

Chief Joseph Elementary School Family Bulletin 1.29.19

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Dear Families.

I am excited to share that Ms. Lynn and our Leadership students have started a new "Shout Out" program. Students are encouraged fill out a "Shout Out" when they witness an act of kindness. Shout outs are shared in the Monday morning announcements. I really enjoy seeing students recognize and appreciate the kindness in each other.

The recent measles outbreak is a concern for many. Please click on this <u>link</u> to find information provided Multnomah Education Service District on the recent outbreak, and measles. If you have questions about this outbreak, or any health related issues, please reach out to our School Nurse, Michael Coriasco, at <u>mcoriasc@mesd.k12.or.us</u>. Currently, 96% of our students are vaccinated against measles.

I also want to make families aware that we will be practicing the Team Response Drill this week. Team Response is the signal, given through the phone system, when there is a medical emergency or another non threatening situation which requires available adults to respond and to control movement within the school. You can find a list of the drills used in PPS by clicking here.

We are looking for a volunteer to help with coordinating after school classes. If you are interested, please contact Jennifer Pettit at jpetitt@pps.net.

Finally I want to put in a reminder to check lost and found. Items will be going to the district PTO clothes closet in February. And don't forget to save the date for Multicultural Night on February 13th. Our Storybook Parade will be March 1st. Please be aware that the time has moved to 1:30 pm.

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

Upcoming Events

Lost & Found Clean Out Friday, 2.1.19 3:00 pm

PTO Movie Night Friday, 2.1.19 6:00 pm

Site Council

Wednesday, 2.6.19 4:00 pm

Multicultural Night

Wednesday, 2.13.19 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Principal's Coffee

Wednesday, 2.15.19 9:00 am

President's Day Holiday

Monday, 2.18.19 No School

PTO News

Movie Night is on Friday! We are playing **SPACE JAM!** Please bring comfort items like pillows and blankets, and join us for a free movie. There will be free popcorn, and snacks for purchase. We suggest everyone bring their own water bottle or water cup. *Note: children must be accompanied by an adult.*

You're invited to our Auction Kick-off Party! On Thursday, Feb. 21st, we are having a festive preview party to kick-off the auction at Watson Creative in the Leftbank Building of NE Portland. This is a family-friendly, community building event, with free food & drinks from Por Que No and Upright Brewing.

Our auction is the school's #1 fundraiser. Please consider helping out by volunteering or donating (themed gift baskets are popular!), and sharing the auction link with your friends and family once it's available. The auction will begin at the party on Thursday, Feb. 21, and wrap up on Monday, Feb. 25!

Help us support Portland Council PTA Clothing Center! We have 2 ways you can help:

- Volunteer: Each school is assigned shifts to help organize the closet and help students shop. On Monday, Feb. 25, we will need 5-6 people! Contact vp@chiefjosephschool.org for more information. If there is interest, a carpool can be arranged.
- <u>Clothing Drive:</u> Find our collection bin set up across from the office. We are seeking: pants sizes 4-14, gently worn winter coats (especially in teen sizes!) and **new** gloves, knit hats and scarves.

Did you know? CJ PTO coordinates food backpacks to support our families dealing with food insecurity over weekends and extended breaks. Visit our Backpack Program webpage for information on how you can help.

PTO is for everyone. Get involved, and stay connected!

Website + Store: www.chiefjosephschool.org Follow us on Facebook: @chiefjosephschool

Immunization Exclusion Day

Wednesday, 2.20.19

Kindergarten Connect

Thursday, 2.21.19 9:30 am, library

PTO Auction Kick-off Party

Thursday, 2.21.19 6-8pm, Leftbank Building

PTO Auction

Online bidding: Thursday, 2.21.19 -Monday, 2.25.19

Volunteer Day at PTA Clothing Center

Monday, 2.25.19

Storybook Parade

Friday, 3.1.19 1:30 pm, Arbor Lodge Park

Site Council

Wednesday, 3.6.19 4:00 pm

PTO Meeting

Wednesday, 3.13.19 6:00 pm

Email your questions & ideas:

info@chiefjosephschool.org president@chiefjosephschool.org volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org

Interested in quick PTO reminders? We are on the Remind App! Text "@cjpt" to 81010. Opt-out anytime.

Important Information

SBAC TESTING:

We will begin testing in April. You can find more information here.

Resources

Parenting Class Series

Providence is offering a 6 week parenting class starting Feb. 12th for families experiencing challenging behaviors with children who have special health care needs including autism spectrum disorders. For more information or to register please call 503-215-2429 or 800-833-8899 ex. 52429 or email swindells@providence.org.

Collaborative Problem Solving

OHSU is offering an 8 week parent training on Collaborative Problem Solving starting March 13. Collaborative Problem Solving is an evidenced based method for managing challenging behavior that promotes understanding. You can find more information at www.ohsu.edu/cps. If you are interested in registering, please contact Lynn Spiers for a registration form.

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.