



# Chief Joseph Elementary School

## Family Bulletin

### 11.01.2022

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

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## All School News

For the past several years, PPS K-5 educators have used conference forms instead of K-5 report cards to communicate with families about student progress in the first quarter of school.

This year, however, we are returning to the use of first quarter report cards for all grades. This means that K-5 families will receive a first quarter report card for their children in mid-November. Families will not receive a separate conference form when they meet with their teachers for conferences later in November. Instead, conference conversations will use student work, fall assessment data, and the report card to discuss and share student progress.

We are offering both in person and virtual conferences this year. If you have not already done so, please contact your student's teacher to set a conference time on November 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>.

With winter approaching we'd like to remind everyone of the Oregon Department of Education's guidelines on when to keep your child home sick. Please visit [Communicable Disease Guidance \(oregon.gov\)](https://www.oregon.gov/ODED/CommunicableDiseaseGuidance)

The Multnomah County Health department will be holding vaccination clinics on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. For more information please click on the following flyers: [Vaccination Flyer](#) [Spanish Vaccination Flyer](#).

Safety patrol started this week, please be patient with the students when crossing, they are still learning the ropes.

## Upcoming Dates

11.04.2022, Friday  
**Teacher Planning Day**  
No School for Students

11.11.2022, Friday  
**Veterans Day**  
No School

11.15.2022, Tuesday  
**Picture Retake**

11.15.2022, Tuesday  
**Black Parent Affinity**  
CJES Library 5:30-7pm

11.21.22 & 11.22.22  
**Parent Teacher Conferences**  
CJES 8am-8pm

11.21.22-12.02.22  
**Chief Joseph Elementary Book Fair**  
CJES Library

## Backpack Program

We are in need of extra food! We receive pre-packed bags from [Portland Backpack](#), which contain enough food for 2 days of breakfast and lunch. We would love to have enough extra meals on hand to add in the bags for 3 day weekends and longer breaks. Suggested items include:

- Canned tuna or chicken
- Pop Top Soup (Chicken Noodle!)
- Peanut butter
- Granola bars
- Mac and Cheese/Knorr Sides

Any donations can be brought to the front office and are greatly appreciated!

Here are the signup links for weekly donations of fresh fruit, and to volunteer to help distribute the food bags:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f44aeab2fa1f49-fruit>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f44aeab2fa1f49-packing>

Email [backpack@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:backpack@chiefjosephschool.org) for more information

## TAG

The referral process, (previously called the nomination process) is open now until December 1, 2022. If your child scored in the 95th percentile or higher on the MAP reading or math tests, you will automatically receive a postcard from the TAG department letting you know which area(s) your child may qualify for referral. If you receive a postcard, you will need to complete the online referral form. Check here for the form: [Parent Referral Form](#)

All second graders will be tested for Intellectual giftedness in the upcoming weeks. You will receive a postcard if your child scores in the 95th percentile or higher.

If you do not receive a postcard before conferences and believe your child may qualify for TAG services, please reach out to your child's teacher at that time to discuss possible referral for testing.

### **NEW!** Parent Office Hours with the TAG Department

Ask questions and receive information related to TAG identification, services, processes, etc. We will meet on Zoom, 6:00-7:00 PM on 11/30/22, 1/25/23, 2/22/23, 3/22/23, 4/26/23, and 5/31/23.

[Zoom link](#) for Parent Office Hours with the TAG Department

We look forward to seeing you!

## Library

Our **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming soon! We hope you can visit the Fair between November 21st- 22nd during Parent Teacher Conferences as well as before and after school the week of November 28th-December 2nd, 2022, as well as a Family Night on December 2nd.



One of our goals this year is to put more NEW books into the hands of our students. In order to accomplish this, our school is participating in a classroom-level coin drive called the **Pennies for Books Challenge** through Scholastic's *All for Books* program. Your small change can make a big difference and help us purchase books for Chief Joseph students! A portion of the money collected will go directly to purchasing books at the bookfair for our students that are part of the Backpack Program. The class that donates the most money will help choose books to purchase for their teacher's classroom library.

The All for Books money we collect also helps readers beyond our school and community. Scholastic Book Fairs matches those donations with a donation of up to \$1 million in books from The Scholastic Possible Fund, which distributes books to children through organizations such as the Kids In Need Foundation.

Families who would like to participate can donate Pennies (and other coins) to their homeroom classroom during the week of November 7 - 18, 2022. Each class will be given a collection tub to collect their change where students can put their donations. For more information and online shopping, visit our Book Fair [Homepage](#). Please let us know if you have questions. On behalf of the students and teachers at Chief Joseph, Thank You!

Your Library Team - [Brandi Hall](#) & Andrea Woodward

## PTO Update

### October 12, 2022 PTO Meeting Minutes are Posted

If you were unable to attend our first PTO meeting, please check out the meeting minutes to review what we covered. Minutes are posted on our website:

<https://sites.google.com/chiefjosephschool.org/pto/meetings>

### Save the Date- Movie Night @ Chief Joseph Elementary:

On the evening of December 2, 2022 the PTO is planning a movie night at the school. Children and families are welcome to join us for the last night of the book fair and to take in a fun movie! More details to follow.

### **Volunteer Coordinator Message:**

Hello Chief Joseph Elementary Volunteers,

There are some really cool volunteer opportunities coming soon - thank you for being part of our community and making those events possible to happen!

- Book Fair - We need tons of help on different days/times and the SignUp site is ready to go. Find all the time slots available here: <https://signup.com/go/aFPxaXR>
- Movie night - We will celebrate the last day of the Book Fair with a Movie Night! And again will need some help. <https://signup.com/go/qBbXNHJ>

Any questions send me a message!

Thank you,

Fernanda Menda Rege  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Chief Joseph Elementary School  
cell: 860-268-7371

**As always, if you would like to volunteer you must be cleared with the district first:**  
<https://www.pps.net/volunteer>. Don't wait to find the perfect volunteer opportunity before doing this step!

### **After School Programs:**

Fernanda, our volunteer coordinator, has been working really hard to coordinate some after school programs at school. Information for each is below!

Registration is open for the following:

- **Vibe of Portland** - Ukulele lessons and fun! **Wednesdays** from 3 - 4 pm starting on November 9th. Grades 3 - 5. [Click here](#) for more info and registration!

Starting in January:

- **NW Children's Theater and School** - Acting and drama for kids K- 3rd grade on **Tuesdays**. \$125/kid. [More information here](#) (and flier below)
- **Portland Early Learning Project** - Spanish classes on **Fridays**. More info to come.
- **Mad Science** - Science experiments on **Mondays**. More info to come.

### **The School Nurses need our help!**

The backup clothing in the nurse's office is needing a restock! If you have any of the following in clean and good condition that you could donate please bring them to the front office.

- Pants/Tops/Sweatshirts - All adult sizes
- Pants and Shirts size large -
- Variety of sizes of long sleeve shirts or warmer tops
- Underwear - boys smalls and girls medium
- Shoes kids 3-6
- Socks - all sizes

Questions - reach out to [president@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:president@chiefjosephschool.org)

## Playground Committee Update

The **Chief Joseph Playground Committee** is a group of parents and others working together to transform our playground into a nature-based, fun-filled, art-inspired, welcoming playground over the coming years. In the October committee meeting, we made progress on 3 important topics:

- We **defined the committee's aspirational goals** for the 2022-23 school year:
  - Get the playground Vision Plan construction-ready, with paid and/or volunteer help.
  - Complete 1+ smaller-scale playground project.
  - Win a large funding grant(s) that enables us to complete a larger-scale project in 2023-24.
  - Hold a fundraiser to generate playground committee funds.
  - Build a committee structure and operations that will sustain as parents join and leave the CJ community over time.
- We **analyzed the community's survey responses** to the playground Vision Plan from the past 8 months (40% of the responses were from kids!) and identified 2 key modifications to the plan - add some type of swings and a climbing structure.
- We **identified the funding focus for this year** based on survey feedback and available grants:
  - Planning grant to complete the Vision Plan
  - Smaller grant(s) to support this year's small project construction
  - Large project-specific grant(s) for constructing our first phase of the Vision Plan.

We continue to welcome all interested volunteers and all types of support, so please reach out by emailing [chiefjosephplayground@gmail.com](mailto:chiefjosephplayground@gmail.com) if you would like to contribute in any way to this important project! In particular right now we are looking for Landscape Designers in our community who would be willing to donate time to get our playground Vision Plan construction-ready, as well as volunteers interested in event coordination. **Thank you!**

## Resources

Please contact me if you would like gifts or food over the fall and winter breaks. Please click on the following link for more information on what is available. [Thanksgiving Food Box](#), [Spanish Thanksgiving Food Box](#), [Holiday/December Food Boxes](#), [Spanish Holiday/December Food Boxes](#).

With care,

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NORTHWEST CHILDREN'S THEATER'S  
**Create-Your-Own Play**  
at Chief Joseph Elementary  
JANUARY 17 – MARCH 7, 2023 • TUESDAYS 3-4PM • GRADES K-3

See your imagination come to life with Northwest Children's Theater's Create-Your-Own Play! Explore the wonderful world of dramatic arts through theater games, character creation, and imaginative world-building. Then, transform the stories you create into a theatrical presentation while developing your acting and performance skills!

**Register today at [nwcts.org/drama-club](https://nwcts.org/drama-club)**

*Teachers were prepared, welcoming, and inclusive. My daughter looked forward to class each day and she felt like a valued member of the group. Thank you for creating a safe and warm space for the students!*

— RKL, Parent



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