



Chief Joseph Elementary School Family Bulletin 9.6.18

Dear Families,

I feel very fortunate to be a part of the Chief Joseph Elementary School community and have really enjoyed reconnecting with folks after our summer break. I want to reach out to families and ensure that everybody is clear about how to connect, and with whom to connect. Your strongest partner will be the classroom teacher, and in general this is your first point of contact. Our teachers value your input, feel free to shoot them an email, or give them a call to keep them informed on issues that may be impacting your student's success at school. Occasionally, there may be issues that occur outside the classroom, or require support beyond what the classroom teacher can provide. This year we have a School Climate Specialist, Ms. Whitaker. She will be your point of contact for concerns around school climate and discipline, for questions beyond the classroom. Her email is jwhitaker@pps.net. Ms. Lynn, our School Counselor, is the point of contact for resources to support your student's social and emotional well being. Her email is espier@pps.net. I will be the point of contact for questions about curriculum and instruction, and the management of the building. My email is agerber@pps.net. It is extremely important that we keep classroom teachers involved as the primary partner in your student's education, and they should generally be your first point of contact.

I wanted to reach out to you all and inform you that over the weekend one of our 5th grade families lost their home in a house fire. Unfortunately, this means that the family has lost everything. I wanted to let you all know to see if we can pull together as a community and support them in their time of need. I have included the family's GoFund me link below. The family is also collecting basic necessities and clothing. If you would like to donate physical items, Jennifer Whitaker will be the point person and will be collecting donations. The PTO has graciously offered to collect donations during next Wednesday's PTO meeting.

<https://www.gofundme.com/46gsun-fire-recovery-fund>

I want to remind you of the importance of keeping your teacher updated on the After School Plans. If you have a temporary change to the plan, please write a note for the teacher and give it to them at the beginning of the day. If you are changing the plan, please complete a new after school plan, and turn that into the office. We

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

Upcoming Events

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

Custodial Appreciation Day

Monday, 10/1

Site Council

Wednesday, 10/3

Reunification Drill

Tuesday, 10/9

PTO Meeting

Wednesday, 10/10
6:00 pm
Dinner & Childcare
Provided

will make a copy and ensure it gets to the teacher. We appreciate your support. Your students' safety is our biggest concern. As you can imagine, it's a big job to make sure every student gets to where they are supposed to be successfully.

I look forward to seeing everybody at the PTO meeting next Wednesday. I will talk briefly about our new curriculum, staffing, and the re-unification drill we have planned for October.

See you soon!

Amber

PTO News

The first PTO meeting of the year is next **Wednesday, September 12th** at 6pm in the Library. Come learn more and sign up for volunteer opportunities. We need your ideas and experience to help with our fun, free community events like Harvest Fest and Movie Nights, and fundraisers that support our GROW Garden School, field trips, and more! Dinner and childcare always provided, and there are no fees to join!

Here is our agenda:

- Introductions
- Overview of our PTO Volunteering and Fundraising
- Principal Amber with Curriculum and Staffing update
- Wrap Up

We look forward to seeing you there!

Contact PTO:

www.chiefjosephschool.org

@chiefjosephschool on Facebook

Info@chiefjosephschool.org

CJ PTO is on the Remind App!

Just text the message "@cjpt" to 81010 to sign up for short reminders.

Opt-out anytime.

Resources

After School Program Grants: We are able to offer a limited number of grants for the after school programs offered here at school. If you are interested in a grant, please contact Lynn Spiers,

our school counselor. espiers@pps.net

PTO Clothing Closet is now open. Please contact Lynn Spiers if you need clothing for your student(s).

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.