



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

02.09.2021

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All School News

REMINDER - There is no school Monday, Feb. 15 for President's Day.

Please join us for our second all school assembly on Friday, Feb. 19 at 9:00 am. Here is the link for your student to use from their PPS account -

<https://stream.meet.google.com/stream/8ab527fd-8b09-4289-b1be-95afa43832c7> The link will also be posted in their classroom in seesaw.

There are still several students who have items left from their classrooms and desks from last school year. A staff member has called and emailed those families that have items to pick up. Please pick up items with Mrs. Hall at the back Library doors during her open hours on Monday 8am-12pm, Wednesday 3-5pm, and Thursday 9am-3:30pm (closed from 12-1pm). As we prepare for Limited In Person Instruction (LIPI), **any items not picked up by 3:30pm on Thursday, February 11th will be thrown away.** Remember to wear a mask and maintain six feet distance from others.

Please fill out this 3 minute childcare survey to help us when hiring a new before and after school care provider - <https://forms.gle/7upE53sSPfqQrpzV9>

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

Upcoming Dates

02.15.2021 Monday
Presidents' Day
No School

02.19.2021 Friday, 9:00am
All School Assembly
<https://stream.meet.google.com/stream/8ab527fd-8b09-4289-b1be-95afa43832c7>

03.12.2021 Fri, 10:00 am
Kinder Connect Virtual
Event

03.18.2021 Thurs, 6:00 pm
Kinder Connect Virtual
Event

03.22-03.26-2021
Spring Break
No School

Kindergarten 2021-2022

If you have a student who will be 5 before Sept. 1, 2021, please join us for a Connect to Kindergarten Virtual Event on March 12, Friday at 10:00 am or March 18, Thursday at 6:00 pm. The link to join will be on our Chief Joseph School [website](#) on the front page. Let your neighbors and friends with an incoming kindergarten student know! Also, the link to register your student online for next year Kindergarten is [here](#).

Library

The Chief Joseph Library is open for Chromebooks, Library Book Bags or classroom materials. Library hours are Mondays 8am-12pm, Wednesdays 3-5pm, and Thursdays 9am-3:30pm (closed from 12-1pm). The Library will be closed on non-school days/holidays. Library doors are located on the backside of the school on west side of the playground, behind the Kinder classrooms. Please remember to wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines.

Counseling Corner

Dear Families,

I am continuing to join classroom morning meetings in order to teach a racial equity/social justice unit. So far we have discussed our identities, cultures and what makes us special and unique. This month we will be discussing diversity and celebrating our similarities and differences. We will also be reading the book All the Colors We Are by Katie Kissinger. This book teaches us where our skin color comes from and is preparing us for the lesson in March about race. If you haven't already done so, I suggest checking in with your student and asking them about the lessons. I know some students struggled to identify and think about their culture. Therefore, I encourage families to discuss their culture at home with their children. We defined culture as patterns of behavior shared by a group of people including language, food, traditions, religions, customs, and beliefs. I hope this leads to rich conversations about your family's culture!

Additionally, Jane Strugatsky, School Social Worker, and I have started a parenting group to build community and provide a safe, supportive space for us to discuss distance learning and working while parenting. We hope to build a supportive community with one another and provide a space for us to fight the isolation that has occurred due to the pandemic. Our next meetings will be February 8th and 22nd from 4:30-5:30pm and will continue every other Monday. You will need to logon from your child's account, go to google meets, and enter the google meet code whenathome. Please reach out if you have any questions! - Lynn Spiers, School Counselor, espiers@pps.net or 971-770-1521

School Exclusion Day

On February 17, children who are not up to date on vaccinations will be unable to attend in-person school or child care. If your child is missing vaccines, it's time to catch up!

To avoid missing school or child care, get your child up to date on their vaccinations as soon as possible. Click [here](#) to view school immunization requirements for the State of Oregon. Vaccines keep your child healthy and protected from serious diseases. During Covid-19, it's still important that your child's vaccination schedule stay on track. Clinics and doctor's offices are taking extra steps to make sure that visits happen safely during Covid-19. If your child

doesn't have a regular health care provider or if you can't get an appointment, you can get them vaccinated at one of MESD's clinics:

Vaccine Catch-up Day - Saturday, February 13, 10am-3pm

Student Health Centers

- All children ages 5-18 can get vaccinations for no out-of-pocket cost at one of 4 locations
- We're located at local high schools, but you don't need to attend school there to get care
- We accept all types of insurance and serve the uninsured

Primary Care Clinics

- Low or no-cost vaccinations for children, including uninsured
- Call 503-988-5558 to make a new patient appointment

If you received a letter from school or the Health Department, bring it with you when you take your child to be vaccinated. Immunizations are one of the best ways to prevent diseases and keep everyone healthy. We hope your child never has to stay home from school or child care.

Covid Reporting

Portland Public Schools is committed to protecting the health and wellbeing of our students, staff, and buildings by providing communicable disease prevention and control services through our health partnerships with Multnomah Education Service District (MESD) and Multnomah County Health Department (MCHD). The confidentiality of the individuals reporting is of the utmost importance; personal identifiable information will not be shared with the public or other individuals.

We are asking that students who have tested positive for COVID-19, or had close contact exposure with a positive case notify their teacher or Principal Gerber. Close contact exposure includes being less than 6 feet from a person who has COVID-19 for at least 15 cumulative minutes in a day, regardless of whether either person was wearing a mask or other personal protective equipment.

Students who are experiencing primary symptoms of Covid-19 but have NOT to their knowledge had close contact exposure with a positive case of Covid-19, and who are not positive cases themselves should also report their symptoms to their teacher or Amber Gerber.

Primary COVID-19 Symptoms:

- Temperature of 100.4°F or higher
- Cough
- Chills
- Shortness of breath/ Difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell

In both the above cases, Principal Gerber, or the school health nurse, will contact the family following PPS COVID-19 Case Protocol.