



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

11.29.2022

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

All School News

All kids should feel safe at school and in their communities. SafeOregon gives kids, parents, schools and their communities a way to report safety threats or potential acts of violence. Together, we'll empower people to speak out and spark change. Please see the [SafeOregon](#) site for additional resources.

While Multicultural night is traditionally celebrated in late February, it will be moved to March 7th, 2023 this year. Our teachers have an exciting opportunity to attend a training the week of February 21st.

Health Information

To help your holidays be healthy as well as happy, this week our school will provide each student with an iHealth test kit for at-home use. Students and families are encouraged to use these tests if they develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or know they have been exposed to COVID-19. Please note: the FDA granted a shelf-life extension for the iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test. Please enter the lot number listed on the end of your test kit box into [this tool](#) to check the updated expiration date of your kit. We'd also 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 \(oregon.gov\)](#).

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](#).

Upcoming Dates

11.28.22-12.02.22

Chief Joseph Elementary Book Fair

CJES Library 8:15-8:40am
& 3-3:40pm
Friday 6-7:30pm

12.02.2022, Friday 6:00pm

PTO Movie Night

CJES Cafeteria

12.06.2022, Tuesday

ESL Parent Night

CJES Library 5-5:45pm

12.13.2022, Tuesday

Black Parent Affinity

CJES Library 5:30-7pm

12.17.22-01.02.2023

No school, Winter Break

01.11.2023, Wednesday

PTO Meeting

CJES Cafeteria 6pm

Counselor's Corner

Hello families,

As we head into winter, I wanted to remind you of our school attendance goal for this year. We hope to decrease the number of students at our school who attend less than 90% of the time and thus are at risk of falling behind academically.

Our goal this year is to decrease our chronic and severe attendance rate from 30% to 15%. During the first quarter of school, 71% of students had good or acceptable attendance. Good or acceptable attendance means missing no more than 2 days per month. This also means that we had 29% of students who were chronically or severely absent and were not here enough to participate fully with their classes.

Please help us reach our attendance goal and help your child reach their dreams by making school attendance a priority for your family.

Take care,
Lynn Preslar / epreslar@pps.net / 503.916.6234

Library

Grade Room	Teacher	Total
2	5 Ms. F.	216
1	8 Kristin	141
3	25 Wolfe	101
5	P2 Brislin	97
3	27 Michels	97
4	28 Ibrahim	67
1	7 Peake	66
2	3 Pearson	62
K	1 Cooper	56
4	26 A. Ferguson	38
K	2 Penny	38
5	P2 Brown	32
	Donated	1,010
	To Spend	1,515

Thank you to our Chief Joseph Family!!! We raised over \$1,000 in coins! Ms. Ferguson's 2nd graders won with \$216! In second place, we had Kristin's 1st graders with \$141 donation; and in third place we had Mr. Wolfe's 3rd graders with \$101 in donations! Below is a picture of each class with their contributions. Our winning class will each pick out a book at the book fair to add to Ms. Ferguson's classroom library. In addition, we are able to put books into the hands of our Backpack Program students! Thank you to everyone who contributed and continue to support our school community!

Book Fair This Week

Monday 11/28 - Friday 12/2 8:15am-8:40am and 3:00pm-3:40pm

Friday, 12/2 6:00pm - 7:30pm during the PTO's Family Movie Night

If you would like to purchase books for your classroom teacher during the Book Fair, check out our Teacher Wish Tubs where teachers have placed books they would like for their classrooms.

Resources

If you need help accessing **gifts** for your students and have not accessed gifts anywhere else you can fill out the form below. It closes when it fills up. Let me know if you need any help applying.

<https://www.toynjoymakers.org/indiv-toy-req-form-en.php>

With care,

Em Rochford
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erochford@pps.net

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 for more information

TAG

The referral process, (previously called the nomination process) is open now until today, November 29th, 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](#) Teachers will have until December 1st to complete their part.

All second graders have been tested for intellectual giftedness. 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!

PTO Update

Movie Night @ Chief Joseph - This FRIDAY!

Join us this Friday, December 2nd to catch a movie in the cafeteria! We will be showing Disney's [Disenchanted](#). The movie starts at 6:10pm and we will be popping popcorn (free), and will have some concessions available for purchase! Children must be accompanied by an adult during movie night.

You are welcome to bring in your own food and we encourage you to bring pillows and blankets to get comfortable. We hope that you can join us for the fun, and please email us at info@chiefjosephschool.org if you have any questions.

The book fair will be open during movie night on Friday from 6:00pm to 7:30 so you can do all of your last minute shopping.

Upcoming Revenue Share with Atlas Pizza! - December 5th!

We are just one week away from our revenue share with Atlas Pizza, a long time supporter of Chief Joseph Elementary School. A portion of all profits from the Killingsworth location will be donated to the Chief Joseph PTO to support community efforts. Let your friends and neighbors know that they can eat great pizza, and also contribute to the school at the same time!

Holiday Giving Tree for Families in Backpack Program

This holiday season the PTO is planning to offer extra support during our extended holiday breaks for the families in our school community who belong to our Backpack Program. The Chief Joseph Backpack Program is an amazing program that seeks to support families by providing supplemental nutrition on the weekends. The Backpack Program is committed to alleviating weekend food insecurity by providing nutrient dense snacks and meals that children can prepare on their own. Volunteers pack backpacks with food for breakfasts, lunches, dinners and snacks and send them home with students each week. Please see information above regarding food items that are needed to send home with families.

In addition, cash donations in ANY amount can be made through the DONATE button on the [PTO website](#).

- \$25 will sponsor one student for one month
- \$150 will sponsor one student for six months
- \$250 will sponsor one student for one year

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

We are also collecting food donations at local business partners through December 14 at Mayfly Taproom and Arbor Beer Lodge.

We appreciate your generous support!

*donations can be made throughout the year and we are always looking to supplement the shelf stable items with fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas, pears) If you're interested sign up here:

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

Your support allowed us to treat Teachers during Conferences!

On Monday and Tuesday last week during teacher conferences the PTO coordinated lunch for both days. Teachers put in long hours and we wanted to make sure they had a nice warm meal, and an opportunity to come together. When you make a donation, support our revenue shares and other fundraising efforts you are helping us be able to do nice things for staff and students at the school.

Thank you also to the following restaurants for the food!

- <https://spitz-restaurant.com>
- <https://www.tamaleboy.com>

After School Programs:

You didn't miss your chance to sign up! There is still space in Ukulele lessons with **Vibe of Portland!** Program is **Wednesdays** from 3 - 4 pm starting on November 9th. Grades 3 - 5. [Click here](#) for more info and registration! If cost is an issue to participate in Ukulele lessons please contact Ms. Lynn to inquire about a scholarship.

Programs Starting in January:

- **NW Children's Theater and School** - Acting and drama for kids K- 3rd grade on **Tuesdays**. \$125/kid. [More information here](#)
- **Portland Early Learning Project** - Spanish classes on **Friday's at Chief Joseph Elementary starting** Fri, Jan 6, 2023 - May 26, 2023. [Sign up here](#)
- **Mad Science @ Chief Joseph** - Natural Wonders Afterschool Program (Monday, January 23, 2023 - Monday, March 20, 2023). [Sign up online here](#)

After School Spanish

Chief Joseph Elementary School K-3
By Portland Early Learning Project

Dates
Fridays January 6th - May 26th

Time
3:00-4:00

Register!

Register Online Today!
portlandearlylearning.com

If you have any questions, please contact
Kathi@PortlandEarlyLearning.com

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Playground Committee Update

The Chief Joseph Playground Committee is making progress on it's **2022-2023 school year goals** to:

- Develop the [Campus Vision Plan](#) to construction-readiness,
- Complete one smaller project: Asphalt Art (painting to improve and add games),
- Get funding to construct a larger project next school year,
- Host some fundraisers, and
- Create a sustainable committee operations program.

As always, **we welcome any kind of help** to move these projects forward, so please reach out by emailing chiefjosephplayground@gmail.com if you have any services to offer! The Fundraising and Design/Build Subcommittees in particular could really use support, since a lot of what we're attempting to do this year involves developing the Vision Plan and getting the funding to manifest it.

Our regular general meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesdays of each month, from 6:30-8pm at Arbor Beer Lodge...however, our next one will be held on the *2nd* Wednesday, **December 14th**, to work around winter break. We hope to see you there! **Thanks!**