



# Chief Joseph Elementary School

## Family Bulletin

### 9.15.2020

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

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## All School News

Families,

This week marks the launch of Comprehensive Distance Learning, amidst a time of tremendous uncertainty. As we work together to create an engaging online learning and community experience for our students, we will also remain focused on the need to care for each other as beloved members of our community. As a community, we are here to support each other through these difficult times in order to ensure that our children have a future in which our Black and Brown family, friends and neighbors experience true equality, and where clean air and water are accessible to all. If you or your family is in need, please reach out to Ms. Lynn, our school counselor, at [espier@pps.net](mailto:espier@pps.net), or Ms. Strugatsky, our school social worker, at [jstragatsky@pps.net](mailto:jstragatsky@pps.net).

-Amber

If your child will be missing school for the entire day, please email the school secretary, Janna Holm, at [jholm@pps.net](mailto:jholm@pps.net) and include your child's name, the date they will be absent and the reason and we will update their attendance.

Student schedules are now posted on our website. Please click this [link](#) to access the daily schedule for students.

Also, chromebooks are still available for students to borrow for distance learning. You can check one out for your student from the school library 1:30-3:30 daily, *when the air quality is healthy and school buildings are open again*. Please come to the back library doors by the Chief Joseph mural and remember to wear a mask.

Many parents have asked for information about the instructional scope and sequence for

## Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, 9.16.2020

PTO Meeting  
6:30-7:30 pm

<https://meet.google.com/wpg-sgzb-rto>

Tuesday, 9.29.2020

Virtual Back to  
School Night  
6:00-7:00 pm

distance learning. Parents can access this information through [ATLAS](#). Through this site, you will be able to access the essential questions and standards addressed in each unit, along with the time frame the units will be taught.

We will be hosting a virtual Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 29th, at 6:00 pm. More information about how to access this event will be coming soon.

### **Free Meals for Chief Joseph School Students!**

**Where:** Meals will be available for pickup outside Chief Joseph School.

**When:** Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 3 to 5 p.m.

**Details:** Students will receive seven days' worth of meals **free** each week outside of Chief Joseph School, regardless of income qualifications. On Monday, they will get breakfast and lunch for Tuesday and Wednesday; on Wednesday, they will get meals for Thursday and Friday and on Fridays, they will get meals for Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Chief Joseph School is a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) School this year, so meals are for ALL students at NO CHARGE as long as they are enrolled at our school. Families who need assistance accessing meals can request home delivery [here](#) on the right hand side of the page under Meal Delivery.

### **PTO News**

Join us for the first Parent Teacher Organization General meeting of the 2020/2021 school year on Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30pm. We will be meeting virtually via zoom.

#### Agenda

- \* Overview: Who are we and what do we do
- \* Goals for the year
- \* What is on pause
- \* Guest speaker: Brandi Hall, Media Teacher / Math Specialist Teacher
- \* Board Elections

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/3583821239?pwd=aXVPbGJ6aUIMQnlreVZzUkR1K0ZOZz09>

Meeting ID: 358 382 1239

Passcode: AV83ZB

More information about your PTO can be found on our website: [www.chiefjosephschool.org](http://www.chiefjosephschool.org)  
Sign up for PTO notices on our Remind App: text "@cjpt" to 81010

## Counseling Corner

Dear Families,

First, I want to take a moment and acknowledge the wildfires and send my love and support to all those who are being impacted. Here are some tips around supporting children during times of crisis that I wanted to share with you all. \*tips taken from ASCA website

- Try and keep routines as normal as possible. Kids gain security from the predictability of routine, including attending school.
- Limit exposure to television and the news.
- Be honest with kids and share with them as much information as they are developmentally able to handle.
- Listen to kids' fears and concerns.
- Reassure kids that the world is a good place to be, but that there are people who do bad things.
- Parents and adults need to first deal with and assess their own responses to crisis and stress.
- Rebuild and reaffirm attachments and relationships.

If you would like more support around this, please don't hesitate to contact me, Lynn Spiers, or Jane Strugatsky.

Here are additional resources:

[Recovering from Wildfires](#)

[CDC: Stay Safe During a Wildfire](#)

[State of Oregon Wildfire Housing Relief](#)

[Local Temporary Shelters](#)

[Oregon Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster](#)

[State of Oregon Wildfire Resources](#)

I also want to take a moment and introduce you all to Jane Strugatsky, our new half-time Social Worker.

Jane and I will be working together this year to ensure that all families have what they need to be successful.

Hi Chief Joseph School Community!

I am so excited to be a part of this community, although it is under unique circumstances. I have been a medical social worker in the Portland area for the last 4 years and prior to that worked in alternative education in North Portland. I will be working closely with Ms. Lynn to provide wraparound support to you all as we navigate this school year. I speak Russian and Spanish and am available to provide support in those languages as well. Feel free to reach out at any time!

Warmly,

Jane Strugatsky

[jstrugatsky@pps.net](mailto:jstrugatsky@pps.net)

Take care,

Lynn Spiers

971-770-1521 (call/text)

[espiers@pps.net](mailto:espiers@pps.net)

## Library

Welcome to a new school year! My name is Brandi Hall and I am the Librarian Media Specialist and this year I will also be the Math Specialist. This week I will continue to collect library books from our library, as well as from Ockley Green. We are still looking for approximately 500 books! Depending on air quality and access to the building, hours of returns will be Wednesday (9/16) from 1:00-5:30 pm, Thursday (9/17) and Friday (9/18) from 9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1:00-3:30 pm. Please come to the back exterior library doors by the Kinder Garden and Chief Joseph Mural. Please remember your mask!

SeeSaw Lessons: This week I will be uploading pre-recorded read alouds of me reading different books for students to listen to during asynchronous learning. These are merely for your student(s) to enjoy and will not have assignments attached; after they listen to the story they can leave me a comment that they are done or of their favorite part. I have also created a new website for the Library, as the Only2clicks site that I have used in the past is no longer available. My new website is the [Chief Joseph Elementary Library](#). There are resources, learning games, and places to read or listen to readings. I have put links to this site on the Library tab of our school website and have added it to my Clever Library page for students.

I am really hoping to have Library Book Bags available for families to come pick up starting next week September 21st. This of course will depend on if the library staff can access the building later this week to prepare book bags. Below is the pick up and drop off schedule, please note that you will be in one of two groups depending on your last name, this is to make sure that we keep social distancing in place and not have everyone show up all at once. You will be in either Group A (last name A-M) or Group B (last name N-Z). If these times don't work for you, you can drop books in the mail slot at the front doors or contact me at [bhall@pps.net](mailto:bhall@pps.net) so we can arrange another time or join me in my office hours at [meet.google.co](https://meet.google.co) meeting code cjlibrarian on Tuesdays-Fridays 3-3:30pm.

*Library Book Bag Schedule*

	Days	Times	Group	Location
<b><u>Week 1</u></b>	Mondays (9/21, 10/5, 10/19, 11/2)	8:00am - 12:00pm	Group A (last name A-M)	Back Library Door Near Kinder Garden
	Wednesdays (9/23 shortened hours, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4)	1:00 - 5:30 pm *meal service day <b>**9/23 open only 1:00-3:30pm **</b>	Group A (last name A-M)	Back Library Door Near Kinder Garden
	Thursdays (9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/5)	8:00am - 3:00pm *Closed from 12-1pm	Group A (last name A-M)	Back Library Door Near Kinder Garden

<b><u>Week 2</u></b>	Mondays (9/28, 10/12, 10/26, 11/9)	8:00am - 12:00pm	Group B (last name N-Z)	Back Library Door Near Kinder Garden
	Wednesdays (9/30, 10/14, 10/28)	3:30 - 5:30 pm *meal service day	Group B (last name N-Z)	Back Library Door Near Kinder Garden
	Thursdays (10/1, 10/15, 10/29, 11/12)	8:00am - 3:00pm *Closed from 12-1pm	Group B (last name N-Z)	Back Library Door Near Kinder Garden

\* Meal services on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3pm-5:30pm\*

\*\* **Library books from the Spring can also be returned at any of these times!\*\***

## Resources

### Student Health Centers

This fall, while schools are engaged in Comprehensive Distance Learning, PPS Roosevelt Student Health Center will be open starting Monday, September 14th for phone, video and in-person visits. Monday-Thursday 8:45 am-4:45 pm and Friday for phone and video appointments only. Call 503-988-3909 to make an appointment.

Any Multnomah County K-12 youth can visit the center and there are no out of pocket costs. We also can connect students and their families with community resources for food or help with medical insurance.

Student Health Centers at David Douglas & Parkrose high schools are also open. For more information visit <https://multco.us/health/student-health-centers>.

### Garden Kits for BIPOC Families

- The Urban League of Portland, Faubion Sun, and Growing Gardens are partnering together to provide FREE garden kits to BIPOC families.
  - When: Tuesday, Sept. 15th and Thursday, Sept. 17th
  - Time: 3-5pm
  - Where: Faubion School, 2930 NE Dekum St.
  - Who: North/Northeast BIPOC Families
  - Register at: Facebook Group North/Northeast PPS BIPOC Families

### Rent

- Eviction Moratorium Information
  - A statewide eviction moratorium is in effect until Sept. 30, 2020.

- That means **you cannot be evicted for non-payment** between April 1 and Sept. 30, 2020.
- You will have until March 31, 2021, to pay back any rent owed from these months. However, once the moratorium expires on Sept. 30, 2020, renters will be required to pay rent on a regular basis again. So **you will need to make rent in October, and in subsequent months, on time** — or your landlord could issue a 72-hour notice for non-payment of rent and initiate eviction proceedings.
- Multnomah County COVID-19 Rent Relief Fund Program
  - Find all information regarding this assistance [here](#).
  - If COVID-19 has impacted your ability to pay rent, you may qualify for the Multnomah County COVID-19 Rent Relief Fund Program. In order to see if you qualify you will need to call 211, confirm eligibility, and get added to the waitlist.
  - The waitlist opens periodically, so call 211 often to check status!