

Chief Joseph Elementary School Family Bulletin 01.03.2023

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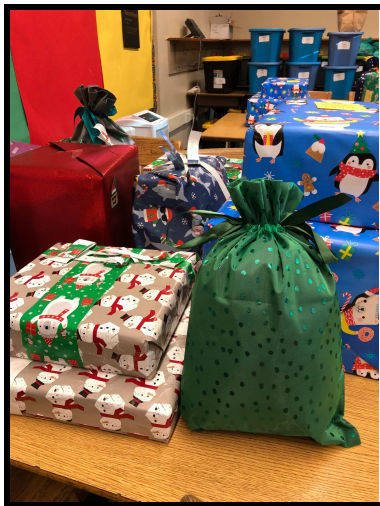
All School News

Happy New Year, and welcome back from winter break!

As a reminder, there will not be school on Monday, January 16th 2023.

We wanted to send a big thank you to our school community for all of the wonderful extra care given during the holidays! Many families contributed to the PTO giving tree, the holiday help event, and brought extra food to send home with our backpack families!

Also, a big thank you to Joanne Edwards who organized filling stockings for backpack families with the help of the community.



Upcoming Dates

01.11.2023, Wednesday
PTO Meeting
CJES Cafeteria doors open at 6pm, Meeting from 6:30-7:30pm

01.16.2023, Monday
No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

01.24.2023, Tuesday
Black Parent Affinity
CJES Library 5:30-7pm

01.25.2023, Wednesday
TAG Parent
Zoom 6:00 - 7:00 pm

01.27.2023, Friday
No School, Teacher Planning

Health Information

If you would like to opt into free weekly COVID testing, there is still time! PPS has partnered with OHSU to offer PCR covid testing during the 2022-2023 academic year. Sign up online here: <https://www.ohsu.edu/health/k-12-covid-19-screening-program>. Test drop off for Chief Joseph is on Tuesday mornings, and alternate locations are available if you miss drop off at school.

We'd also like to remind everyone of the Oregon Department of Education's guidelines on when to keep your child home sick. Please visit [Communicable Disease Guidance \(oregon.gov\)](https://www.oregon.gov/ode/communicable-disease-guidance).

The Multnomah County Health department will be holding vaccination clinics on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. For more information please click on the following flyers: [Vaccination Flyer](#) [Spanish Vaccination Flyer](#).

Library

I hope everyone had a wonderful break! All students had the opportunity to check out an extra library book the week before break. Please help your child remember their library books on their library day, class days are listed below. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at bhall@pps.net.

Counselor's Corner

Hello families,

I wanted to remind you all that I will be starting my maternity leave. We have a great support staff who will be here to support you and your children while I am out. Jennifer Pettit, will be my substitute. You may remember her from the office as she was our secretary for many years. In case you need anything during this time, please reach out to any of the support team members listed below!

Em Rochford, Social Worker, erochford@pps.net, 971-716-5841 (cell)

- Student support and resource navigation

Jennifer Pettit, Counseling Substitute, jpettit@pps.net

- Student support

Jennifer Whitaker, School Climate Specialist, jwhitaker@pps.net

- Student support

Amber Gerber, Principal, agerber@pps.net

- 504 questions

Take care,

Lynn Preslar / epreslar@pps.net / 503.916.6234

Backpack Program

We are in need of extra food! We receive pre-packed bags from [Portland Backpack](#), which contain enough food for 2 days of breakfast and lunch. We would love to have enough extra meals on hand to add in the bags for 3 day weekends and longer breaks. Suggested items include:

- Canned tuna or chicken
- Pop Top Soup (Chicken Noodle!)
- Peanut butter
- Granola bars
- Mac and Cheese/Knorr Sides

Any donations can be brought to the front office and are greatly appreciated!

Here are the signup links for weekly donations of fresh fruit, and to volunteer to help distribute the food bags:

- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f44aeab2fa1f49-fruit>
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f44aeab2fa1f49-packing>

Email backpack@chiefjosephschool.org for more information

TAG

NEW! Parent Office Hours with the TAG Department

Ask questions and receive information related to TAG identification, services, processes, etc. We will meet on Zoom, 6:00-7:00 PM on, 1/25/23, 2/22/23, 3/22/23, 4/26/23, and 5/31/23.

[Zoom link](#) for Parent Office Hours with the TAG Department

We look forward to seeing you!

PTO Update

We hope to see you next week for the next PTO meeting! Our meeting is Wednesday, Jan 11, 2022. We will meet in the cafeteria (enter on the south side of the building). Doors open at 6pm with a meal provided, and the meeting will be 6:30-7:30pm. If you plan to attend the meeting and have dietary restrictions please email info@chiefjosephschool.org by January 9th and we will work to accommodate food needs. If you are unable to attend, we will take notes and will post on our website once they are finalized.

Thank you!

Thank you so much to all of the families who helped contribute to the holiday giving tree and the holiday help drive.

We need Volunteers for 3rd grade Reading Buddies!

Third grade teachers need volunteers to come in and listen to students read.

- 10:00-10:30 am - we need 3 volunteers each time slot
- 11:30-11:55 am - we need 3 volunteers each time slot

This is a recurring position that will need help from now until the end of the school year. Please click [here](#) to sign up.

There is still space in some of the after School Programs that start in January!

- **Portland Early Learning Project** - Spanish classes on **Friday's at Chief Joseph Elementary starting** Fri, Jan 6, 2023 - May 26, 2023. [Sign up here](#)
- **Mad Science @ Chief Joseph** - Natural Wonders Afterschool Program (Monday, January 23, 2023 - Monday, March 20, 2023). [Sign up online here](#)
- **The Children's Theater Camp is currently full** - [Waitlist is available](#).