



# Chief Joseph Elementary School

## Family Bulletin

### 3.20.2020

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### All School News

I want to express my gratitude to both our staff and community for your responsiveness and support of each other and our children. As I'm watching this unfold, I am overwhelmed by the importance of people working together for the common good. I see the empty shelves at Winco, and the employees selflessly restocking our necessities and am reminded of the importance of every person in our society, doing their part to keep the whole system running, thereby supporting us all. It makes me really appreciate the people who I don't know personally, but their efforts make my life possible.

I also want to thank you for taking social distancing seriously. Here is some [guidance from the CDC](#), on keeping your home, workplace, and school safe. Naturally, getting outside is important right now. I want to remind folks that play structures are a "high contact point" and should be avoided. A parent shared this [article from the BBC](#); it is informative, and offers practical suggestions for supporting kids during our time of social distancing. Information on talking to young kids about COVID-19 can be found [here](#).

PPS is working with PAT, the teacher's union, to finalize the instructional plan for the extended school closure. I will be sure to keep you informed. As next week is officially Spring Break, I don't think we'll know for sure until the following week. Thank you for your patience.

Here is a list of resources that I've found and have been suggested to me that I want to pass along.

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

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### Upcoming Events

Social Distancing School Closure

3.16-3.20.2020

Spring Break - No School

3.23-3.27.2020

Social Distancing School Closure

3.30-4.28.2020

School Scheduled to Resume

4.29.2020

*At this time, community events are postponed.*

## Resources

### Food

We are working with our PTO Food Backpack Program to ensure families continue to receive services through the extended break.

Direct link to additional resources:

- [Hunger Free Oregon Website](#)
- [Sunshine Division](#)
- [Oregon Food Bank](#)

### General Support

- [211](#)

### Health Services

- [Multnomah County Health Services over Spring Break](#)

### Housing

- Multnomah County has declared a moratorium on evictions for non-payment of rent due to wage loss resulting from COVID-19. You can find more information [here](#).

### Instruction

- [PPS Student Resources](#)
- All PPS students have a PPS account, which allows them access to many district resources. The username is generally their first initial, last name, and the last 4 digits of their pupil ID.

For example, if my pupil ID was 123456 and my name is Amber Gerber, my PPS username will likely be: agerber3456.

You can get help with resetting the password through the IT department. Click here to [reset your password](#). Students in grades 3-5 likely know their username and password. However, students in grades K-3 usually log on with clever badges and may require more support.

- [PPS Family and Curriculum Website](#) This website allows you to see the yearlong calendar for math and language arts, as well as the standards for each unit.

## Contribute

Many of you have asked about how to support our community. You can contribute directly to our school, through our PTO, by selecting the “backpack program” from the dropdown menu. Click [here for the PTO website](#).

You can also help our Portland Public Schools respond to the needs of students, families, and school communities during this unprecedented school closure. While public dollars are currently covering the cost of maintaining basic nutrition services at [a number of school sites](#),

we know that the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic will be felt more broadly across our school communities. Please consider making a donation at: <https://fundforpps.org/cv19relief>

You can also support directly through many of the websites above.