



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

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Dear Families,

As you know, the safety of our students is extremely important to us. One way we ensure safety is through the regular practice of emergency drills. This Wednesday we will be practicing the Lockdown Drill. This drill is required by the state of Oregon to be practiced twice a year. We often refer to this drill as “Locks, Lights, Out of Sight!” We are practicing our response to a situation in which there is imminent danger in the school. Upon notification, teachers will direct students to take cover in the safest place possible. Teachers will then lock the doors, pull blinds, and turn off the lights. Please take the time to discuss this drill with your student. Remind your students that we practice drills in order to be ready if an emergency occurs at school. It is also important to reassure students that they are safe here at school.

On Tuesday, October 9th, we will be practicing a reunification drill after school. In the case of a large scale emergency, we need to accurately and efficiently reunite students with parents and/or approved emergency contacts. We are looking for 2-3 students in each class to participate in the drill. Please watch for a parent letter to come home next week with details on this drill. Please remember to update your emergency contact information with the front office. We can only release your student to people who are named on the contact list, and marked as able to pick up students from school.

This Friday is Principal’s Coffee. I hope to see many of you there. I will be giving an update on our new literacy adoption. I also like to maintain an open dialogue and receive feedback from you.

Amber Gerber

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

Upcoming Events

Principal’s Coffee

Friday, 9/21
9:00 am

Back to School Night

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

Picture Day

Thursday, 9/27

Custodian Appreciation Day

Monday, 10/1

Site Council

Wednesday, 10/3

Reunification Drill

Tuesday, 10/9
3:30 pm

PTO Meeting

Wednesday, 10/10
6:00 pm
Dinner Provided

PTO News

The first [PTO meeting](#) of the year was held Wednesday, September 12th. **Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.** It was awesome to meet new families and reconnect with others after the summer break. We discussed what PTO is, and how we support our students through fundraising, volunteering, and funding additional needs of teachers and classrooms. We heard from two educators: Brandy our Librarian and Amanda our Grow Portland Educator. We learned about our Backpack Program from Melissa. We discussed staffing, instructional focus, and the reunification drill with Principal Amber. It was a great meeting and we hope to keep the momentum going!

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, October 10**. We will discuss the PTO Budget and hear about the State Report Card from Principal Amber. Again, dinner and childcare will be provided, and there are no fees to join!

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, please feel free to contact volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org with your interests and availability.

As always, we want to hear from you! Please send us your feedback, suggestions, and any topics you're interested in hearing discussed in our next meeting. Contact PTO digitally or or drop a note in our lockbox in the hallway.

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Remind App: Text "@cjpt" to 81010 to sign up for short reminders. Opt-out anytime.

TAG News

Your TAG coordinator this year is Rose Michels. There will be a slideshow presentation followed by a Q&A session at 7:30pm on September 25, in the library. This is on Back to School Night. If you have questions or suggestions please bring them to the meeting. See you then!

No School
Friday, 10/12

Harvest Festival
Friday, 10/26

No School
Monday, 10/29