



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

12.10.2019

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

All School News

The Lost & Found is overflowing and will be donated to the PPS Clothing Closet during winter break. Ask your child to check the Lost & Found or you can stop by and check at drop off or pick up. Everything left after Friday, Dec. 20 will be donated.

We have a new volunteer/visitor check in system at the school. Please bring a government issued ID with you if you are entering the school beyond the front office. All visitors/volunteers will need to wear the printed name badge that identifies their name, the date and their destination. If you are undocumented or do not have a government-issued ID, bring the official records that you have (i.e. birth certificate, foreign passport, etc.) and school administrators will evaluate and make determinations. Our database is for PPS district use only; information is not shared with any outside agency. Approved volunteers who have cleared a Volunteer Background Check will already have their names in the system; however, they will still need to provide their ID upon their first visit. Upon future visits, they will be able to use their name to pull up their record and sign in. Approved volunteers may chaperone and work with students in our schools, whereas, visitors are only allowed restricted access and for shorter lengths of time. New volunteers (or those with expired background checks; they expire every 3 years) should visit www.pps.net/volunteer to complete the online volunteer application. Thank you, in advance, for your understanding and patience.

Upcoming Events

Winter Break
NO SCHOOL
12.23.19-1.3.20

Principal's Coffee
01.17.20
9:00 am

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
NO SCHOOL
01.20.20

PTO Meeting
Childcare & dinner provided
01.22.20
6:00 pm

Kindergarten Connect for
2020-2021 Kindergarten
02.06.20
9:00 am

President's Day
NO SCHOOL
02.17.20

Parent Teacher Organization

Thank you for all your support in our wreath sale!! We had excellent results from you all and we're excited to give a full update on our finances at our next PTO meeting in January! Here's a little picture from our Grow Portland class - where they explored the benefits of worms. Our wreath sale profits go directly to supporting Grow Portland classes for our kids.



FUNDRAISING

Our BIGGEST fundraiser, the annual Auction, is coming in February! We need items, experiences and services from our community. Please consider making a donation for the auction. Do you have a skill, service or opportunity you can share? Classes, outings and experiences are a wonderful way to build connections among students and parents. Do you have a connection to business that can offer goods or services? We need to hit or exceed our fundraising goal to continue to support the school with field trip transportation, the garden program, free community events, food for families in need and classroom materials!

Ideas, donations or questions? Email fundraising@chiefjosephschool.org

There are also still four more classes in need of a parent volunteer to help create a class project for the auction! You can sign up to fill those roles [HERE](#). (<https://signup.com/go/FgFCZFu>)

The Chinook Book app is an ongoing fundraiser for the school - where we gain 50% of every purchase of the Chinook Book! They offer amazing coupons to local business. Download the app and Enter **Partner ID: chiefjoseph**

Playground News

Have you ever thought our exposed, asphalt-covered playground at CJES could offer more to our kids? A small group of interested parents have started to organize around this idea. We're currently working to move forward a tree planting project that was approved by the school district last year. The tree

planting project would add four trees to the playground for much needed shade. Ideally, a bench would surround each tree for protection and to provide playground seating. We're partnering with [Depave](#), a nonprofit organization that promotes community-based pavement removal projects, and the City of Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services [Tree Program](#), which will donate, plant, and maintain the trees for five years. There are still details to work out, but asphalt removal and tree planting are currently estimated to occur in Fall 2020. Our goal is for this tree planting project to be the first part of a multi-phased effort to create varied and healthy play spaces at the playground.

We need volunteers to make this and future projects successful. Please join us at the January PTO meeting to learn more about the project and how to get involved. For more immediate information, contact Traci Friedl at tfriedl@gmail.com.

Contact and Information:

Website + Store: www.chiefjosephschool.org

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

Email your questions & ideas: president@chiefjosephschool.org, volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org

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

Library News



Thank you for a wonderful Book Fair! Our sales were at \$7,000!!! We were also able to raise \$1,100 for All For Books... four classrooms were able to choose books for their class libraries, 39 students were able to take a favorite book home, and the remaining went to the School Library. I appreciate how our community has helped to support our readers. I would also like to thank the PTO and the many parent volunteers that helped me in running the Book Fair!

Counseling Corner

Hello Families,

I wanted to reach out to see if there are any 4th or 5th grade students who may be interested in participating in an LGBTQ+ lunch bunch. Last year, I was approached by a student asking for a support group focusing on this population and the group was successful. Therefore, I want to make sure to continue that support for students this year. This group will be open to any student who is an ally or who identifies as a member of this community and will start after the new year. This group will not be advertised to the school community as I want to respect where students are in their identity development and information will be kept confidential. The goal of this group is to provide a safe space for LGBTQ+ students by showing support and helping them understand that they are not alone. Please speak with your child and reach out to me, Lynn Spiers, if your child would like to participate. I am also available to answer any questions or concerns. Please call 503-916-6234 or email at espiers@pps.net.

Resources

[Holiday Assistance](#)

The Toy & Joy Makers are continuing their mission this year of supporting children and families during the holiday season. If you need help with gifts, you can call the Toy and Joy Makers intake line at 503-231-8697. You can also visit their website and submit a toy request form at <http://www.toynjoymakers.org/>

Food Assistance

The Sunshine Division has their holiday food box intake line open. You can visit or call one of their locations. Resources are on a first come, first serve basis.

687 N. Thompson St. Portland, OR 97227 (503)823-2102

12436 SE Stark St. Portland, OR 97233 (971)255-0834

Who qualifies? Residents who live in the City of Portland and:

- have someone 18 years old and younger dependent upon them
- receive social security/ disability income
- veterans/ widowed veterans pension
- over the age of 62
- receive SNAP benefits

Calling 211 or visiting their website at <https://www.211info.org/> is another great resource for the most up-to-date information regarding food and toy assistance and other resources.

Family Support Resources

- **Swindells Resource Center of Providence Child Center** supports parents and caregivers of children who have special needs, developmental delays or disabilities. They provide resources and many parenting class series. You can visit their event calendar at <https://oregon.providence.org/our-services/s/swindells-resource-center/events/>
- **The Pathfinder Network** provides community based support services for justice-impacted adults and their children. You can find their community programs at <https://www.thepathfindernetwork.org/programs/community-programs/>

District News

5th Grade Families - Please click below for focus option/alternative middle schools information for families interested in pursuing ACCESS Academy, Creative Science, Da Vinci, MLC, Odyssey, Sunnyside Environmental, and Winterhaven for 6th-8th grades.

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