



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

Please join us for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) Night on April 27th at the School. The school will be open for another night of fun and games!

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 event will be held in the CJES library on:

- 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:

Join us for our last coffee with the Principle, 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!

- May 4, 2023 @ 3:15pm

Upcoming Events

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!!

May 24: PTO Community Meeting

May 29: Memorial Day, No school

June 2: Field Day!

June 12: Kindergarten popsicle social from 4-5pm

June 12: 5th Grade Promotion at 6pm

2023 Summer Arts Academy

There is less than a week left in the application process for the 2023 Summer Arts Academy! Applications are due by the end of day on Monday, April 24.

Students at Summer Arts Academy will have the opportunity to engage in Dance, Music (Band), Visual Arts, Theatre, and Technical Theatre major classes with additional minor classes (open to any Major student), culminating in a final showcase at Portland's Newmark Theatre. This program is free, and transportation and meals will be provided.

Thank you,
Summer Arts Academy Team

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

5th Grade Photos:

Still need to submit a picture of your 5th grader for the end of the year promotion slideshow? You can [upload a picture](#) or send a picture with your student! The promotion is quickly approaching and we have about half of the student's pictures.

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Oregon Health Plan (OHP) - Important

If you or your student have Oregon Health Plan (OHP), you have to update your contact information.

Starting April 1st, [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\) started reviewing and determining member eligibility for OHP](#). OHP coverage renewed automatically during the last three years, but automatic renewal ended in March. Most people will continue to qualify, but OHA has to review qualification for all OHP members by mid-2024. Oregon has taken steps to keep as many people as possible covered with medical insurance during this change.

To make sure your family keeps access to care, including counseling & chemical dependency treatment, make sure your contact information is up-to-date and review any emails or mail you receive which will tell you what you need to do to keep benefits. The fastest way OHP members update their information is by going to benefits.oregon.gov and logging into their ONE account. Other options for updating contact information also can be found on the web [here](#). You can call 1-800-699-9075 or 711 for help with OHP.

If someone does not meet the requirements, their OHP benefits will continue for another 60 days. OHA will [help members](#) change to other coverage by providing information. This may include information about financial help available for other health plans.

Students can continue to obtain no-cost healthcare at [Student Health Centers](#) and the OHSU-sponsored [Benson Wellness Center](#), regardless of insurance status.

Jefferson High School Student Health Center
5210 N Kerby St
Portland, OR 97217
Phone: 503-988-3360
Hours: Tues, Wed, Fri, 7:45am-3:45pm | Mon, 8:45am-4:45pm

Notices for Pandemic EBT food benefits for children are in the mail

By May 31, 2023, each child who is eligible for Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) food benefits will receive a P-EBT card in the mail. The card will have \$391 of food benefits on it. This card is different from a regular electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card. P-EBT is money for children whose access to adequate and quality food may have been impacted by COVID-19.

The food benefit is available to all children who were eligible to receive free or reduced-price National School Lunch Program meals during the 2021-22 school year. The benefits are also available to all children under six who received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits in summer 2022. This includes all students attending Community Eligible Provision (CEP) schools.

Between March and May 2023, each eligible child will receive two pieces of mail addressed to them:

- A letter notifying them they are eligible to receive P-EBT benefits; and
- A separate envelope with their P-EBT card that has \$391 of food benefits on it.

Households with multiple eligible children will receive individual letters and cards for each eligible child.

Contact the P-EBT call center at 844-673-7328 with questions; it is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Time. The [P-EBT website](#) also has helpful information in English and Spanish. Families also can contact [211Info](#) for information about food and other resources.

Art Studio Update

Explore the Portland Art Museum for FREE and the final day of [HeART of Portland](#) student art exhibition on Sunday, April 23rd! Free admission, and dance, music, and theater performances will occur throughout the day. [Reserve](#) your free admission tickets online the Wednesday prior to the free day.

The annual HeART of Portland showcase and exhibit is a thank you to Portlanders for supporting the [Arts Tax](#) and this year the event also showcased the launch of the [Master Arts Education Plan](#).

On the opening day of the [HeART of Portland](#) we got to celebrate Chief Joseph Elementary School's very own Bernie DiLoreto (2nd grade) whose art is on display at the event!



Art Supplies Needed: Our Kindergarten and 1st grade students will be working on a project soon and we need clean and empty single-serving yogurt containers. If you have any at home, or can start saving some for this project that would be great!

Feel free to send the containers with your student to school, or drop off at the front office. We would love to get them as soon as possible, and they hope to be able to start the project by the 1st week of May.



You can follow our school's art journey via Instagram at [@cjesartstudio](https://www.instagram.com/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).



This week I want to introduce you to Em Rochford who is our School Social Worker.

I'm Ms. Em and this is my first year at Chief Joseph. I love puzzles, traveling, and being near water. I've been lucky to travel to 13 countries and have loved all of them, especially Thailand, India, and Colombia. I would love to travel to the future. I don't have any pets right now, but I would love to have a capybara, cat, turtle, and an owl.

Backpack Program

Volunteers are needed once a week for only 15-30 minutes. If you're interested in helping, please [sign up here](#). We also love donations of fresh fruit. Email backpack@chiefjosephschool.org for more information.

PTO Update:

Thank you for supporting our Bingo night fundraiser! We were so happy with the turnout and it was an absolute success! We will send more detailed information on the funds raised for our

school community, and information on the generous donations from our community. Thank you for your support!

We will have our new merchandise on our website for purchase!

Save the Dates:

- **May 19th:** Spring Fest
- **May 24th** PTO Community Meeting



Indian Education News:

If you have Native American ancestry, your child may qualify to be registered in the PPS Indian Education program. [Indian Education Program](#)

Please complete the annual PPS Indian Education Needs Assessment and help guide the future of the program! bit.ly/NeedsAssessment23

Native Family Nights at Tryon Creek State Park- Flyer found here [Native Family Nights](#)

Native Story Hour with Multnomah County Library (April 19th- 10:30 AM) Join Karen Kitchen (Osage Nation) for this story hour featuring songs and books from Native cultures. Children, families, elders, aunties and uncles — everyone is welcome. Join here [Native Story Hour](#)

Zones Of Regulation Training April 20th - This training is for caregivers of young children and childcare providers who would like to learn about: Foundations of Emotion-regulation, Intro to the Zones of Regulation and using tools to implement Zones of Regulation. The focus is on early childhood (0-5) but principles can be applied at various ages. This is through the Northwest Regional Education Service District.

See the flier [Zones of Regulation](#) Sign up here-[Training](#)

Columbia River Round Dance May 5th - Join in honor of Missing & Murdered Indigenous People. First 150 guests will receive a T-Shirt designed by Speak Thunder Art. From 4:30-pm-9:30pm at Wahtonka Community School, 3601 W 10th St. The Dalles, OR 97058

Community News:

The [Kenton Library](#) (8226 N Denver Avenue) and [St John's](#) libraries will each be hosting a ***Día de los Niños y el Día de los Libros*** celebration! **Kenton Library is on Saturday, April 22 from 11AM-1PM and St Johns Library is on Tuesday, May 9 from 3:00-5:00PM!** This is an annual celebration of children and multilingual literacy. We will be having a storytime and more! Plus, we will be giving away alebrije kits and every child will get a free book!

[Día de los Niños y Día de los Libros](#) (Children's Day and Books Day)

¡Celebremos el Día de los Niños y el Día de los Libros este año en la biblioteca con el tema de música y cultura! Disfruten de eventos especiales y recojan un paquete de actividades en una de estas ubicaciones. Los materiales y el espacio serán limitados. / Celebrate Children 's Day and Books Day with music and culture at the library. Enjoy special events and pick up an activity kit at one of these locations. Space and supplies are limited.

Biblioteca de Kenton / Kenton Library

8226 N Denver Ave.

22 de abril, 11 am a 1 pm / April 22, 11 am–1 pm

Biblioteca de St. Johns / St. Johns Library

7510 N Charleston Ave.

9 de mayo, 3 a 5 pm May 9, 3–5 pm

And as a reminder, here are [other programs we are offering at Kenton and St Johns Libraries](#) for adults and children. Take a moment to check it out!

TAG

K-12 TAGAC Family Game Night

TAGAC is the Talented and Gifted Advisory Council - a volunteer group of community members who serve as representatives of the TAG community. They advise and inform the Superintendent, the TAG administrator, and the School Board regarding TAG services as well as students' educational experiences and needs within PPS schools. Their focus is on supporting the needs of diverse learners, and they believe that by doing so all students will benefit. TAGAC meets monthly with the TAG administrator for updates and discussion, to hear from families, and to problem solve.

TAGAC is seeking new membership to increase representation from all constituent groups. The first in-person meeting will take place at Vernon K-8 School on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 from 6:30-8:30pm. [See this flier for more information.](#)

K-12 TAG Spring Referrals

All teacher data for Spring TAG referrals were also due March 24. Family referrals were due February 15. Testing for Spring referrals will take place in April and final decisions will be due by May 12.



Come and join Ms. Michels on the S.T.E.A.M. Team, and learn more about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math through a weeklong summer camp!

Some of the concepts we will explore are:

- ♥ Creating circuit boards to test your knowledge
- ♥ Using watercolor to paint a sweet summer treat
- ♥ Demonstrate the effects of gravity on objects

Who: Incoming 3-6th graders (Siblings/friends welcome!)

When: M-F June 19th*-June 24th

Where: Peace Lutheran Church 2201 n. Rosa Parks Way (near the school)

Time: 9:00am to 12:00 pm or 12pm to 3pm or all day!

Cost: \$350 per 9am-12pm or 12-3pm for the week

\$700 for the whole day 9am-3pm. T

The sessions will be different content, so kids who stay all day will not repeat an activity.

**Scholarships and financial assistance available*

Spots are limited, so please sign up early.

If you would like to sign up, please follow this link to complete registration:

<https://forms.gle/DrGnjbW7bjZtpCWAH>

Questions: email me at michelsrose@hotmail.com