



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

2.12.19

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Dear Families,

Monday was our Golden Awards Assembly. I am extremely proud of our 4th and 5th grade Leadership Students who MC the assembly. The focus of the assembly is to promote our school wide values, Be Respectful!, Be Responsible! Be Safe! and Be Kind! Our MCs made our values come to life as they recognized positive behavior. They recognized a group of 4th grade girls who are demonstrating kindness and responsibility by picking up trash on the playground. Making the school grounds better for everybody.

As a PBIS school, we explicitly teach the expected behaviors and strive to recognize the positive actions students are taking. From time to time, there are disagreements among students. We work hard to communicate with parents when an incident arises at school. I am asking families to check in with their students about the school day. Please reach out to us if your student is reporting that they are feeling uncomfortable at school. In most cases, the classroom teacher is the best person to contact. However, if the issue is happening outside the teacher's supervision, for example on the bus or in the cafeteria, please reach out to Ms. Whitaker or me. If helpful, you can use the PPS reporting form found [here](#).

Thursday the 21st is our first Kindergarten Connect. If you have friends, neighbors, or families with school aged children in our attendance area, encourage them to come.

Finally, this Friday is Principal Coffee. Please join me for coffee and donuts. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, share ideas, and talk with other parents. I hope to see you there!

Amber

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

Upcoming Events

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 Kick-off Party

Thursday, 2.21.19
6-8pm, Leftbank Building

PTO Auction

Library Information

During January and February, the younger grades have been working on Fiction and Nonfiction text. All grades have been working on reading different books that highlight important figures in Black History. In addition, over the next few weeks the 4th graders will be learning the difference between real news and fake news. We will be having discussions and learning strategies that we can use to help us in determining if news is from a credible source, has been published recently, and if the source has bias. Please ask your 4th grader about it!

In addition, I hope you help me in welcoming our new Library Assistant, Jen Guzman, to Chief Joseph. Ms. Jen will be with us on Wednesdays - Fridays.

For volunteer opportunities, please visit the Library Google Sheet if you would like to come in and help us!
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vZxwQFXzXbd85Rpi2h3ced6pd-yOSMsZx4OJ3IWmkDU/edit#gid=304568331>

PTO News

Auction Kick-off Party is next week! Celebrate our community with other CJ families on Thursday **February 21 from 6-8PM** at Watson Creative in the Leftbank Building 240 N. Broadway. This is a family-friendly, community building event with free food & drinks! Kids-only party on the 2nd floor, adults in the basement! Preview classroom projects live and in person! Hear about fun packages! Bid and donate!

Our online auction runs from Thursday, February 21 to 10PM on Monday, February 25. Bookmark this link:
www.biddingowl.com/chiefjosephelementary

PTO runs on volunteers. Our volunteer PTO Board members try to ask for volunteers as needed, and not overload those that do volunteer. We approach event planning and fundraising with mindfulness. If you have any interest in helping out, please let us know. Many hands make light work. This is your PTO.

Help us support [Portland Council PTA Clothing Center!](#)*
We have 2 ways you can help:

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

- 1) **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!** Sign up here: <http://signup.com/go/iLszstY>.
- 2) **CLOTHING DRIVE:** We are seeking pants (sizes 4-14), gently worn winter coats (especially in teen sizes) and **new** gloves, knit hats, and scarves. Find our collection bin across from the office.

**For more info, contact Cheryl at vp@chiefjosephschool.org.*

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](#)

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

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 espier@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.