

# Chief Joseph Elementary School Family Bulletin 3.5.19

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Dear Families,

This Thursday is our Multicultural Night. Grade levels will be performing songs from around the world. Classrooms will be presenting their learning, and be open for activities from around the world. Performances begin with K-1 in the cafeteria at 6:00 pm, 2-3 will perform 6:30, and 4-5 performs at 7:00 pm. We can't wait to see you there!

The Storybook Parade will kick-off our Spirit Week on Monday, March 18th. For the parade, students dress up as their favorite book character. We really encourage families to make costumes from items around the house. Do not buy costumes. This event encourages talking about books and characters and really builds excitement around reading. Think about items that can represent the character's personality and major characteristics. Urge your student to use their imagination in creating the costume. This year the parade will be at 1:30. We will follow our usual route, around Arbor Lodge Park. I look forward to seeing you all in the crowd.

Our student leadership team worked hard to create the ideas for Spirit Week which are:

Monday: Character Parade Day Tuesday: Black-out/White-out Day (Dress in all black or all white) Wednesday: Wild Hair/Hat Day Thursday: Summer Day (Bring on Spring Break dressed in your best gear for lounging around on the beach) Friday: PJ Day A strong, diverse and respectful community where we make learning creative and fun!

## Upcoming Events

Site Council Wednesday, 3.6.19 4:00 pm

## Multicultural Night

Thursday, 3.7.19 6:00 pm

## **PTO Meeting**

Wednesday, 3.13.19 6:00 pm

## Principal's Coffee

Friday, 3.15.19 9:00 am

## Storybook Parade

Monday, 3.18.19 1:30 pm, Arbor Lodge Park

## Spirit Week

3.18.19-3.22.19

## **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! <u>https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vZxwQFXzXbd85R</u> <u>pi2h3ced6pd-yOSMsZx4OJ3IWmkDU/edit#gid=304568331</u>

## **PTO Upcoming Events**

#### **PTO Meeting**

Our next general meeting will be March 13, 6-8pm. You are invited!!! It is the second to last meeting of the year. As always dinner and childcare will be provided. Agenda topics will be in next week's family bulletin.

#### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

**Movie Night: Ralph Breaks the Internet** Sign-up to help with our next movie night on March 15. Shifts are available from 5:30-8:30pm. The kids thank you! <u>http://signup.com/go/wKfOXXK</u>

## **PTO News**

On Saturday 2/23, Chief Joseph hosted the **Chess for Success 2019 Regional Tournament!** 2 Regions competed at our school, and the PTO was able to support this event by selling donuts, pizza, and snacks. Spring Break

3.25.19-3.29.19

#### **Teacher Planning Day**

Monday, 4.8.19 No School

#### Kindergarten Connect

Thursday, 4.11.19 6:00 pm Library

#### **STEAM Night**

Thursday, 4.18.19 6:00 pm

#### Principal's Coffee

Friday, 4.19.19 9:00 am Thanks to all that have donated to the **winter clothing drive**! These donations support <u>Portland Council PTA Clothing</u> <u>Center</u>, which is a vital part of our PPS community. The center runs on volunteers, and asks each school to commit to sending volunteers 2 days of the school year. Due to the delayed start Monday, our February 25th shift will be reassigned.

Last Monday night, we wrapped up our **2019 Auction.** In all, we raised about **\$11,000!** We had a fantastic effort from parents, teachers, and our community. We hope you were able to attend the kick-off party last Thursday, as it proved to be an event not to miss! We hope to do this party next year as well. Thanks to all of our partners—and the countless volunteer hours—that made it a success! Watson Creative and Sockeye volunteered the space, Andrew Dickson provided auctioneer services, and donated food & drinks from Por Que No, Upright Brewing, Libertine wines, and others. Thank you to our sitters who entertained children at the kids party. It wouldn't have been the same without your help.

# Reminder, PTO is for everyone. Please get involved, and stay connected!

Website + Store: <u>www.chiefjosephschool.org</u> Follow us on Facebook: <u>@chiefjosephschool</u>

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 <u>here</u>.

#### 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 <u>www.ohsu.edu/cps</u>. 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 <u>espiers@pps.net</u>.

#### 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.