



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

We hope you had a nice spring break!

We're excited to welcome you back to school.

Kindergarten Registration:

Do you have or know a child that will be 5 years old on or before September 1st? If so, it's time to register them for kindergarten! To register you can visit pps.net/kinderenroll, contact our front office or come to one of our Connect to Kindergarten events! Our Connect to Kindergarten events will be held in the CJES library on:

- Thursday, April 13th at 9:30am
- Tuesday, May 16th at 5:30pm

Once you've registered your student, please fill out this survey [here](#) to let us know about your incoming kindergarten student.

Thank you!

Coffee with the Principal:

This is a chance for parents to chat with Principal Amber. After-school meetings will include staff-led entertainment for kids. When you arrive, please check in at the front office. We'll help you sign in and direct you to the meeting room. We hope you can join us!

- Apr 6, 2023 @ 3:15pm
- May 4, 2023 @ 3:15pm

Upcoming Events

April 5: ¿Por Qué No? Taqueria profit share

April 6: Coffee with the Principal at 3:15pm

April 13: Kindergarten Connect at 9:30am

April 14: Bingo Night @ Chill N' Fill

April 15: Playground Committee Meeting @ Arbor Beer Lodge

April 27: STEAM Night CJES 5:30-6:45pm

May 4: Coffee with the Principal at 3:15pm

May 16: Kindergarten Connect at 5:30pm

May 19: Fun-d Run & Spring Fest!!

Welcome New Families to Our Community:

We're creating a short video for incoming families. It will include parent testimonials and be on our website and included in our Kindergarten Connect presentation. If you want like to share why you love Chief Joseph School, you can:

1. Email Amber a written statement: agerber@pps.net
2. Record a short video (30 seconds maximum). Go to <https://flip.com/05329975> and use the code 05329975.

Testing Update:

This is a 30-day notice of options for opting out of statewide testing for the Oregon Summative Assessments (OSA) for ELA and Math. Please visit [the PPS website](#) for more information.

Counselor's Corner

The Backpack Program is seeking community input on how they can improve their service. Please take a moment to complete the [Portland Backpack Survey 2022/2023](#)

5th Grade Photos:

If you haven't done so already, please [upload a picture](#) of your 5th grader for inclusion in the end-of-year slideshow! The promotion is quickly approaching and we have about half of the student's pictures. Please feel free to reach out if I can help in any way.

I will also be working with students to get a current picture and do a brief interview for the slide show.

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Art Studio Update

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

We're excited to announce that Chief Joseph Elementary School's very own Bernie DiLoreto (2nd grade) will have artwork on display at the event!

You can follow our school's art journey via Instagram at [@cjesartstudio](#)

Staff Spotlight

Hello from Ashley in the front office! I will be starting to add a staff spotlight each week to the family bulletin. My hope is to build community and introduce families to the amazing staff we have in the school so you get to know the wonderful community that supports your student(s).

We are starting off our first staff Spotlight with Ms. Mazur, our Physical Education Teacher who is extremely creative and put together a fun spotlight. Thank you in advance to the teachers and staff who help me make this happen each week!



Ms. Mazur:

She is our Physical Education (PE) teacher, and this is her first year at our school.

About Me:

I have a dog named Estrella. She is 13 years old.

Outside of school, I like to ride my bike on the Springwater Corridor.

A favorite place I have visited is New Zealand.

Backpack Program

Thank you to the volunteers who have given their time to pack and distribute 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](#). Or email backpack@chiefjosephschool.org for more information.

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 very generous with our community, and we really appreciate their support.

PTO Update:

Save the Date - Spring Profit Shares:

- ¿Por Qué No? Taqueria - Apr 5, 2023

Bingo Night - Friday, April 14th!

Hello Chief Joseph Families,

Our Bingo Night Fundraiser is quickly approaching, and we are so excited to have a fun evening with everyone who can attend on Friday April 14th, 6:30-9:00 pm! This event is going to be a great time! We will play multiple rounds of bingo, with multiple winners each round, and there are some awesome prizes to win! In addition, we will have auction items that you can bid on, ranging from school experiences to a stay at a McMenamins hotel. We will have some food available from two generous donors, [Sprig and Spread](#) and [¿Por Qué No? Taqueria](#). Beverages are available for purchase.

There are two very important things to know about the event coming up

RSVP for the Event:

In an effort to know how many people we can expect on Friday April 14th we have set up an online RSVP system through the [PTO website store](#).

When you get to our store, you will see two RSVP options for the Bingo Night Fundraiser:

- RSVP - No cost option. One entry and one free reusable Bingo card.
- RSVP - \$20 donation. One entry, one free reusable Bingo card, and a \$20 donation towards our fundraising goals.

If you are RSVPing for more than one person, please make sure to “add” an RSVP to your bag for each person. We would like to remind you, this event is free and our entire community is welcome to join us, even if you are not in a position to donate. We encourage you to choose the RSVP option that works best for you. We will be accepting additional donations at the door and you will get the chance to purchase more bingo cards (\$10 each) to better your odds of winning.

If you are unable to attend the event and would still like to support the PTO, or the Backpack Program, you can also make a monetary donation through the [PTO website store](#).

Volunteer for the Event:

We are in need of Bingo-day volunteers to help with various tasks ranging from set up, welcoming families, handing out prizes, and so much more. If you have the capacity to help with this, please [sign up online](#). If you have any questions about any of the roles, please reach out to info@chiefjosephschool.org.

After School Programs

Are you looking for after school options for your kids? We have new programs starting in April. See fliers below.

- The Vibe of Portland is planning to offer another session of Ukulele after school from April 5th through May 31st. [Register online](#).
- The NW Children's Theater - is offering a class after school- Scripted Stories: Fairy Tales & Fables. Class will be Wednesday's from 3:00-4:00pm from April 5-June 7th. [Register Online](#)

Playground Project

The Playground Committee is still pursuing improvements to our school yard both big and small. Thanks to the PTO, Principal Amber (Fund Run) and local donors, we are on track to install a gaga ball pit this spring! We're also working towards planning and procuring the means to install some rain gardens.

Rather than hosting our own plant sale fundraiser this year, we are supporting the PTO's [Bingo Night](#) fundraiser instead and encourage you to help with that if you can. Also the [Ockley Green Middle School's Plant Sale](#) website is now live, so please consider supporting our partner school with your gardening purchases.

Any help towards the mission of "transforming our sea of asphalt into an ecologically and culturally vibrant outdoor learning space" is always welcome and appreciated! There are way too many needs to list, so just give us a shout if you want to join (email chiefjosephplayground@gmail.com) or please come to one of our meetings...the next one is on **Wednesday April 19th**, this time at *McMenamins Chapel Pub*.

CHIEF JOSEPH ELEMENTARY

**PRIZES
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BINGO NIGHT FUNDRASIER

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





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

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vibepdx.org**

**WEDNESDAYS
3-4PM**

