



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

8.5.2020

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Dear Families,

We miss you. I have connected with several staff members this week, and we all share disappointment in not being able to come together in person, and determination to ensure distance learning is effective and engaging for our students.

I want to make sure you are aware the school will be online at least through November 5th. The Oregon Department of Education has updated their guidance for distance learning, which will result in an improved learning experience for your students. You can find an outline of the roles and responsibilities for distance learning [here](#). I will be in district leadership meetings Thursday and Friday of this week to learn more about these changes. You may also find the [School Board Presentation](#) from July 28th informative.

Many of you are considering organizing learning pods to facilitate learning and social emotional health. I am always so impressed with the resourcefulness and commitment to education of our community. As you engage in this planning, I encourage you to apply your equity lens, and consider how to support all students in our community. [This article](#) offers thoughtful guiding questions that I encourage you to consider.

I will be sending out weekly bulletins with updates, however, if you have questions, don't hesitate to email, text, or call.

-Amber

Start of the School Year News

Technology Needs:

- If your student needs to check out a device, or your family needs support with internet access, please email, call or text me directly.
 - agerber@pps.net

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

Upcoming Dates

Friday, 8.14.20

Welcome Back
Letters Mailed

Monday, 8.17.20

Begin Device
Pick-Up

Wednesday, 9.2.20

First Day Virtual
Learning 1-5

Tuesday, 9.8.20

First Day Virtual
Learning K

- 971.284.7108
- Be sure to provide the following information:
 - Your name
 - Name/grade level of each student needing to check out a device
 - Indicate if you need support with internet access
- You will be able to pick up devices from Chief Joseph School beginning August 17th.

Class Assignments

We will be mailing home our welcome back letter, with class assignments August 14th.

District News

Child Care Survey- PPS Wants to Hear from You!

PPS is interested in learning about your family's child care needs starting this Fall. We are exploring ways to provide learning support and child care when children are being taught online. Please take a moment to complete a brief online survey, visit www.pps.net/childcare. Please complete this survey by Sunday, August 9th at 9 pm.

To access the message in our supported languages, click [here](#).

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PPS Distance Learning Website

[Access this link](#) for the most up to date information on distance learning plans.

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.