



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

10.27.2020

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

All School News

Backpack Program

Headed to the school library to pick up books? You can now also drop off non-perishable food donations for the Backpack Program at the same time! Library pick up days and times are: Mondays 8am-12pm, Wednesdays 3-5:30pm, and Thursdays 8am-3:30pm (closed from 12-1pm). Financial donations can be made through the [PTO's website](#) by clicking the "donate" button.

Contact backpack@chiefjosephschool.org for more information.

Message from Site Council

The parents on the Chief Joseph Elementary School Site Council would like to thank our teachers for all of their efforts to make learning this year meaningful for our students. We recognize that this school year is unlike one we have ever seen before, and that everyone has had to drastically pivot to figure out what school looks like during a pandemic. Our students are in all kinds of different learning environments and our teachers and support staff have been superheroes in connecting with students and providing them a safe place to grow during this unusual year. Thank you Chief Joseph Elementary staff for going the extra mile for our kids - we appreciate you. ~Harmony Scofield, Daniel Cohnstaedt, Chad Staus, Sara Ryan

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, 10.27.2020
PTO Revenue Share
Old Gold Restaurant
3:00-10:00pm

Friday, 11.06.2020
Teacher Inservice
No School

Wednesday, 11.11.2020
Veteran's Day
No School

Mon-Fri, 11.23-11.27.2020
P/T Conferences &
Thanksgiving
No School

12.21.2020-01.01.2021
Winter Break
No School

Playground Project

Chief Joseph School's playground project is moving forward! Last year a small group of parents co-wrote a grant with Depave, a nonprofit who works with communities to replace over-paved areas with more natural spaces, kicking off a process to reimagine and build a more fun, welcoming playground for our kids. The grant covers Depave's support to create a master playground plan with the Chief Joseph Community this Fall, to be built in phases, as well as funds to implement a small Phase 1 this Spring: removing ~400 square feet of asphalt and putting in 4 trees and benches for shade and seating at recess.



By developing a master plan, we will be able to identify manageable project phases and create a supporting funding strategy to build it out -- and yes, there will be many opportunities for you and your children to volunteer as we go! We hope to have the master playground plan completed and a Phase 2 grant submitted by Spring.

And now - it's time to capture our shared imaginations! The playground should be built first and foremost from the wishes and ideas of those who will use it, our children. We also want and welcome the great ideas of our teachers, administration and parent community. We initially hoped for an in-person community brainstorm event but feel our virtual solution will

enable as successful an opportunity to get the community's feedback.



The master plan will be developed in 3 steps:

- Step 1 (Late October-November): Provide multiple opportunities over several weeks for children and the rest of the community to share ideas virtually.
- Step 2 (January-February): Based on that brainstorm, develop ~3 playground designs and share back with the community. Each child will get to vote on their favorite and all community members will be provided another opportunity for general feedback.
- Step 3 (Spring): Based on the children's vote and the community's comments on the 3 designs, a final playground design will be created and shared in the Spring.

There will be three opportunities to provide input for Step 1 between late October and November:

- Week of 10/19: A Google survey will be posted on your child's homeroom Seesaw; children and their parents can share their playground ideas here (optional class assignment); teachers and administrators will also be sent the survey;

- Week of 11/2: A Flipgrid video assignment will be posted on your child's homeroom Seesaw; kids can make a video responding to several question choices (optional assignment)
- Week of 11/16: An art project will be posted in their art class offering them a chance to draw or otherwise create artistically any of their playground ideas (optional assignment)

Each assignment will be available to respond to until November 30. Our designers will then assimilate the community's feedback and start work on the design scenarios.

Thank you Alyssa Nguyen for the beautiful photos of our playground!

PTO News

Join us at **Old Gold Restaurant, 2105 N Killingsworth, 503-894-8937**, for a socially distanced dine-in dinner or order take out **TODAY, Tuesday, Oct. 27 from 3:00-10:00pm**. Old Gold will be donating a portion of their profits to Chief Joseph School PTO! Thank you Old Gold for supporting Chief Joseph School!

Counseling Corner

Dear Families,

Jane Strugatsky, School Social Worker, and Lynn Spiers, School Counselor, are starting a parent support group in November. We wanted to provide another week for families interested in the group to complete the interest survey. The goal of this parent support group is to build community and provide support for parents during this particularly challenging time. If you are interested in participating in this group, please complete the survey linked [here](#). The Spanish survey can be found [here](#).

Thank you for those that have completed the interest survey already! For those that have already completed the survey, you will be hearing from us soon!

With love, Ms. Lynn

Library

Online Book Fair:

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported students and the Library through this year's book fair! **Our final sales were \$3,660.03!!!** All books will be shipped to our school. Once they arrive, I will let families know when to pick up!

Library Book Bags and Grade Level Materials:

Thank you to all those who have participated in Library Book Bags, we had 67% of families participate the first 2 weeks!!! I have had to change the hours the Library is open for families to pick up books, classroom materials, and Chromebooks due to me working with math groups; please see below for the new schedule. If these times don't work for you, you can drop books in the mail slot at the front doors or contact me to make an appointment at bhall@pps.net or join me in my office hours at [meet.google.com](https://meet.google.com/cjlibrarian) meeting code cjlibrarian on Wednesdays 3:00-3:30pm.

Library Book Bag Schedule

Days	Times	Location
Mondays	8:00am - 12:00pm	Back Library Door Near Kinder Garden
Wednesdays	3:00 - 5:30 pm *meal service day	Back Library Door Near Kinder Garden
Thursdays	8:00am - 3:00pm (Closed from 12-1p)	Back Library Door Near Kinder Garden

* Meal services on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3pm-5:00pm*

**** Library books from the Spring can also be returned at any of these times!****



SORA is our library's ebook & digital audiobook shelf and the platform where users will read books online. It is the school version of OverDrive that Multnomah County Library uses for reading ebooks. I have created a [SORA Tutorial](#) on how to access SORA from Clever and how students can borrow and hold books. You can find more information in your child's Library class on Seesaw.

Resources

Free Flu Shots

Legacy Health is hosting free flu shots for community members aged 6 months and older. High-dose, preservative-free, egg-free, latex-free vaccines, and cute band aids available. While supplies last. Temperature screening and masks required.

*Emanuel Medical Center 11/6 & 11/ 13 1pm - 7pm | Conf. Rm East / West Medical Office Building 2 501 N. Graham Street, Portland, OR 97227

*Legacy Medical Group Family Well Good Samaritan Medical Center 11/4 & 11/11 1pm - 7pm | Drive Thru Overton Parking Garage 2145 N.W. Overton Ave, Portland, OR 97210

Oregon Health Plan for children

The Oregon Health Plan (OHP) is available to all children and teens, regardless of immigration status who: • Are younger than 19 • Meet income and other criteria. Apply today! Help to apply is free. Call 833-OHP-FORU (833-647-3678) or find a local certified community partner at OregonHealthCare.gov/gethelp.

Student Health Centers

PPS Roosevelt Student Health Center is open for phone, video and in-person visits. Monday-Thursday 8:45 am-4:45 pm and Friday for phone and video appointments only. Call 503-988-3909 to make an appointment. Any Multnomah County K-12 youth can visit the center and there are no out of pocket costs. We also can connect students and their families with community resources for food or help with medical insurance. For more information visit <https://multco.us/health/student-health-centers>.

Rent

Multnomah County COVID-19 Rent Relief Fund Program

- Find all information regarding this assistance [here](#).
- If COVID-19 has impacted your ability to pay rent, you may qualify for the Multnomah County COVID-19 Rent Relief Fund Program. In order to see if you qualify you will need to call 211, confirm eligibility, and get added to the waitlist.
- The waitlist opens periodically, so call 211 often to check status!