



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

10.09.18

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Dear Families,

Today we practiced our Reunification Drill. Thank you to the families that were able to participate. The purpose of the drill was to practice safely and effectively reuniting students with families, or emergency pick up persons. We would implement the reunification process in the case of a major emergency, such as a school fire or earthquake. We learned a lot during this drill. Many of our takeaways are internal, such as how to better utilize staff and resources like walkie-talkies. We also learned areas we are going to need support, and needed improvements around helping families with the initial steps of the process. If you participated in the drill, we would love your feedback. Please don't hesitate to email me your ideas. Our safety committee will be communicating improvements to the process, so stay tuned.

This is also a good time to remind families of the importance of updating your emergency contact list. We can not release a student to a person who is not listed on your student's emergency contact. See Janna in the main office to make these updates. Please communicate your emergency plan with your students. Additionally, in the case that we need to evacuate our school grounds, Peace Lutheran Church, located on the corner of Rosa Parks Ave. and Newcastle St. is our secondary evacuation site.

Since we are on the topic of student safety, I also want to address the importance of driving slowly and carefully at pick up and drop off. We have received complaints about cars not stopping or slowing down near the front entrance of school. It was reported that two students were nearly hit. Please drive carefully.

We are in need of **new or gently used** children's pants in size 5 and 6 to use if student's have an accident at school.

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

Upcoming Events

Great Shake Out
Earthquake Drill

Thursday, 10.18.18

PTO Meeting, Childcare &
Dinner Provided

Wednesday, 10.10.18

Dinner 6:00-6:30 pm

Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm

Statewide Inservice Day:
No School

Friday, 10.12.18

Harvest Festival

Friday, 10.26.18

6:00-8:00 pm

Teacher Planning Day:
No School

Monday, 10.29.18

Picture Retakes

Tuesday, 11.6.18

Site Council

Wednesday, 11.7.18

Also, we need **new** underwear in size 5 and 6. If you can donate pants or underwear, please drop them by the front office.

I hope to see everybody at the PTO meeting tomorrow night. There is an action packed agenda, and I am planning on giving an overview of the discipline process.

Amber Gerber

PTO News

Join us this **Wednesday, October 10th** from 6-7:30 for our PTO meeting in the Library (dinner at 6:00, and meeting 6:30-7:30). We will learn about our budget, and how we use the funds we raise to support our students. **This will be our last PTO meeting until January!** Dinner and childcare are always provided, and there are no fees to join! THIS IS YOUR PTO.

Here is our agenda:

- Introductions
- Overview of our 2018-19 Budget
- Upcoming events, fundraising, & volunteer opportunities
- Site Council overview
- Principal Amber with discipline process overview

We look forward to seeing you there!

As always, reach out if you have questions or suggestions.

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Interested in quick PTO reminders? We are on the Remind App! Text "@cjpt" to 81010. Opt-out anytime.

Resources

Collaborative Problem Solving Online Group Training
Collaborative Problem Solving is an evidenced-based, trauma-informed approach to behavior management. OHSU is offering an 8 week online training to parents with a challenging child. Requirements of the online course include a computer, a webcam, an internet connection, and a microphone. The classes will be Tuesdays from 5:30pm-7pm starting November 6.

4:00-5:00 pm

Veteran's Day:
No School

Monday, 11.12.18

Parent Teacher Conferences:
No School

Monday, 11.19.18

Tuesday, 11.20.18

Thanksgiving Holiday:
No School

Wednesday, 11.21.18

Thursday, 11.22.18

Friday, 11.23.18

If you would like to register or get more information please contact CPS at OHSU at 503-346-1490 or cps@ohsu.edu.

TAG News

TAG (Talented And Gifted) is used when referring to a student who is identified as Talented and Gifted through pre-established identification procedures and criteria. Portland Public School's goal is for all students to have equal access to a rich learning environment and their individual needs met by creating opportunities based on principles of equity and the Successful Schools Framework.

TAG is defined as a group of students who demonstrate an advanced or even exceptional ability in a particular area, and score between the 95th and 99th percentile. Through the use of an assessment tool and process, PPS may identify students who have potential to perform at high levels either in talent or giftedness. This definition of potential includes the intentional and substantive development of our students so their talents and gifts can be recognized, supported and nurtured.

If you believe your child may have skills/abilities in the Talented and Gifted (TAG) range, there is a process by which you may nominate your child for evaluation for this eligibility. To nominate your child, you must turn in your application for the evaluation to Rose Michels, Building TAG Facilitator, by November 30th. The form is available on the TAG bulletin board in the hallway across from the staff lounge or on the TAG website: <http://www.pps.net/tag> Please fill out the parent portion and give the form to your child's teacher to complete. Then, place the form in my mailbox or give it directly to me.

Students in grades 3-5 cannot be nominated for reading or math as they will be using the statewide SBAC test scores to determine eligibility. If your child scores between 95-99 percentiles, you will be notified and asked if you would like to nominate your child for TAG at that point. This will be closer to the end of the year, after testing has occurred.

Also, every 2nd grader will be given the TAG Cogat screening test on October 17th. This will determine eligibility in the TAG program based on cognitive ability.