



# 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

### Teacher Appreciation week is May 8th- 12th

There are many ways that you can help show your appreciation for the teachers in the school! The PTO is planning treats and lunch next week. In addition, the PTO has compiled wishlist items for all teachers so you can see what they would like for their classrooms, and for the staff room. Take a look at the PTO section below to get more information.

If you are interested in helping do something special for the teachers, contact [Michelle](#) or [Ashley](#) in the office to coordinate something. Sprucing up the staff lounge, or bringing in flowers or balloons could add some cheer to the space. The gift of service in the staff lounge would be greatly appreciated!



### Join us for our annual Fun-d Run on May 19th!

The Fun-d Run will take place on May 19th from 9:15-9:45am for Kinder-2nd grade and 1:30-2pm for 3rd-5th. If you are interested in volunteering please sign-up [here](#). Families are encouraged to come cheer on the students during their run times! For

safety, if you are not an official volunteer we are asking you to cheer on the students from the perimeter.

## Upcoming Events

**May 4:** Snacks and chats 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 2:** Library Books Due

**June 12:** Kindergarten popsicle social from 4-5pm

**June 12:** 5th Grade Promotion at 6pm

## **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](https://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!

## **Thanks for joining us for STEAM Night!**

Thank you to all of the families who were able to join us for STEAM night at the school! It was so much fun to have you join in all of the fun and interactive activities that the teachers planned. We hope that you had a great time checking everything out!

## **2023-2024 Academic Calendar is out!**

As you start to make plans for summer, and next fall take a look at the [academic calendar](#) to know when school is starting and other days that are important for the next school year.

## **Chess Tournament**

Chess for Success has officially wrapped up! Coach Marty provided an update on how this season went: Thirty-three elementary schools from across Oregon and southern Washington competed in the State Teams Final tournament today. I'm happy to report that Chief Joseph's team 'held their own' in the event. As a team, we won our matches in two of the five rounds. Our starting players scored 11.5 out of a possible 25 points. All of our starters won at least one game, and Alonzo went 3 for 3 (!) before bowing out so an alternate could play.

The tournament took place in two huge rooms - one used as the tournament space and the other providing a recreational space. It was quite the yin/yang experience, as you could hear a pin drop in a room full of 165 kids playing chess, whereas running full tilt, chasing each other, shouting, and playing impromptu ball games filled up the recreation area between rounds.

I want to also acknowledge how far your child has come in just a few months of participation in Chess For Success. All the chess players who competed today showed an appreciation and an appetite for the game, and they fared well in a state-wide competition. And we even had some fun doing it :)

Today we bid a fond farewell to Malcolm and Manny (our boards 1 and 2), who will be moving on to middle school. Onward and upward! I'm already looking forward to growing next year's team!

All the best until we talk again in the Fall . . .Coach Marty



## Upcoming City Tournament

If your student is interested in participating in Chess, there is an upcoming City Tournament through [Chess for Success](#) that you can register for. This is a **free tournament** for any K-12 student who wants to enter. No fees will be collected and if you have paid already, you will be reimbursed.

The tournament venue has changed. We will **no longer** be having it at the Daimler Headquarters. Instead, the city tournament will be at **Harriet Tubman Middle School**.  
**Address: 2231 N Flint Avenue Portland, OR 97227**

The last day to register is **Wednesday May 10, 2023**.

## Library Update:



The end of the year is upon us and that means the last day students will be able to check out library books will be **Friday, May 26, 2023**.

All books will be **DUE** Friday, June 2, 2023.

If you don't know which books your student has out, have lost or damaged books,

please contact Mrs. Hall via email ([bhall@pps.net](mailto:bhall@pps.net)) or Remind text to discuss replacement options.

## 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. We will be practicing how to open combination locks so students will have experience before they get to middle school!

Jennifer Pettit  
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971-231-6445

## 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](https://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

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).



I am excited to be teaching kindergarten at Chief Joseph for my third year. Before I came to Chief Joseph, I worked at Sabin and before that I taught at international schools in Tunisia, Bangladesh, and China for 13 years. I have taught Kindergarten and Grade 1 for 25 of my 28 years! When I am not teaching I am spending time with my family, including my husband Evan and our two wonderful children, Holden (19) and Charlotte (15). I also enjoy camping, cooking, traveling, quilting, kayaking, and reading. Chief Joseph is a wonderful school community. I look forward to meeting those of you who I have not yet had the opportunity to meet.

Warmly, Suzanne

## Backpack Program

Anyone interested in contributing non-perishable food for the end of school year pantry pick up, please email at address below for list of current needs. 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](mailto:backpack@chiefjosephschool.org) for more information.

## PTO Update:

**Teacher Appreciation week is next week: May 8th - 12th**

Let's celebrate our teachers! There are a number of ways that you can help us show our appreciation. If you are unable to shop for wishlist items, or want to contribute to the teacher meals that we are hosting you can donate on the [PTO website](#) (top right hand corner).

The PTO will be hosting a **poster making party** at Arbor Beer Lodge (6550 N Interstate Ave) on Sunday, May 7th from 10am - noon! We will bring supplies and would love to have you and

your student help make posters that we can hang around the school to say thank you to our teachers and staff.

**Teacher Wish lists:** Let's show our appreciation for our amazing teachers by helping to fulfill their wish lists! To check out the list, email [president@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:president@chiefjosephschool.org). Please bring items into the school by Thursday, May 11th.

**New T-Shirts:** The PTO is gifting all of the teachers one of our new shirts with a logo that was generously designed by one of our school parents.

**Show your own appreciation!** Encourage your kiddo to write a note, draw a picture or find your own fun way to celebrate our teachers and staff.

**Teacher Meals:** The PTO will be bringing in food for the teachers, a few days next week. We are planning a morning treat, and a catered lunch.

### **Save the Dates:**

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

### **Final PTO meeting & Board Elections**

We are excited to host Ms. Ferguson who will attend the meeting and speak to families about PAT union business, give a bargaining update, and share how families can get involved.

During our final PTO meeting of the year on May 24th we will be having PTO elections for the next academic year. There are a variety of roles available on the PTO, and we hope that you are able to get involved with us next year. Information on the roles and responsibilities of each member can be found on our [website](#). If you have any questions about the PTO, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of our board members to chat about what we do.

### **School Nurse Needs:**

The school nurse is in need of extra clothes for the office.

If you have any clothes in these sizes, please drop them off at the front office!

- Clothes in size 6 and larger
- New (or clean) shoelaces for extra shoes that we have in the office

Thanks so much!

## **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](#)

Indian Education Portland Public Schools Partnership with Sylvan Learning Summer Tutoring in Reading, Math, writing, study skills open to 1st through 12th grade. Please call Mary Myers 503-249-2855 for more information.

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

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:

### TAG

#### **K-12 TAG QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

The TAG Quarterly Newsletter is sent to families with TAG identified students with information about identification and services. Use [this link](#) to access the most recent edition. Michelle York, Academic Programs Administrator for AVID/TAG, [myork@pps.net](mailto:myork@pps.net)

#### **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.



# S.T.E.A.M. TEAM

## Summer Camp

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 19<sup>th</sup>-June 24<sup>th</sup>**

**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/DrGnjbW7bjZtpCWhA>

**Questions: email me at michelsrose@hotmail.com**

**There are still some spots open! If you would like to sign up, please follow this link to complete registration:**

<https://forms.gle/DrGnjbW7bjZtpCWhA>