



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

02.14.2023

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

All School News

The **Successful School Survey** is now out and we are asking all CJES families to participate! Please click on the following link to complete the survey- [All PPS Families](#). The survey needs to be completed by Feb. 28th.

Kindergarten registration opens February 27th. If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 1st, please register for kindergarten right away! To register, go to pps.net/kinderenroll or contact our front office.

Join us for Coffee with the Principal! This is an opportunity for parents to come to the school to sit down and chat with Principal Amber. We will have staff available at the after school meetings with games to entertain the kids.

- Mar 2, 2023 @ 9am
- Apr 6, 2023 @ 3:15pm
- May 4, 2023 @ 3:15pm

When you arrive, please check in at the front office and we will get you signed in and directed to the meeting location. We hope that you can join us!

TAG

Do you have questions about the TAG program?

Are you interested in learning more about ACCESS school?

- **Office Hours:** February 22, 6:00-7:00 pm
- Focus: ACCESS Academy, Anthony Bromberg (Principal)
- [Google Meet Link](#).
- [Living FAQ sheet regarding TAG](#) .

ACCESS Lottery: The focus option lottery is open from **February 15 - March 17, 2023**. More information can be found on the [Enrollment & Transfer website](#) or the [ACCESS website](#).

Upcoming Dates

02.15.23, Wednesday
BINGO Night Planning
ZOOM Call - link below.

02.17.2023, Friday
No School, Professional Development Day

02.20.2023, Monday
No School, Presidents day

02.25.2023, Saturday
PTO Movie Matinee
CJES Cafeteria 2-4pm

02.28.2023, Tuesday
Black Parent Affinity Meeting
CJES Library 5:30pm

03.02.2023, Thursday
Coffee with the Principal
CJES Library 9:00am

Library



The Library is looking for 2-3 weekly volunteers that would love to come in and help shelve books! Ideally volunteers would come in once a week for 1-2 hours during school hours, you don't have to come in when your student is in Library class; volunteers will need to be background checked. Please note you will need to lift books, push carts, and alphabetize. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Brandi Hall at bhall@pps.net.

Counselor Corner

Dear Families,

School attendance is very important. Did you know that when children miss more than 2 days a month, or 17 days a year they are considered chronically absent? And missing more than 10% of the school year can make it harder to learn to read. We want the very best for our students and believe **the best gift we can give them is a good education.**

Often during this time of year, student attendance begins to drop. We miss your students when they are not here, and more importantly, we don't want them to fall behind their peers.

Jennifer Pettit
jpettit@pps.net

Looking for Counselors?

Click the links below for a list of counselors who take your insurance.

[Aetna](#)
[Blue Cross Blue Shield](#)
[Cigna](#)

[Kaiser Permanente](#)
[Care Oregon \(OHP\)](#)
[Pacific Source](#)

[Providence](#)
[United Health Care](#)
[Other](#)

Tip: Call and ask to be put on the waitlist. You never know how quickly a waitlist will go and you can always decline later.

Em Rochford
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971-716-5841

Art Studio Update

Greetings from the Art Studio!

All of the CJES Artists have been busy nourishing their creativity this winter and getting a little messy in the process.

You can always follow along on the journey via Instagram at [@cjesartstudio](#)

Chief Joseph Art Studio



3rd Grade
Monoprint
cityscapes

Kindergarten
through
2nd Grade
Printmaking



2nd Grade = Grayscale painted collages

Community Art Update:

Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 19th, for the [Miller Family Free Day](#) at the Portland Art Museum. There will be free admission all day with activities and art making for the whole family. Children 17 and younger have free admission, year-round, to the museum.

Backpack Program

Thank you to the families that have been bringing in fresh fruit and additional non perishable items for the students in the backpack program. Your support directly helps students in our school community. Any donations can be brought to the front office and are greatly appreciated! These donations supplement the food we receive from Portland Backpack to cover extended breaks from school.

Suggested pantry items:

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

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

PTO Update

BINGO Night Updates: Please mark April 14, 2023 on your calendars for our adults only BINGO Night Fundraiser. We have reserved The Chill N Fill for the evening of fun and fundraising!

As we work to plan our BINGO night fundraiser we have lots of volunteer needs and would love to have folks join a zoom call to learn more about how they can contribute to this awesome event. Our goal with this event is for it to be fun, and also accessible to our entire school community!

We are meeting on Feb 15th at 7:30 on Zoom

Topic: CJES - BINGO Night Planning

Time: Feb 15, 2023 07:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84477375851>

Meeting ID: 844 7737 5851

Your support of our fundraiser helps fund the PTO efforts which include (but are not limited to).

- Field Trips
- Supporting the Backpack Program
- Meals for Teachers during conferences

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Giving Tree - Extra support for backpack families during the holidays
- Supplies for Teachers
- Spring Fest
- We pay for water in the Portable Classrooms - since there is no running water in the pods
- We help pay for Teacher and Classroom Needs - bean bags chairs for third grade, fans for the classrooms at the start of the school year, etc.
- School Nurse Support- we purchased new socks and underwear for when students need dry clothes
- And so much more!

PTO is hosting a Saturday Matinee!

Please join us on Saturday, February 25th from 2-4pm. We will be showing a movie in the cafeteria and will have free popcorn and light concessions for purchase. Students and their families are welcome to join us. Plan to bring a blanket, stadium chair, or pillows to get comfy and take in the movie.

Our last movie was quite popular and we are excited to host another! Students need to be accompanied by an adult so please do not drop students off and leave.

We hope that you can join us for this fun event. If you are available to help with set up, concessions or clean up please reach out to volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org.

More After School Programming starting in April!

- The Vibe of Portland is planning to offer another session of Ukulele after school starting on April 5th through May 31st. You can register [online here](#).
- Yoga Playground will also be offering an afterschool yoga class on Tuesdays starting on April 11th - June 6th. Registration is [online here](#). A flier with information is also below.

Volunteer Needs:

- **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.

Save the Date - Spring Profit Shares:

Even though it's still over a month away we are happy to announce that we have dates for our upcoming spring profit shares.

- Tamale Boy - Mar 15, 2023
- Por Que No - Apr 5, 2023

Community News:

If you have been on campus before or after school, you may have seen Mars Sails dressed up as current or historical black figures in history. Mars is the Program

Coordinator of Neighborhood House, the afterschool program offered at our school. Her commitment to representing black figures for the month of February has been a wonderful learning opportunity, and has prompted students to inquire and seek out more information. Side by side pictures below!



Bessie Coleman:
(January 26, 1892 –
April 30, 1926)



Rosa Parks:
(February 4, 1913 –
October 24, 2005)



Malcolm X -
(May 19, 1925 –
February 21, 1965)



Simone Biles



Misty Copeland



Whitney Houston
(August 9, 1963 –
February 11, 2012)



On display in the cafeteria is a banner that Mar's created to celebrate Black Artists and their works.

We look forward to the rest of the month, and will share more in the next bulletin.

Playground Project Update

The annual Chief Joseph **Plant Sale** fundraiser is coming up soon, and this year it will be led by the Playground Committee to fund its projects! We are so excited about this win-win situation...as we support you in the cultivation of your own home yard space, you will be supporting us to develop the school's play yard! One of our next projects is to install a [GaGa Ball Pit](#), which we hope the plant sale funds can help us achieve before the end of this school year. So please keep us in mind as you plan your spring gardening projects, spread the word, and stay tuned for more info to come!

The small but determined Playground Committee has many other small and larger projects in the works and can *always* use help moving things forward. Please reach out to chiefjosephplayground@gmail.com to connect with us, and/or come to one of our monthly meetings held on the 3rd Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm at Arbor Beer Lodge. The next one is this week on **February 15th!** All are welcome!

Health Information

COVID Testing: The government has recently announced that every U.S. household is eligible again to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests using this [link](#). In addition, we offer additional COVID testing options to our students through symptom based testing at school and opt-in weekly testing through OHSU. To sign up for the OHSU weekly testing please do so 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.

When your student is not feeling well, please take a moment to review the Oregon Department of Education's guidelines on when to keep your child home. Handy flier is below, and more comprehensive information is online here: [Communicable Disease Guidance \(oregon.gov\)](#).

KIDS YOGA

AT CHIEF JOSEPH ELEMENTARY



REGISTER ONLINE:
WWW.YOGAPLAYGROUNDS.COM

yoga
playgrounds

In these fun and active classes kids will stretch and energize their bodies and minds through individual and group poses, mindfulness games and creative relaxation techniques. Packed with playfulness, positivity and fun, these classes give kids the tools they need to manage their behaviors to lead happier, healthier and more peaceful lives.

Chief Joseph Elementary
Tuesdays
April 11 - June 6
3:00-4:00
\$162

- Improve focus and concentration
- Increase confidence and self esteem
- Learn self calming techniques
- Have fun!

SCAN to register



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