



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

03.14.2023

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All School News

Thanks for attending Family Game Night last week! It was so nice to see so many families join us for a night of fun.

Spirit Week and Storybook Parade are back! Spirit week is a fun week where students get to participate in silly dress-up days the week leading into spring break.

Mark your calendars for the **Storybook Parade on March 23rd at 2:15pm!** Students will be dressing up as their favorite storybook character and they will parade around the school and Arbor Lodge Park in their costumes. Families are encouraged to gather at the Arbor Lodge Park to view the parade. The parade route exits the west end/kindergarten doors, and proceeds along the paved walking trail around the perimeter of the park.

Our hope is that families will be able to use what they have around the house to create something fun for their costume. Please do not go out and purchase a costume. In the week before the storybook parade, students will utilize time in art class to make an accessory for their chosen book/character to ensure all students are able to participate.

Kindergarten registration opened on 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 or contact our front office.

Welcome New Families Into Our School Community: We are putting together a short video to add to our website and include in our Kindergarten Connect presentation featuring parent testimonials about why they love Chief Joseph School. If you would like to help, there are a couple of options. You can simply email Amber a written statement, or you can record a short video.

Video Option: You can go to <https://flip.com/05329975>, and use the join code 05329975. The maximum time is 30 seconds. Email: agerber@pps.net

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.

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

Upcoming Dates

3.15.2023, Wednesday
PTO Profit Share with Tamale Boy

03.20.23-03.24.23

Spirit Week!

Monday: PJ Day

Tuesday: Zombie Day

Wed: Inside Out Day

Thurs: Book Character

Friday: School Colors

03.23.23, Thursday
Storybook Parade
Near Arbor Lodge Park

3.27.2023 - 03.31.2023
Spring Break
No School

- 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!

Lockdown Drill- We are required to do a lockdown in March. The drill is scheduled for March 20, at 10:30. Please discuss the drill with your student prior and emphasize that it is a drill. Here is additional [information and resources](#) regarding the drill.

OSAS Testing- Notice of Statewide Testing and Opt-out Form please visit for more information [webpage](#)



Oregon Battle of the Books

This year's CJES Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) school battles have come to a close, but not without an epic final day of battles. CJES had 6 registered teams this year who all read 15 books over the course of the past few months, then competed in trivia battles against one another to determine a school champion. School Teams included four 3rd grade teams (The Rabid Readers, Cheetah Readers, Rip City Readers, and Reading Axolotls) and two 4th grade teams (Team Number 83 and Lost in Books.)

After the first day of competition, all teams were within 10 points of each other, setting us up for a close competition going into the final battles. After two rounds, the Rip City Readers maintained their lead, while the Reading Axolotls and the Cheetah Readers, who were tied, competed in an intense battle for second place. It was a nail biter...after the tie-breaker round, they were still TIED and we had to move into sudden death where the first team to lose a question was out.

The Rabid Readers took their place in 2nd and competed against Rip City Readers for the school championship round. In the end, the Rip City Readers won and will go on to compete in the Regional Battles on March 18th.

Congratulations to all OBOB teams, you all worked so hard and showed some amazing teamwork!

Pictured: Rip City Readers and OBOB teams ready for battle

Counselor Corner

Friday March 17th, the 6th grade counselor from Ockley Green school will present to the 5th graders about their options for electives next year. Students will bring their computers to the cafeteria and forecast what electives they would like to take.

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

Additionally, I wanted to share with you information about [Camp Erin](#) which is a free, weekend bereavement camp for youth who are grieving the death of a significant person in their lives. Children and teens ages 6 to 17 attend a weekend camp experience that combines grief education and emotional support with fun, traditional camp activities. Led by bereavement professionals and caring volunteers, campers are provided a safe environment to explore their grief, learn essential coping skills, and make friends with peers who are also grieving. This year's camp is June 9th-11th.

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Mark your calendars for a [Community Resource Fair at Harriet Tubman Middle School \(New Date\)](#) Saturday March 18, 11:00 AM 2:00 PM Harriet Tubman Middle School ([map](#))

Join us for food boxes, utility assistance info, employment info, nonprofit resources, chiropractic services, kids activities, raffle prizes and lunch.

Thanks to our hosts at [Harriet Tubman Middle School](#), and sponsors [DPI Security](#), [Bureau of Planning & Sustainability](#), [The DPI Group](#), [Dave's Killer Bread](#), [Internet Essentials from Xfinity](#) and [CareOregon](#).

DOWNLOAD FAIR FLYERS: [ENGLISH](#) and [SPANISH](#)

Art Studio Update

Save the date for the [HeART of Portland](#), April 11-23, at the Portland Art Museum. This annual event showcases the visual and performing arts in Portland Public Schools. An Opening Reception will kick off the event on April 11th at 6:30. See flier below for more information.

This year we are excited to announce that Chief Joseph Elementary Schools' very own, Bernie DiLoreto

(2nd grade,) will have artwork on display for the duration of the event.

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

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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 volunteers who have given their time to pack and distribute the weekly supplemental nutrition bags for our students, this program would not be possible without you! Volunteers are needed once a week, for only 15-30 minutes, if you're interested in helping please [sign up here](#).

We wanted to take a moment to highlight that in addition to our school community's [contribution of fresh fruit](#), we receive a weekly donation of fresh apples from New Seasons Market. New Seasons has been so great to donate to our community and we really appreciate their support.

Please email backpack@chiefjosephschool.org for more information.

PTO Update



We have a profit share coming up this Wednesday, March 15th with [Tamale Boy](#) (Dekum location). You can dine in or take out, and support the PTO at the same time. A percentage of all sales will be donated to the PTO to help with our ongoing efforts to support the school.

Save the Date - Spring Profit Shares:

- Por Que No - Apr 5, 2023

BINGO NIGHT April 14th- LET'S CELEBRATE!

The Bingo night planning committee has been busy working out all of the details for our upcoming fundraiser. Event details are on the PTO website and we will continue to post updates in the family bulletin.

BINGO NIGHT NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The [Bingo Night](#) Planning Committee needs help to make this year's fundraising event successful and inclusive.

Can you:

- 1) **Provide Spanish translation** for promotion materials and at the event.
- 2) **Donate a medium to large auction prize.** Do you have an AirBnB? Access to a unique experience, like a Swimply (pool rental), a round of golf, season tickets, or private viewing, tasting, tour, etc.? Get creative - what do you have access to that may be unique and interesting to others?

CHIEF JOSEPH ELEMENTARY

PRIZES
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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



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.



Playground Project Update

The playground committee is excited to announce that we are in the final stages of approval for moving forward with installing a Gaga Ball pit. You may not know about Gaga ball but it is quite popular and will be a great addition to the playground.

We had planned on raising funds for this project through a plant sale, but have decided to pass on this fundraising opportunity this year. Instead, we are lucky enough to be receiving substantial funds towards it from both the PTO and Principal Amber (via Fund Run money). We will also be working with local businesses to get donations of supplies, and labor will be coordinated through the playground committee. We will keep you informed as this project moves forward. We may host plant sales in the future, but for this year we encourage you to support our partner school community with your gardening purchases by heading over to **Ockley Green Middle School's Plant Sale**.

Because we are not hosting our own fundraiser this year, the playground committee is excited to help support the PTO bingo night fundraiser. This means you can help the playground project by helping **Bingo Night** be a success! So please follow the prompts above in the PTO section of this bulletin to get involved, or check with us for direction (chiefjosephplayground@gmail.com).

We continue to work on applying for and securing grants for our larger playground improvement projects, and in particular we are excited about a couple of possibilities for

funding stormwater projects that would result in significantly more green space on the playground. Please cross your fingers with us!

We are meeting this week on **Wednesday the 15th** at 6:30PM at the Arbor Beer Lodge. There's lots to talk about and work on, so we hope you can join us! Go grab some dinner from **Tamale Boy** and then head on over our way! Thanks!

THE HEART OF PORTLAND

A K-12 PPS ARTS SHOWCASE

OPENING RECEPTION: APRIL 11, 2023 @ 6:30 PM | GALLERY OPEN APRIL 11-23

PORTLAND ART MUSEUM
Mark Building, The Kridel Grand Ballroom
1119 SW Park Avenue, Portland, OR 97205



Generous support provided by the Portland
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As a thank you for your support of the Arts Tax, please join us for an opening reception to kick off a district-wide visual arts gallery with student performances throughout the night.

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