



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

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

All School News

If you receive a phone call that your child was marked absent, but they did attend a class meeting or turned in work on seesaw, please send an email to jholm@pps.net and we will correct your child's attendance. Also, if your child will miss a full day due to an appointment, vacation, illness, technology issues, etc... please email jholm@pps.net and let us know the student, date and reason and we will update your child's record.

Attendance is more difficult with online learning and we appreciate your patience and your support. It is easy to fix an attendance mistake, so do not hesitate to email.

If you have not yet filled out the survey from the district about returning to hybrid education, please fill it out immediately, as it is no longer available after tomorrow. If you do not have the specialized link to your child's survey, email jholm@pps.net and we will email you the link or we can do the survey with you over the phone.

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](#).

Upcoming Dates

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

04.09.2021 Friday
Inservice Day
No School

05.31.2021 Monday
Memorial Day
No School

06.11.2021 Friday
Last Day of School

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 the 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 want to acknowledge that this year has been especially challenging and may have left some of us in situations we have not been in before. This year has also shown us that situations can change quickly, potentially leaving us unsure as to where to turn for help. We, as a school community, want to make sure we are here to help and support our families in as well as outside of the classroom. One of the ways we can help is making sure our families are connected with resources that meet their needs. Therefore, I created a survey for families as a way for them to conveniently reach out, so we can connect them with the appropriate resources. If you find your family needs help with accessing food, school supplies, clothing, or other needs, please complete [this](#) survey. The results will only be shared with myself and Jane Strugatsky, our School Social Worker. This survey will also be posted on our school website so that it is easily accessible if or whenever you may need it.

- Lynn Spiers, School Counselor, espiers@pps.net or 971-770-1521

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.