



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

8.21.18

Dear Families,

Thank you to everybody who participated in Community Care Day. Our school grounds look great! I am inspired by the tremendous improvement made in just three hours. Again, our community shows the power of coming together for a common goal.

Today was teacher's first day back, and we are all excited to see students back in school next Monday. School starts at 8:45, doors open at 8:38. I know everybody is anxious to see their teachers; please remember that teacher planning time is before school. If you need to meet with a teacher, be sure to set up an appointment. Let's support teachers by ensuring they have the time needed to prepare for a great day of learning.

I received news yesterday afternoon that we have been allocated an additional FTE to address the large class sizes in 1st and 2nd grade. This means we will be adding an additional teacher, who will be teaching a first/second grade class. Given the importance of early literacy and numeracy, this is great news for our first and second graders, as class sizes are now around 24-26. Although this additional teacher will benefit our students, I understand the change is difficult for students who already received their class placement. I wanted families to know as soon as possible, so Janna called the families of all students impacted by this change today.

See you Monday!

Amber Gerber

PTO News

PTO has their first meeting coming up on Wednesday,

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

Upcoming Events

1st Day of School

Monday, 8/27
Grades 1-5

Thursday, 8/30
Kindergarten
½ days, am or pm

Kindergarten Social

Tuesday, 8/28
6:00 pm

Labor Day

Monday, 9/3
No School

PTO Meeting

Wednesday, 9/12
6:00 pm
Dinner Provided

Back to School Night

Tuesday, 9/20
6:00-7:30 pm
7:30 TAG information

September 3rd. Dinner will be provided at 6:00 pm. We look forward to seeing everybody there.

Picture Day

Thursday, 9/27

Check us out at:

<https://sites.google.com/chiefjosephschool.org/pto/>

Like us on Facebook:

<Facebook.com/chiefjosephschool>

Resources

PTO Clothing Closet will be open before school. Please contact Lynn Spiers for more information.

School Supplies: We understand that supplying all the items on the list may cause hardship for some families. If that is the case, we will find alternative funding sources for the materials. Please call the front office, 503-916-6255 or email the counselor Lynn Spiers, espiers@pps.net if you need assistance.

Important Information

Additional School Supplies: With the transition to our new writing curriculum, there are a few items teachers need that weren't on the original supply lists. These items are needed at all grades:

- Repositionable glue sticks
- Post-its, all sizes and colors
- Flair tip pens

Non-instructional Items: Please help our teachers by ensuring that non-instructional items stay at home. I encourage families to discuss the importance of leaving toys, playing cards, slime, and similar items at home with their students. We appreciate your help in enforcing this expectation.

After School Plans: Please make sure your student brings their After School Plan on the first day of school. This information is vital for us to ensure everybody gets home safely.