



Chief Joseph Elementary School Family Bulletin 10.18.2022

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

All School News

Hello CJES families, we are looking for a Volunteer Site Coordinator for our SMART program. If this sounds like something you'd be interested in please see the attached flier!

Chess for Success is back! Unfortunately, registration is full, but if you have a 3rd-5th grader that is still interested we can put them on the waitlist. Chess for Success is on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-4pm in the library. Pick up will be at the school main entrance.

Any 4th or 5th grade students interested in participating in **Safety Patrol** will need to return their signed forms by this **Friday, September 21st**. Please contact Froukje de Ruiter at fderuiter@pps.net with any questions.

Our school will be participating in the Great Shake Out on 10/20/22 at 10:20am. This is a great reminder to make sure that your students' emergency contacts are up to date in [ParentVue](#). If there is an emergency and we have to leave the school grounds our student/family reunification location is the Peace Lutheran Church on 22nd and Rosa Parks Way.

COVID Testing

PPS is partnering with OHSU again this year to offer free weekly COVID-19 testing for students. Participation in this program is completely optional, but encouraged, and is offered regardless of vaccination status. Parents/Guardians can enroll their students through [OHSU's NEW Online Portal](#)

Upcoming Dates

10.25.2022, Tuesday
Black Parent Affinity
CJES Library 5:30-7pm

11.04.2022, Friday
Teacher Planning Day
No School for Students

11.11.2022, Friday
Veterans Day
No School

11.15.2022, Tuesday
Picture Retake

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CJES Library 5:30-7pm

11.21.22 & 11.22.22
Parent Teacher Conferences
CJES 8am-8pm

11.21.22-12.02.22
Chief Joseph Elementary Book Fair
CJES Library

TAG

The referral process, (previously called the nomination process) is open now until December 1, 2022. If your child scored in the 95th percentile or higher on the MAP reading or math tests, you will automatically receive a postcard from the TAG department letting you know which area(s) your child may qualify for referral. If you receive a postcard, you will need to complete the online referral form. Check here for the form: [Parent Referral Form](#)

All second graders will be tested for Intellectual giftedness in the upcoming weeks. You will receive a postcard if your child scores in the 95th percentile or higher.

If you do not receive a postcard before conferences and believe your child may qualify for TAG services, please reach out to your child's teacher at that time to discuss possible referral for testing.

NEW! [Parent Office Hours with the TAG Department](#)

Ask questions and receive information related to TAG identification, services, processes, etc.

We will meet on Zoom, 6:00-7:00 PM on 10/26/22, 11/30/22, 1/25/23, 2/22/23, 3/22/23, 4/26/23, and 5/31/23.

[Zoom link](#) for Parent Office Hours with the TAG Department

We look forward to seeing you!

PTO Update

Thank you!

Thank you to all the families that attended our first community PTO meeting of the year! It was great to see everyone. We hope that the information that you took home was valuable and we look forward to continuing to work together to support the school. Meeting minutes will be on our website shortly if you would like to catch up on what we covered. Another big thank you to families who were able to also support the PTO through the profit share with The Old Gold on October 17th.

Chief Joseph and Blazers Fundraiser Night:

The ticket sale has been extended through October 24th so there is still time to purchase your tickets for the Wednesday, November, 2nd game against the Grizzlies. Tickets start at \$24 and \$5 dollars from every ticket will go directly back to the PTO. Purchase tickets online here:

<https://fevo.me/chiefjosephpto>.

If you have any questions please contact: fundraising@chiefjosephschool.org.

After School Programs:

We have great news! Fernanda, our volunteer coordinator, has been working really hard to coordinate some after school programs at school.

Registration is open for the following:

- **Vibe of Portland** - Ukulele lessons and fun! **Wednesdays** from 3 - 4 pm starting on November 9th. Grades 3 - 5. [Click here](#) for more info and registration!

Starting in January:

- **NW Children's Theater and School** - Acting and drama for kids K- 3rd grade on **Tuesdays**. \$125/kid. [Click here](#) for more info.
- **Portland Early Learning Project** - Spanish classes on **Fridays**. More info to come.
- **Mad Science** - Science experiments on **Mondays**. More info to come.

There is still a big need for volunteers to support the school and PTO. There are lots of opportunities that can happen in and out of school hours. Even if you are not sure if you are able to volunteer, getting

on our volunteer email list will keep you in the loop about the opportunities that are available. Of course, please do get cleared with the district if you want to volunteer so you are ready when the perfect opportunity arises. To get added to the email list, please email volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org.

Staying in Touch

Staying in touch with our Chief Joseph Families continues to be a priority for us! We are currently using the following platforms to share information! If there is a better way for us to reach you, please send me an email (info@chiefjosephschool.org) with your ideas.

- The **Remind App** is a great way to stay in touch. If you haven't already connected with the PTO through remind, please sign up to receive timely updates and to stay in touch. You can even message the PTO if you have any questions. Opt into receiving communication online here: <https://www.remind.com/join/cjpto>.
- Facebook: Chief Joseph Community Forum
- Twitter: @ChiefJoSchool
- Family Bulletin

Playground Project

The **Chief Joseph Playground Committee** is on a mission to transform the current schoolyard from a sea of asphalt into a vibrant landscape...full of opportunities for creative play, community gathering, and connection to nature...for all who use it.

As you've probably noticed, **last year** we managed to remove 800sf of asphalt to plant four trees, including a native Oregon white oak framed by native plants and log benches. We also put together and presented a conceptual "Vision Plan" for the whole north campus based on feedback in the previous year about what the school community would like to see there. We still welcome your input on this redesign, so if you or your child haven't done so already, please visit our brief [survey](#) to share your reflections before we shift our focus towards developing and manifesting it. This year we hope to identify which aspects of the Vision Plan should be implemented first, to pursue funding for them as we get the plans "shovel-ready," and ideally to start bringing some smaller projects to life.

The mission here is a mighty one, and it will take many hands to accomplish it. Every bit of contribution to the Playground Committee's efforts is deeply appreciated. Specifically we are looking to fill the following positions at this time:

- Committee Co-Chair
- Communications Chair and support
- Grant Researcher
- Grant Writer
- Landscape Designer (to develop design from conceptual to build-ready)
- Events Coordinator
- Committee Administrator

Please reach out by emailing chiefjosephplayground@gmail.com if you are interested in supporting the project in any way (as listed above or otherwise!) or if you have any questions or comments. Regular meetings for the '22/'23 school year will be held every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30pm at Arbor Beer Lodge unless otherwise noted, so hopefully we will see you there! We will also be sharing in an upcoming PTO meeting if you'd like to connect that way.

Thank you to all the past, current and future supporters of this very exciting movement!!

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FAMILY DAY**
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Join the SMART Reading Volunteer Community!

Volunteer Site Coordinators work with SMART Reading to implement Virtual and In-Person programs throughout the school year.

Key Responsibilities:

Support children's literacy in your community and inspire a love of books and reading. You'll have the opportunity to:

- Provide program oversight during reading sessions (Virtual and In-person sessions, depending on the site).
- Serve as the key contact for site staff and volunteers, coordinating the schedule and other logistics as needed.
- Create a safe, inclusive and positive environment for students and volunteers.
- Work with site staff to schedule reading sessions.
- Collect program data and submit monthly reports.
- Maintain a diverse, exciting SMART Reading book inventory at the site and assist with book distribution as needed.

Time Commitment:

- Participate in initial training sessions (three one-hour sessions with additional training support as needed), and attend monthly Site Coordinator team meetings/trainings.
- Average weekly commitment of two to eight hours, depending on the site.

Benefits to You:

- Research shows that volunteering supports physical and mental wellbeing.
- The satisfaction of helping children and having a significant, long-term impact on their lives.
- The opportunity to work with education professionals.
- Volunteering in an atmosphere that is upbeat and child-guided.
- The opportunity to learn new skills or enhance existing ones.
- Excellent resume building opportunity.
- Offers a connection to the local school community and community overall.
- Being part of a larger, statewide program that improves early literacy.
- The potential to make new friends and contacts.
- The opportunity to lead a team of committed volunteers making a significant contribution to the local community.



Learn more and apply online at www.SMARTReading.org





Haga parte de la red de voluntarios de SMART Reading como coordinador(a) de planta

Los coordinadores de planta voluntarios trabajan con SMART Reading para implementar programas virtuales y presenciales a lo largo del año escolar.

Responsabilidades fundamentales:

Apoyar la alfabetización infantil en su comunidad e inspirar el amor por los libros y la lectura. Usted tendrá la oportunidad de:

- Supervisar programas durante las sesiones de lectura (sesiones virtuales o presenciales, dependiendo del lugar).
- Ser el contacto esencial del personal y de los voluntarios de planta, coordinar el horario y otros aspectos logísticos según sea necesario.
- Crear un ambiente seguro, inclusivo y positivo para los estudiantes y los voluntarios.
- Trabajar con el personal de planta para programar el horario de las sesiones de lectura.
- Recolectar datos del programa y entregar informes mensuales.
- Mantener en la planta un inventario de diversos libros interesantes de SMART Reading y asistir en la distribución de libros según sea necesario.

Tiempo a dedicar:

- Participe en sesiones de capacitación inicial (tres sesiones de una hora con capacitaciones adicionales de apoyo según sean necesarias) y asista a capacitaciones/ reuniones mensuales del equipo de coordinadores de planta.

- Un promedio de tiempo a dedicar es de dos a ocho horas, según la planta.

Beneficios para usted:

- Estudios demuestran que hacer voluntariados respalda el bienestar físico y mental.
- La satisfacción de ayudar a los niños y de tener un impacto positivo y de larga duración en sus vidas.
- La oportunidad de trabajar con profesionales en educación.
- Hacer voluntariado en una atmósfera animada y guiada alrededor de los niños.
- La oportunidad de adquirir nuevas habilidades o de mejorar las habilidades existentes.
- Excelente oportunidad para edificar su hoja de vida.
- Tener una conexión con la escuela local de la comunidad y con la comunidad en general.
- Ser parte de un programa mayor a nivel estatal que mejora la alfabetización temprana.
- El potencial de hacer nuevos amigos y de tener nuevos contactos.
- La oportunidad de liderar un equipo de voluntarios comprometidos que hacen una contribución significativa a la comunidad local.

Para obtener más información y para presentar su solicitud en línea, visite: www.SMARTReading.org

