



Chief Joseph Elementary School Family Bulletin 4.9.2019

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

All School News

As you may have heard, we are moving to a new reading curriculum next year. This curriculum is based on the workshop model. In this model, students are given the choice to select reading materials at their instructional level. A smooth functioning reading workshop requires a robust, leveled, classroom library. Most of our teachers already have classroom libraries, but we need help leveling the books within these library. **We need your help!** If you are interested in volunteering for this project, our literacy TOSA will be here April 17th at 9:00 am to teach parents how to level a classroom library. If you are interested, please email Jennifer at jpettit@pps.net and we'll see you at the training on the 17th.

Our final Kindergarten Connect (Open House for incoming kindergarten students) is this Thursday, April 11 at 6:00 pm. If you know someone with an incoming kindergarten student who did not attend our February event, please let them know about this chance to meet the teachers and principal, tour the school and pick up registration paperwork.

Reminder Please write your student's name in their coat. We can help find the coat's owner if we have a last name on the tag!

A note about the Family Bulletin - it is our goal to send this out every other Tuesday so families have all the information they need about Chief Joseph Elementary School. If you know another parent who is not receiving these emails, have them contact the front office at 503-916-6255 or email Janna at jholm@pps.net so we can make sure we have their correct email.

Upcoming Events

Kindergarten Connect

Thursday, 4.11.19
6:00 pm, Library

Classroom Library Leveling Volunteer Training

Thursday, 4.17.19
9:00 am, Library

STEAM Night

Thursday, 4.18.19
6:00 pm

Principal's Coffee

Friday, 4.19.19
9:00 am

Fun(d) Run

Friday, 5.3.19
9:15 am

PTO Meeting

Wednesday, 5.8.19
6:00 pm

Library Information

April is Poetry Month! To kick us off the 4th and 5th grade classes have been creating Blackout Poetry. I hope you will stop by the Library bulletin board to see what they have created. Also this month, Ms. Lynn (our wonderful Counselor) and I will be teaching a small unit on Online Safety. In this unit we will be using lessons from Common Sense Media, which also has information for parents. I encourage you to visit <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/> and click on the *For Parents* tab at the very top of their homepage.

Overdue books or fine notices will be coming home with report cards. Please return overdue books to the Library. If you have fines, there are several options for paying:

1. Parents or students may pay the replacement fee stated on the summary that will be coming home with report cards. Fines can be paid in the Chief Joseph Office or on School Pay <https://pps.schoolpay.com/>.
2. Replace lost or damaged book with another book of the same genre that is in new or like new condition.
3. Students may work off the replacement fee (this needs to have written permission from parents before students can work off fines).

Please let me know which method you would prefer. If you have any questions or would like to discuss fines further, I am in the building Mondays-Wednesdays or available through email at bhall@pps.net.

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

Beautify your garden and support ours! Watch out for your **Spring Plant Sale form** coming home this week. The fall bulb sale and spring plant sale raise funds to support our Grow Portland Garden School. All year long, our students spend time in our garden with a Grow Portland Gardener. Thanks for your continued support!!

- Order forms are due Wednesday, April 24.
- All orders will be ready for pick-up on Friday, May 17.

Guess what?! **We made over \$900 at our Por Que No Revenue Share Day!** Thank you for coming out, supporting local business and Chief Joseph! Our last Revenue Share is on **Tuesday, May 21 at Swift and Union** on N Denver in Kenton. A portion of all sales will support our kids. Swift and Union has seasonally inspired pub fare, draft beers, craft cocktails, and regional wines. Don't forget to try the bacon jam!

2019-2020 PTO Board Elections will be at our next PTO Meeting on May 8! Every vote counts. Please come and be a part of our elections. Dinner starts at 6 pm, and the meeting runs 6:30-7:30pm. Open positions will be announced soon. Watch out for a flyer and more information in upcoming family bulletins.

Volunteer Opportunity!

- **Backpack Program:** Every Thursday morning. Get more info about our program on our [website](#).
- **2019 Kenton Street Fair:** Sunday, May 19, 10am-6pm, N Denver between Schofield & Willis. Volunteer for a shift at the CJ PTO booth. Share info about our school with prospective parents and our neighborhood community! More details to come.
- **PPS Clothing Closet:** Monday, May 6, 9:30am-1:30pm. Please sign up here: <http://signup.com/go/yRhgfij>

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

Website + Store: www.chiefjosephschool.org

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

Tag/Testing Information

TAG:

The TAG department has finished up testing for this school year. If you nominated your child for TAG, you will be notified via the TAG department in a letter that will indicate whether or not your child scored within the threshold of TAG (97% or higher) and TAG Potential (95-97%) Letters should go out to you by early to mid April.

Students in grades 3-5 will receive SBAC (statewide testing) scores for the next year in the summer, and if those scores are within the above percentiles, you will also receive a letter letting you know. Parents who receive this letter will need to complete a nomination form and return it to the school by a given deadline next year, if you would like your child to be identified as TAG.

SBAC:

Statewide testing for grades 3-5 will begin after Spring Break. Tests generally occur in classrooms where students tend to be most comfortable. Students will be given ample breaks and testing sessions are broken up over several days. To ensure students are ready both emotionally and physically, please make sure your child gets a good night's rest, and is on time each day.

Counselor's Corner

I wanted to take a moment and reach out about a couple of things that are coming up.

First, I wanted to touch base about our new health curriculum. I know I am very excited about educating our students about their bodies in positive ways! However, I also understand that this may bring up questions for students that families may not be ready to answer. Therefore, I wanted to share a resource I found to help empower parents and caregivers to engage in healthy and positive conversations with their students. Below is a link to a great article that empowers parents and caregivers to answer the age-old, anxiety provoking question of "Where do babies come from?" I often hear that parents are taken off guard and usually don't know how to answer this question when it comes up. If you are struggling to answer this question and need some support, please check out the link below!

<http://sexpositivefamilies.com/five-sex-positive-answers/>

Please reach out if you would like additional resources around this topic!

Second, I wanted to reach out to families with students in the 3rd, 4th or 5th grade who may be interested in participating in an LGBTQ+ lunch bunch. I was recently approached by a student asking for a group to support LGBTQ+ students and families. This group will be open to any student who is an ally or who identifies as a member of this community. 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 questions or concerns. Please call 503-916-6234 or email at espiers@pps.net.

-Lynn Spiers, Counselor

Resources

7th Annual Rosenbaum PPB Youth Camp

- June 17-21 from 9am-3pm
- Parkrose High School - 12003 NE Shaver St.

Camp Rosenbaum is partnering with community members and the Portland Police Bureau to host their 2019 Youth Camp. The camp is for boys and girls aged 8-14. Registration opens mid-April. The cost is \$35 per child; however, there is a reduced rate of \$20 for families who qualify for free and reduced lunch. There are 16 different activities to choose from including skateboarding, football, cheerleading, fishing, science, arts & crafts, hiking and more. If you would like more information or to register your child, visit www.camprosenbaum.org/ppbyouthcamp or email ppbyouthcamp@camprosenbaum.org. The last day to register is June 13, 2019.