



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

2.7.19

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Dear Families,

I encourage families to participate in the PPS Successful Schools Survey. You can access the survey at <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/portlandor/ppsfamily/survey?s?language=en>. We currently have 5% of families responding, I am hoping to have at least 50%. Your input is extremely important, please take the time to give your feedback.

I wanted to give you an update on the Chief Joseph pine tree which has been removed from the front of the building. This tree is known for turning yellow in the winter. However, our tree, when inspected by the district's maintenance department was found to have a rotted root system. The tree was removed because it was determined to be dead. We are looking into replacing the tree. However, this is the second tree that has not survived in this location, and we need to consider alternative planting methods to ensure survival of our next tree.

Amber Gerber

PTO News

PTO runs on volunteers. We had to cancel Movie Night last Friday due to zero volunteers. Our PTO Board tries to ask for volunteers as needed, and not overload those that do volunteer. We approach event planning with mindfulness, and usually it works out. We will continue to make calls for volunteers on an event basis, but if you have any interest, please reach out to us! Many hands make light work. This is your PTO.

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

The annual Chief Joseph Auction is the school's #1 fundraiser. Please consider helping out by volunteering or donating, and sharing the auction link with your friends and family once it's available. **All bidding for the auction happens online, and will run from 2/21-2/25.**

Mark your calendar!

- WHAT: Auction Kick-off Party
- WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 21st, 6-8pm
- WHERE: Watson Creative, Leftbank Building, 240 N Broadway.
- WHAT: This is a family-friendly, community building event with free food & drinks! Come preview the class projects, and help us open the online bidding. There will be a kid's party, too.

Help us support [Portland Council PTA Clothing Center](#)!*

We have 2 ways you can help:

- 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.

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

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.