



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

This Friday we have the Fun-d Run & Spring Fest!



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

10:15-10:45 am for 3rd-5th grade. The 3rd-5th grade time has been moved due to the hot weather. 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.

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 today Tuesday, May 16th at 5:30pm.

Upcoming Events

May 16:

Kindergarten
Connect at 5:30pm

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

May 24:

PTO
Community Meeting
& Elections @
6:30pm

May 29:

Memorial
Day, No school

June 2: Field Day &
Library Books Due

June 12:

Kindergarten
popsicle social from
4-5pm

June 12: 5th Grade
Promotion at 6pm

Please join us if you have an incoming kindergarten student and you would like to learn more about our school. You are welcome to bring your child to the event as we will have something to try and keep them entertained, and they will get a chance to be

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

Thank you!



PTO's 2nd Annual Spring Fest:

Spring Fest is happening in the evening this Friday from 6:00 to 8:00pm. We will have a food truck with food available for purchase.

This event is free to attend, and we welcome current students and incoming families to join us. There will be two bounce houses, music and tons of fun games on the playground. Last year there was a big turnout and the kids had a blast!

If you have questions, don't hesitate to reach out to the PTO by replying here or emailing info@chiefjoseph

We need volunteers to make this fun event happen! If you are able to help out, please sign up [online here to volunteer](#).



Another fun event we have coming up is our annual field day on June 2nd!

We will need volunteers who can help with setup stations during the event and clean up! and help with stations. Who doesn't want to help with games like flying chicken, bucket brigade (water game), gaga ball, parachute, limbo & hula hoops, bubbles & chalk, and more!

[Sign up to help here!](#)

Student Classroom Placement and Information for 2023-24 school year:

We will notify you of your students' classroom placement mid-August by mail. Placing students in classrooms is thoughtfully done each year and we believe that children benefit from learning

in a classroom that is representative of the greater community in which they live. For this reason, class assignments consider many factors, maximizing the intellectual, emotional, and social development of each child. Each new school year gives your student an opportunity to develop new friends and an opportunity to work with new classmates. This is a life-long skill that is necessary for joining new groups, clubs, and teams, as well as success in middle school, high school, and beyond. School staff put a great deal of effort and energy into smoothing the transition between grade levels. Current teachers assist with the process by providing information about each child's skill levels, behavior, leadership skills, and special needs. The lists are then balanced for gender, diversity, achievement levels, leadership qualities, behavior, and special needs. Our objective is to find the best match, so all children meet both academic and social goals.

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.

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) or Remind text to discuss replacement options.

Chromebook Summer Collection

During the school year, 3rd-5th grade students have had access to a personally assigned Chromebook for use during the school day and at home. Mrs. Hall will begin the inventory process with students the week of May 30 - June 2nd during Library classes. All chromebook devices will be collected starting Monday, June 12, 2023, in order to be inventoried and repaired over the summer by our IT department. When we inventory and collect these devices it is very important that your student has their Chromebook, charger, and case with them at school.

If your child will be attending Summer Academy, chromebook devices will be provided by Summer Academy.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Brandi Hall at bhall@pps.net.

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
jpettit@pps.net
971-231-6445

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).



This week we are featuring Ms. Ferguson:

I teach English Language Arts and Social Studies in 4th Grade. I am also a member of the Instructional Leadership & Equity Team, a Chess for Success Coach, and I facilitate a 4th/5th grade Environmental Club elective. Ms. Ferguson has worked at Chief Joseph Elementary School since December of 2014. Outside of teaching, I love to hike, camp, ride my bike, garden, travel, forage for mushrooms, and see live music.

I asked Ms. Ferguson to answer a few questions:

Does your family have pets? If not, would you like to have a pet? What kind?

- We have one amazing cat. Her name is Irene.

Can you share a favorite trip or place you have traveled to?

- I don't really have favorites! I loved Belize, Guatemala, and Colombia a LOT though!

Would you rather travel back in time or travel to the future?

- Hard question! Maybe the past? Both sound a little scary.

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 for more information.

The backpack program has developed a [wish list](#) for items. Take a look to see if you are able to donate any of the needed items.

PTO Update:

The PTO has so much going on right now! The most important is that our second Annual **Spring Fest** is this Friday, May 19th from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Second most important is that we have **Annual PTO elections** happening this month on April 24th (more information below).

We will have a zoom planning meeting on Wednesday night at 7:30pm to finalize planning for Spring Fest. Please consider jumping on the call and seeing how you can support this awesome event.

Zoom Meeting Topic: Spring Fest - PTO Meeting

Time: May 17, 2023 07:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85983492215>

Meeting ID: 859 8349 2215

Final PTO meeting & Board Elections - Wednesday, May 24th

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.

During our May meeting we are also very 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. Ms. Mazur has offered to provide childcare for the meeting so please join us to show support for our teachers.

Teacher Appreciation Thank You!

We just wanted to take a moment to say thank you for your support of our Teacher Appreciation Efforts! It was really nice that the entire school community was able to spoil our teachers and show them our appreciation for their hard work.

The PTO was able to coordinate quite a few things with the support of our families. We were able to bring in food, made signs of support, and facilitated a wish list for teacher classroom items. Thank you to everyone who supported these efforts to show our appreciation for our hard working teachers.

In addition, Emily Birky was able to come in and transform the staff lounge to make it a more welcoming and inviting space. She was able to bring in some soft seating that allows teachers and staff to relax during their breaks and lunches. Thank you to the group of parents that came in and volunteered to help organize the kitchen and office space. We had a number of families donate kitchen items, and even plants to make the space more inviting.

Bingo Night Summary

Our Bingo Night school fundraiser was a huge success!! Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers and donors for helping make it a fun and successful night. We reached our fundraising goal and raised \$10,261! All of that goes directly back to the school to support field trips, the backpack program, school supplies, classroom needs, community events and more!

Want to help organize next year's fundraiser? Join us on the PTO Board!

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](#)

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

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.

Community News:

Multnomah County Library is looking for Volunteers!

[Summer Reading](#) will be starting up on June 16 and we are actively [looking for volunteers to help!](#)

BECOME A LIBRARY VOLUNTEER THIS SUMMER! ARE YOU...

GOING INTO **GRADES 6 OR HIGHER** NEXT SCHOOL YEAR? **DO YOU...**

- NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS OR WORK EXPERIENCE?
- WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HOW THE LIBRARY WORKS?
- WANT TO GIVE KIDS FREE STUFF?!

Summer Reading volunteers have **one, 2-hour shift per week** from June 16 to August 31. It's totally okay if you are gone for a couple. Folks can sign-up with a friend or family member and work together! We provide training. And bus passes to get here. And snacks throughout the summer!

You can apply online at: multcolib.org/volunteer. Or come by a library for a paper application. If you have any questions, please email Librarian Jen at jennifem@multcolib.org or text/call 971-429-2261.



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 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/DrGnjbW7bjZtpCWHHA>

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/DrGnjbW7bjZtpCWHHA>

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