



# Chief Joseph Elementary School

## Family Bulletin

### 02.28.2023

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

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## All School News

**Join us for Family Game Night on Tuesday, March 7th from 5:30-7pm!** This is an opportunity for the CJES community to connect and have a good time. There will be a variety of games and activities throughout the school for you and your family. We look forward to seeing you!

**Kindergarten registration** opens March 1st. 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](https://pps.net/kinderenroll) or contact our front office.

**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!

The **Successful School Survey** deadline has been extended to Friday, March 3rd. If you haven't taken it yet, please click on the following link to complete the survey- [All PPS Families](#).

**Emergency Preparedness:** With the middle of the day snowstorm that we had last week, it highlighted the need to have emergency plans in place. If you have a moment please log into [ParentVUE](#) to review who you have listed as emergency contacts and people your student can be released to. Consider adding trusted adults to your list so in an emergency if you are unable to get to the school they can hopefully walk home or get a ride with a neighbor or friend.

## Upcoming Dates

03.02.2023, Thursday  
**Coffee w/ the Principal**  
CJES Library, 9:00am

03.06.2023, Monday  
**Ockley Green 6th Preview night**  
Ockley Green 5:30-6:30pm

03.07.2023, Tuesday  
**Family Game Night**  
CJES 5:30-7pm

3.08.2023, Wednesday  
**PTO Community Meeting,**  
6:30pm. Doors open at 6:00pm.

3.15.2023, Wednesday  
**PTO Profit Share with Tamale Boy**

3.27.2023 - 03.31.2023  
**Spring Break**  
No School

The school can only release students to individuals that are listed as approved for pick up, so it is important that this is up to date. You are also welcome to email Ashley ([agale@pps.net](mailto:agale@pps.net)) and Michelle ([mirowley@pps.net](mailto:mirowley@pps.net)) to make updates on your students' records.

If there are school closures or delays, PPS makes automated calls which are sent out in the morning regarding any pertinent updates. The PPS district also posts a banner with information on the website so the information is accessible. In addition, local news like [Oregon Live](http://OregonLive.com) post school closures, and delays. After school programs were also listed online at OregonLive, and on their website.



For families that haven't met me (Ashley) in the office, I am a new face since I started substituting at the front desk in mid-December. I am a Chief Joseph parent and I will be here through the end of the year. I have really loved meeting all of the Chief Joseph students and their families. I'm happy to be in the front office working with Michelle and the supporting rest of the staff at Chief Joseph.

## Community News:

KPTV visited our school in mid february to do a story on Mars Sails and her work with black history month. If you haven't seen it yet, check it out [online here](#).

## 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](mailto:bhall@pps.net).

## Counselor Corner

5th grade students will have a field trip to Ockley Green on March 17th at 10:00 to learn about electives for the upcoming school year. I will be sending more information home to families as we get closer to the event.

Also, if you haven't done so already, please upload a picture of your child for the end of year slideshow! [5th grade photos](#)

Jennifer Pettit  
[jpettit@pps.net](mailto: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  
[erochford@pps.net](mailto:erochford@pps.net)  
971-716-5841

## Art Studio Update

The art studio is in need of empty CD cases for the next amazing art project! If you have any cases looking for a new home, please consider donating them to the art program. Feel free to send with your student, or drop off with the front office. Thank you!



Don't forget, you can always follow along on the art journey via Instagram at [@cjesartstudio](#)

## 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](#).

## 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](mailto:backpack@chiefjosephschool.org) for more information

## PTO Update

We have an upcoming community PTO meeting on **March 8th at 6:30pm** in the cafeteria. Principal Amber will be at the meeting ready to take questions and give an update on what's happening at the school. Doors will be open at 6:00pm for families to visit, and grab a bite before the meeting begins. If you are planning on attending, and have food allergies or restrictions please email [info@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:info@chiefjosephschool.org). Families are welcome to bring their student(s), and siblings but we are not able to provide childcare.

### Profit Share next Week:

We have a profit share coming up next week on March 15, 2023. Please join us as we support the PTO while we dine out at [Tamale Boy](#). A percentage of all sales on the 15th will be donated to the PTO to help with our ongoing efforts to support the school.

### Save the Date - Spring Profit Shares:

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

## BINGO NIGHT- LET'S CELEBRATE!

Please join the Chief Joseph Elementary community for Bingo Night on April 14th. This is a great chance for us to come together as a community to celebrate our school, have some fun, and raise money for the school.

**WHEN:** April 14, 2023 from 6:30-9:00 PM

**WHERE:** [Chill N Fill](#) (5215 North Lombard Street)

**WHAT:** Community event with bingo, prizes, auction items and music. We'll provide free food from Por Que No and charcuterie from Spring and Spread. The venue has beverages available for purchase.

**WHO:** Parents, caregivers, teachers, and staff. So far this is an adults-only event, but we're trying to find childcare options. If you have ideas, please let us know!

**CAN'T ATTEND?** Consider a [direct donation](#) to help fund critical school supplies and services.

**HELP NEEDED!** We need help with this wonderful community event. Please [complete this online form](#) if you can contribute. We need...

**VOLUNTEERS** to help with setup/cleanup, procuring donations, promoting the event, etc.

**CHILD CARE** assistance so all families can participate.

**IN-KIND DONATIONS** for bingo prizes and the auction (art, gift baskets, gift cards, experiences, etc.)

**CASH DONATIONS** to help fund the event and allow more families to participate (\$5 will fund a bingo card for someone else)

**SHARE** this information with your family, neighbors, and friends. We need everyone to pitch in to make this event a success. Do you know someone who might make a donation, provide childcare, or help with setup/cleanup? Does your employer provide donation matching?

**Updates for Bingo Night** will be posted on the [PTO website](#) and [CJES Community forum Facebook page](#). See you at Bingo Night!

*CHIEF JOSEPH ELEMENTARY*

**PRIZES  
FOOD  
MUSIC  
AUCTION**

**BINGO  
NIGHT  
FUNDRAISER**

Join fellow CJES parents, caregivers, teachers, and staff for a night of fun and fundraising. Proceeds used for critical supplies and services to support our school community.

**EVERYONE  
WELCOME!**

TACO BAR PROVIDED BY  
**¿POR QUÉ NO?**  
CHARCUTERIE BOARD PROVIDED BY  
SPRIG AND SPREAD

**APRIL 14  
6:30 - 9 PM  
@ CHILL & FILL  
5215 N LOMBARD**

[www.chiefjosephschool.org](http://www.chiefjosephschool.org)





**Are you looking for after school programming? We have new programs 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.



**STARTING APRIL 5TH!**

# **Play Ukulele With Vibe of Portland!**

**LEARN ABOUT:**

- 🎵 How to play ukulele
- 🎵 Ukulele chords
- 🎵 Basic strumming patterns

**For more  
information,  
please  
contact:**

**MUSIC@VIBEPDX.ORG**

**Register at  
vibepdx.org**

**WEDNESDAYS  
3-4PM**





# KIDS YOGA

AT CHIEF JOSEPH ELEMENTARY



REGISTER ONLINE:  
[WWW.YOGAPLAYGROUNDS.COM](http://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



hello@yogaplaygrounds.com / 503.807.9720



# Girls on the Run is for **EVERY** girl.





**Girls on the Run is an afterschool program like no other!**

Twice per week for 10 weeks, girls will have fun, make friends, increase their physical activity levels and learn important life skills. Trained and caring coaches lead 3rd - 5th-grade girls through interactive lessons and movement activities. The season ends with a celebratory 5K event.

## Why it matters

**It's fun. It's effective.**

"My granddaughter has had so much fun and has been so grateful that she was able to join the team. It has given her confidence and power to overcome any obstacle she might confront in the future." - GOTR Caregiver



Girls who were the least active at the start of the program increased their physical activity by more than 40%\*



97% of participants said they learned critical skills to manage emotions, resolve conflict, help others or make intentional decisions\*

\*Results based on a independent study conducted by Positive Youth Development expert Maureen R. Weiss, Ph.D.

## SEASON DETAILS

**Registration Opens: February 1, 2023**

**Program Starts: March 6, 2023**

**Program Fee: \$230**  
Financial Assistance is available

**Contact: [info@girlsontherunpdx.org](mailto:info@girlsontherunpdx.org)**

Girls on the Run programming is designed to foster positive relationships between peers. We strive to create an environment inclusive for all participants. We welcome the participation of youth that identify as girls, gender expansive, or gender non-conforming

**Learn more and register today at [www.gotroregon.org](http://www.gotroregon.org).**

### Community News:

Girls on the Run participant registration is now open! Girls on the Run is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that focuses on empowering youth through research-based lessons that incorporate physical activity. An after-school program like no other, they seek to provide safe, empowering spaces for girls and nonbinary youth of all abilities in grades 3rd-5<sup>th</sup> and 6th-8<sup>th</sup>. Register today for 10 weeks of fun, friendship and movement! The season starts March 6<sup>th</sup> and ends May 20<sup>th</sup> with a 5K celebration. Financial aid is available for all families who need it via a sliding scale in the registration. Follow this link to learn more: <https://www.gotroregon.org/programs>