



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

1.8.19

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Dear Families,

I am excited to welcome everyone back; we are off to an excellent start for 2019! We have started the year off with our Artist in Residence, Christine Martell. The students are very excited to work with her. The first step has been creating textured & painted papers. They will then use these to create collage projects, connected to what they are learning in class. You can learn more about her work at the following website: <https://christinemartell.com/>.

I also want to remind folks that the immunization exclusion day is coming up, Wednesday, February 20th. Our school health assistant, Ewelina, and school nurse, Mike, have been communicating with parents of students who are not up to date on their immunizations. If you have received a letter or phone call from them, please give them a call back so they can insure all records are up to date, and your student doesn't have to miss school. Our goal is to have zero students excluded!

We have a PTO meeting this Wednesday. I will be speaking briefly about our school report card, upcoming state assessments, and a quick update on your Fund Run contributions at work. I look forward to seeing you there!

Finally, I wanted to let you know that we will be cleaning out the Lost & Found on Friday, February 1. Everything in the Lost & Found at that time will be donated. Please check the Lost & Found (located in the hallway by the cafeteria & gym) before February 1.

Thank you,
Amber Gerber

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

Upcoming Events

PTO Meeting - FREE
dinner & childcare.

Wednesday, 1.9.19
6:00 pm

Principal's Coffee

Friday, 1.18.19
9:00 am

MLK Holiday

Monday, 1.21.19
No School

Teacher Planning Day

Tuesday, 1.21.19
No School

Lost & Found Clean Out

Friday, 2.1.19
3:00 pm

PTO Movie Night

Friday, 2.1.19
6:00 pm

Counselor's Corner

Hello Everyone!

I wanted to take a minute to touch base and let families know what is happening in the counseling department. As of last Friday, all K-2 grade classes have finished their Superflex lessons! This means that all K-2 students have had lessons around the zones of regulation, problem solving, and mindfulness! This now frees me up to start more groups and lunch bunches. Currently, I am holding a 2nd grade girls' lunch bunch, which I hope to continue throughout 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. As I invite students for my groups and lunch bunches, please remember that an invitation does not indicate a problem; rather, I include students from all levels in the hopes that students can learn from each other.

Happy New Year!

Lynn Spiers

PTO News

PTO Meeting

Join us tomorrow, **Wednesday, January 9th** from 6-7:30 for our PTO meeting in the Library. Dinner and childcare are always provided, and there are no fees to join! **THIS IS YOUR PTO. Dinner 6pm. Meeting 6:30-7:30pm.** We hope to see you there!

Here is our agenda:

- Teacher Intros
- Auction Update
- General Fundraising Update
- Lobby Day
- Principal Amber
 - Recent Report Card
 - Testing details
 - Update on 2018 FundRun proceeds

Auction Kick-off Party

Help us kick-off our 2019 online auction with a fun, festive preview party. Join the Chief Joseph PTO for drinks, noshes, a classroom project preview, and early bidding. Kids party provided in same building to make it fun for the whole family.

Save the date:

- **Thursday, February 21, 6-8pm** at Watson Creative, Leftbank Building, 240 N Broadway, Suite 012

Site Council

Wednesday, 2.6.19
4:00 pm

Multicultural Night

Wednesday,
2.13.19
6:00 pm

Principal's Coffee

Wednesday,
2.15.19
9:00 am

President's Day Holiday

Monday, 2.18.19
No School

Immunization Exclusion Day

Wednesday,
2.20.19

Kindergarten Connect

Thursday, 2.21.19
9:30 am, library

PTO Auction Begins

Thursday, 2.21.19

Storybook Parade

Friday, 3.1.19
9:00 am

Site Council

Wednesday, 3.6.19
4:00 pm

PTO Meeting

Wednesday,
3.13.19
6:00 pm

Call for action! We have a busy spring ahead of us. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know! There are a variety of needs, ranging in time and commitment. If you can't make it to the PTO Meeting tomorrow, send an email to volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org with your name, phone number, and availability. Thanks in advance!!

As always, reach out if you have questions or suggestions.

www.chiefjosephschool.org

Facebook: [@chiefjosephschool](https://www.facebook.com/chiefjosephschool)

Email: info@chiefjosephschool.org
president@chiefjosephschool.org

Resources

After School Scholarships

If your student is interested in participating in an after school program at Chief Joseph Elementary for the Winter term, but money is a limiting factor please contact our School Counselor, Lynn Spiers, at 503-916-6234 or espiers@pps.net.

Cascadia On-Site Mental Health

We have the pleasure of having an on-site mental health counselor from Cascadia here on Fridays to meet with students whose families are seeking mental health and counseling support. If you have OHP and are interested in this service please contact our School Counselor, Lynn Spiers, at 503-916-6234 or espiers@pps.net.

Lifeworks Northwest Open Access Mental Health Intakes

Lifeworks Northwest has added some changes to their intake department to make accessing resources more convenient for families including offering youth drug and alcohol treatment, more evening availability, and offering open access for mental health appointments. Open access will be offered at their St. Johns and Rockwood locations. Open access means that families can come in anytime during the specific time window to meet with a therapist. Families will be seen on a first come, first serve basis. This open access time window will allow families to come in when it is convenient for them to complete the initial intake appointment. Afterwards, families will be scheduled for ongoing appointments with a therapist.

In order to qualify for this resource families will need to call the intake line at 503-645-9010 to register the child and verify OHP insurance. The child will then be scheduled during an open access time or a specific intake slot, whichever is preferred.