



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

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

All School News

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 for lunch). Financial donations can be made through the [PTO's website](#) by clicking the "donate" button.

Contact backpack@chiefjosephschool.org for more information.

Upcoming Dates

12.21.2020-01.01.2021
Winter Break
No School

1.18.2021
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
No School

01.29.2021
Inservice Day
No School

Tag News

If you are interested in nominating your child for Talented and Gifted (TAG), please contact the Chief Joseph TAG coordinator, Ms. Michels. She will send you a form to complete online and the process will move forward from there. You must email Ms. Michels at rmichels@pps.net from your preferred email address. She will then send you an email to that address with a digital form for you to complete. Once she receives the form back, she will talk to the teacher to get their input. All nomination forms are due back to Ms. Michels by December 4, 2020. Teachers will then have until December 11th to complete their end of the form. Testing has not yet been determined, but will likely not happen until Spring 2021.

Library

The Chief Joseph Library has re-opened! If you need to pick up Chromebooks, Library Book Bags, Book Fair orders, or classroom materials, the Library hours until Winter Break (unless PPS tells me otherwise) will be Mondays 8am-12pm, Wednesdays 3-5pm, and Thursdays 9am-3:30pm (closed from 12-1pm). 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,

I have been working with 5th grader, Izzie Cahill, on a leadership opportunity for 5th grade students that I wanted to share with you all! Izzie reached out to me about starting a toy drive among the 5th grade as she realized she has toys she doesn't play with anymore and wanted to give them to families who could use them in her community. She wondered if there were other 5th graders who might share this experience and we came up with a plan! We will be collecting *used, gently-loved* toys and donating them to Bradley Angle, a domestic violence shelter in North Portland.

Here are the details:

What: Items they are looking for include sensory toys (baby sensory boards), play food and kitchen equipment, play areas such as mini kitchens, cash register, legos, bean bags, puzzles, diverse dolls (preferably not Barbie), sensory bins (for sand/playdough/etc) and large stuffed animals. Other gently-loved toys will be accepted and donated elsewhere if Bradley Angle does not need it.

How: Donations can be dropped off at the library. Please put donations in a bag so that they are easily collected and limit the amount of items touched. The library is open Mondays 8am-12pm, Wednesdays 3-5pm, and Thursdays 9am-3:30pm (closed from 12-1pm).

When: We will be collecting gently-loved toys until December 17th.

If you have any questions, please contact me at espier@pps.net or 971-770-1521.

With love,
Ms. Lynn

Resources

The Humanities Department is offering a virtual workshop in collaboration with Read by 4th, Drexel University School of Education, and AIM Institute designed to help parents grow their grade K-3 students into strong readers. This workshop will have ideas for making reading fun with the ultimate goal of reading by 4th grade. Parents will receive a workbook to use during and after this workshop. Sessions will be offered in both Spanish and English with translation available during the English session. Sessions will be recorded.

- Friday, December 11, 2020 (4:00 pm-6:00 pm) - English with translation
- Saturday, December 12, 2020 (10:00 am - 12:00 pm) - Spanish

[Registration link](#)

[English flyer](#)

[Spanish flyer](#)

Tutoring

Multnomah County Library is offering one-on-one tutoring in Vietnamese, Spanish and English daily from 2pm-10pm. More information can be found [here](#).

Holiday Help

Portland Fire and Rescue's Toy and Joy drive. Please call the toy request line at 503-231-8697. More information can be found [here](#).

PPS Youth Resource App

The Youth Resource App is a free, anonymous, health-resource app that has all major health related resources that are free to the city of Portland's youths. With just a few taps of the finger, one can find themselves in contact with a local specialist designated specifically for their needs. The app can be found in the app store [here](#).

Black Youth Crisis Recovery Group

Maurice Phillips and Jonicia Shleton have come together to create a safe affinity space for black students to unpack the trauma and grief that they may be dealing with as a result of police brutality, the pandemic, opposition to BLM movement, etc. This is open to any Black K-12 PPS student. If your child is interested in participating, please contact Ms. Lynn at espier@pps.net or 971-770-1521 so that she can refer you to the group.

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!