



Chief Joseph Elementary School

Family Bulletin

10.30.18

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Dear Families,

I want to thank the PTO, and the many volunteers, for organizing the fabulous Harvest Festival last Friday. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together and enjoy our rich community. I also want to remind families that we will not be wearing costumes to school on Halloween.

Amber Gerber, Principal

PTO News

Thank you to everyone who participated in Harvest Festival! It was so much fun, and may have been the most successful one yet! ;) A HUGE shout out to our many volunteers. Thanks for stepping up! We couldn't have done it without you. If you have feedback on how the night went, the PTO would love to hear it. Please send us an email.

We are happy to announce our **2018 Wreath Sale & Backpack Program Holiday Drive!** This year each wreath sale will include a \$5 donation to our Backpack Program!! We are excited to host a Holiday Drive for our Backpack Program. Many families and kids depend on it, and we are happy to give it a boost. Online orders can be placed through our [website](#) until 11/14 @ 8pm.

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

Upcoming Events

Picture Retakes

Tuesday, 11.6.18

Site Council

Wednesday,
11.7.18
4:00-5:00 pm

Holiday Wreath Order Event @ Green Zebra

Sunday, 11.11.18
10:00-1:00pm
3011 N. Lombard

Veteran's Day: No School

Monday, 11.12.18

Parent Teacher Conferences: No School

Monday, 11.19.18
Tuesday, 11.20.18

Come join us on **Sunday, Nov. 11th at Green Zebra Grocery on Lombard** for our **Wreath Order Event!** Bring in the season with this fun holiday community get-together. You'll be able to order your wreaths and garlands for pickup—credit card swipe available! While you're there... enjoy free cider, cookies, and candy canes, a Winter-themed activity table, and festive music!

Wreaths will be available for pickup 1 DAY ONLY on Thursday 11/29 inside the cafeteria.

As always, reach out if you have PTO questions or suggestions.

www.chiefjosephschool.org

Facebook: [@chiefjosephschool](https://www.facebook.com/ChiefJosephSchool)

Email: info@chiefjosephschool.org
president@chiefjosephschool.org

Interested in quick PTO reminders? We are on the Remind App! Text "@cjpt" to 81010. Opt-out anytime.

Counseling Corner

Dear Families,

School attendance is very important. Did you know that students with good attendance are **4 times** more likely to graduate high school than those who are chronically absent?

Here at Chief Joseph Elementary last year, 84.5% of our students had good or acceptable attendance but 15.5% of our students were chronically absent. Chronically absent means missing more than 2 days per month.

This year, please help us provide the best possible education to your child by sending your child to school every day, on time. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's attendance, please let us know. We are here to support your family.

What you can do to support your child's attendance:

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a

Thanksgiving Holiday:
No School

Wednesday,
11.21.18

Thursday, 11.22.18

Friday, 11.23.18

stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.

- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.
- Contact school staff or community partners to find resources around transportation, housing, employment, or health care.

Your School Counselor,
Lynn Spiers

Resources

Thanksgiving Food Box

St. Vincent DePaul is opening their list for a Thanksgiving food box on Tuesday, Oct. 30th. In order to sign up, call 503-235-8431 starting 10/30 and select option 1 from the menu. If you received a food box last year, you will not be eligible this year.

Sunshine Division December Holiday Food Box

Sunshine Division is opening their December Holiday Food Box sign ups November 1st. These boxes are home delivered. You can call or show up in person to enroll.

Phone: 503-823-2102, <http://www.sunshinedivision.org/about/programs/>

Address: 687 N. Thompson St. Portland, OR 97227

Counseling Resource

If you are interested in counseling services for your student and your family is insured by OHP, please contact the school counselor, Lynn Spiers, at 503-916-6234 or at espiers@pps.net for more information about our on campus counselor from Cascadia Behavioral Health.

Collaborative Problem Solving Online Group Training

Collaborative Problem Solving is an evidenced-based, trauma-informed approach to behavior management. OHSU is offering an 8 week online training to parents with a challenging child. Requirements of the online course include a computer, a webcam, an internet connection, and a microphone. The classes will be Tuesdays from 5:30pm-7pm starting November 6.

If you would like to register or get more information please contact CPS at OHSU at 503-346-1490 or cps@ohsu.edu.

TAG News

SBAC postcards were mailed today to parents of children who scored 95% or higher on last Spring's SBAC. In order not to confuse parents you will receive a separate postcard for SBAC Reading and/ or SBAC Math. Some families may actually receive 2 postcards if your child met that standard in both. Remember if they fall into the range of potentially gifted (95%-96%) or gifted (97%-99%) you must still fill out a nomination form and return it to Ms. Michels to have your child in the Talented and Gifted program.. Forms can be found on the TAG board.

Reminder for TAG families: OMSI Night – King Tut on November 5th at 6 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 to get into the Tut exhibit but free for admission to the museum itself. This is a great way to meet other TAG students and families. All parents and family members of TAG students are invited to attend.