



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

08.23.2022

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

All School News

Well the first day of school is almost here. We can't wait to reunite next Tuesday!

Please join us this Saturday, 8.27, for Community Care Day. Bring your garden tools, and head on over. We are especially in need of gas powered weed whackers and leaf blowers to take care of weeds on the sidewalks and black top. We will also provide fresh mulch to our garden beds. Many hands make light work! See you this Saturday at 9:00. If you can't stay the whole time, that's ok, every bit helps.

Classes begin with Community Circle, which encourages students to get to know each other, and build a strong sense of community. It is our goal to begin the Community Circle at 8:45, when the tardy bell rings. Please make every effort to have your student at school in time to be ready to start at 8:45. We don't want your student to miss this important part of the day.

If you have a child or know someone who will be five on or before Sept. 1, It's not too late to register for Kindergarten! Please click [here](#) to register.

Also, join us for the **Kindergarten Popsicle Social** on Thursday, September 1st from 4:30-5:30pm at Arbor Lodge Park. This is an opportunity for incoming families to tour the classrooms and meet our kindergarten teachers!

Upcoming Dates

08.27.2022, Saturday
Community Care Day
CJES School
9:00am-12:00pm

08.30.2022, Tuesday
First day of School
1st-5th Grade

09.01.2022, Thursday
Kindergarten Social
Arbor Lodge Park
4:30pm-5:30pm

09.05.2022 Monday
Labor Day
No School

09.06.2022 Tuesday
First Full Day for All
Kindergarten

09.06.2022 Tuesday
Dental Sealants Day for
2nd & 3rd grade

Staffing Updates

I am very excited to announce that Em Rochford is joining our community as our new School Social Worker. The School Social Worker is part of our school support team, and is here to support families with accessing community services, as well as providing support for students at school who may be experiencing social-emotional or mental health needs. Ms. Rochford's email is: erochford@pps.net.

I am also excited to welcome Ellen Hamingson to our team. Ellen comes with vast experience, as both a former teacher, and National Parks Restoration Biologist. Ellen will be serving as an educational assistant, supporting Ms. Hall with math intervention groups and the kindergarten classrooms.

Lastly we'll be welcoming our new Student Health Assistant, Zoe Eberspecher. She will be a wonderful addition to our front office team.

We are still in the process of hiring for the music position, and will be filling the school secretary position with a long term substitute.

Building Entry and Pick-Up

Students enter the building at the following times and locations:

8:15-8:38: Cafeteria Doors are open to all students who want to eat breakfast.

Supervision is provided. Students will stay in the cafeteria until we reinstate Morning Mile the third week of school.

8:38-8:45:

- Kindergarten: Enter through West doors on Delaware Street.
- Grades 1-2: Enter through library doors, near the play structure on the North side of the building.
- Grades 3-4: Enter through the doors between the portables and gym on the North side of the building.
- Grade 5: Enter the portables. After the first day of school, students will enter the classroom and proceed immediately to specials. Students should be in specials by the time school starts at 8:45.

8:45, and later:

- Students enter through front doors on Saratoga St.

Students are dismissed at 3:00.

Bus & Neighborhood House. Students in Kindergarten & 1st grade will be picked up at classrooms and walked to the bus line or cafeteria. Students in grades 2-3 will walk to appropriate locations.

The following classes will be dismissed directly from classroom doors. We will have signs out the first week of school, to help you find the classroom.

- Ms. Cooper: West side of building, Delaware St.
- Ms. Penny: West side of building, Delaware St.
- Ms. Peake: North side of building, near play structure.
- Ms. Pepper: South side of building, near fig tree.
- Ms. Ferguson: North side of building, near library doors.
- Ms. Pearson: North side of building, between Chief Joseph mural & library
- 3rd & 4th Grade: North side of building, near gym. Teachers will be taking students outside for dismissal.
- 5th Grade: Portables, they will be in the opposite classroom as their am class.

Communicable Disease Management Plan

As part of our ongoing efforts to prevent the spread of communicable diseases, including Covid-19, we will continue to follow the PPS Communicable Disease Management Plan. You can find details about this plan at: <https://www.pps.net/Page/19668>

This plan includes:

- [Self-Screening Tool](#): A copy of this checklist will be sent home with the opening day packet. If your student is experiencing symptoms requiring they stay home, please call the school.
- Regular hand washing/hand sanitizing routines are scheduled within the school day.
- Indoor mask wearing is encouraged.
- Physical distancing is encouraged.
- Windows will be opened as much as possible to encourage air circulation.
- Testing: Students must sign up each year to participate in the testing programs.
 - On site, symptom based testing: The form for participating in this program will be sent home with the opening day packet.
 - Covid-19 Screening Program: They are moving to an online portal. Details for sign up will be coming soon.

Counselor Corner

Hello Families!

I hope you all had a fun filled, relaxing summer!

Please reach out to me, Ms. Lynn, if you need any help with school supplies for your child this year.

If you would like to donate school supplies, we are always in need of the following:

- Pencil Sharpeners
- Large, pink erasers
- Spiral notebooks (wide and college ruled)
- Composition notebooks (wide and college ruled)
- 2 pocket folders (red, green, yellow, blue, purple)
- Post-its

- Index cards
- Dry erase markers
- Highlighters
- Binders and Dividers
- School supply boxes
- Backpacks!

I'd also be happy to share the supply list for a certain grade if you would like to help students get supplies this year!

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. You can reach me in any of the following ways.

- Email: epreslar@pps.net
- Call or text: 971-770-1521
- Office phone: 503-916-6234

Let's make this a wonderful year together!

Ms. Lynn

Library

Mrs. Hall needs your help for the Library bulletin board! Please email her (bhall@pps.net) a picture of your student reading in different locations this summer to contribute to our Caught Reading Library Bulletin Board! She will print them and hang them on the board. Pictures will be sent home when she is done. Thank you!

PTO Update

Hello from your PTO!

We hope everyone had a great summer! It's hard to believe that the new school year is upon us already. The PTO had a really great meeting to discuss the year ahead and we are very excited to get things going. There are going to be lots of fun activities and events both at school and within the community, some of which include restaurant profit shares, a Trailblazers game, in person book fair, (potential) movie nights, a big fundraising event and another Spring Fest! Look out for more detailed information in the welcome packet that will go home with your student after school starts.

In order to make these events happen we will need some help. Our volunteer coordinator will be sending out a survey to get an idea of who would like to help volunteer this year. If you have questions or ideas for fundraisers/events please email volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org or president@chiefjosephschool.org

The best way to keep in touch with PTO happenings are to follow updates via the school newsletter and Remind. If you aren't part of the Remind PTO group already, which you have to opt into, here is the link <https://www.remind.com/join/cjpto>