBOB 3rd-5th Grade Students**

As an opportunity to serve our TAG students and enthusiastic readers, we have decided to create a Battle of the Books at the school level. This will be an informal version of the OBOB that some of you may be aware of. "The Oregon Battle of the Books is a statewide reading motivation and comprehension program sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Librarians in conjunction with a Library Services and Technology Act grant. Students, regardless of ability, are exposed to quality literature representing a variety of literary styles and viewpoints. The goals of the program are to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, broaden reading interests, increase reading comprehension, and promote academic excellence. Students read the books, discuss them, quiz each other on the contents, and then compete in teams of four students to correctly answer questions based on the books in a "quiz show" format." This year we are going to try this with 3rd-5th graders and teams can be from 3-5 people. I would be happy to help your child find a team as well. To get an idea of who is interested and in what numbers, please fill out the form.

<https://forms.gle/t9TiVCW9c4cRzSv19> DUE: February 5, 2021

This year we are opening this to all 3rd-5th graders. TAG students who join will have some or all books provided free of charge. My goal is to provide a free book to each student regardless of TAG designation. So, get going and form a team! The books for this year can be found at: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1YP69XumInV8gLdNMOyxLV4Zje20nA4YUNcbrwbOb0Yw/edit?usp=sharing> The books with an asterisk are for third grade and the rest are for upper grades. This year, because we will likely have mixed teams, we will condense which set of books will be included from the upper grades list. I am creating a website dedicated to CJOB: <https://sites.google.com/pps.net/cjob/home> I will be updating it periodically, so check back. If you are interested in helping teams with meetings or quizzes, email me at: [rmichels@pps.net](mailto:rmichels@pps.net)

## Library

The Chief Joseph Library is open for Chromebooks, Library Book Bags or classroom materials. Library hours are Mondays 8am-12pm, Wednesdays 3-5pm, and Thursdays 9am-3:30pm (closed from 12-1pm). The Library will be closed on non-school days / holidays. Library doors are located on the backside of the school on the west side of the playground, behind the Kindergarten classrooms. Please remember to wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines.

## Counseling Corner

Dear Families,

Jane Strugatsky, School Social Worker, and myself have started a parenting group to build community and provide a safe, supportive space for us to discuss distance learning and working while parenting. We hope to build a supportive community with one another and provide a space for us to fight the isolation that has occurred due to the pandemic. Our next meeting will be February 8th from 4:30-5:30pm and will continue every other Monday. You will need to logon from your child's account, go to google meets, and enter the google meet code whenathome. Please reach out if you have any questions! - Lynn Spiers, School Counselor, [espiers@pps.net](mailto:espiers@pps.net) or 971-770-1521

## Covid Reporting

Portland Public Schools is committed to protecting the health and wellbeing of our students, staff, and buildings by providing communicable disease prevention and control services through our health partnerships with Multnomah Education Service District (MESD) and Multnomah County Health Department (MCHD). The confidentiality of the individuals reporting is of the utmost importance; personal identifiable information will not be shared with the public or other individuals.

We are asking that students who have tested positive for COVID-19, or had close contact exposure with a positive case notify their teacher or Principal Gerber. Close contact exposure includes being less than 6 feet from a person who has COVID-19 for at least 15 cumulative minutes in a day, regardless of whether either person was wearing a mask or other personal protective equipment.

Students who are experiencing primary symptoms of Covid-19 but have NOT to their knowledge had close contact exposure with a positive case of Covid-19, and who are not positive cases themselves should also report their symptoms to their teacher or Amber Gerber.

### **Primary COVID-19 Symptoms:**

- Temperature of 100.4°F or higher
- Cough
- Chills
- Shortness of breath/ Difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell

In both the above cases, Principal Gerber, or the school health nurse, will contact the family following PPS COVID-19 Case Protocol.