



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

8.27.18

Dear Families,

We have had a fabulous first two days. I really enjoy this time of year, and love seeing the smiling faces on our kids' faces. As I think back to over these first few days, my fondest memory is of a kindergarten student coming in for assessments. She boldly walked through the front doors, and turned to her family, with arms flung wide, and said, "Come on in! It's school!" Her enthusiasm, and giant smile were contagious. It is this excitement, and love of learning, and sense of belonging to the community that we want to foster in every student, every day.

We have accomplished a lot in these first two days. One important aspect of our school climate plan, is that we explicitly teach the expectations for behavior in all the common areas. Monday and Tuesday students had an opportunity to review how we are expected to behave in different areas around the school. Please take a few minutes to talk to your student about what it means to Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, and Be Kind on the playground, in the bathroom, hallway, restroom and cafeteria. I also want to remind you that the school's climate plan is available on our website.

Finally, I want to let you know about a change of date for Back to School Night. **Back to School Night will be on Tuesday, September 25th.** We will begin at 6:00 pm with a Principal's Address, and teacher introduction in the cafeteria. Classrooms will be open from 6:15 to 7:30. At 7:30 we will have a TAG informational meeting in the library.

PTO News

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year from your Parent Teacher Organization! Our school community is stronger with you - we need your ideas and experience to help with our

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

Upcoming Events

Kinder 1st Day of School

Thursday, 8/30
½ days, am or pm

Labor Day

Monday, 9/3
No School

PTO Meeting

Wednesday, 9/12
6:00 pm
Dinner & Childcare
Provided

Back to School Night

Tuesday, 9/25
6:00-7:30 pm
7:30 TAG information

Picture Day

Thursday, 9/27

fun, free community events like Harvest Fest and Movie Nights, and fundraisers that support our GROW Garden School, field trips, and more!

You can help in many ways, big and small. Join us at our **first meeting on September 12th** at 6pm to learn more and sign up for volunteer opportunities. Dinner and childcare always provided, and there are no fees to join! We look forward to seeing you there.

Check out our website, follow us on facebook, and you're always encouraged to send us a message!

New this year, we will be sending brief reminders about events and meetings through the Remind App. To sign up, text "@cjpt" to 81010.

Contact:

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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.