



Chief Joseph Elementary School Family Bulletin

04/29/2025

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

All-School News

Thanks for supporting Family Game Night and the Backpack Fundraiser! It was a huge success!

Teacher Appreciation week is May 5th- 9th

There are many ways that you can help show your appreciation for the teachers in the school! The PTO is planning treats and lunch next week. If you are interested in helping do something special for the teachers, contact [Michelle](#) or [Ashley](#) in the office to coordinate something!

Storybook Parade on May 9th

Mark your calendars for the **Storybook Parade on May 9th at 1:45pm!** Students will be dressing up as their favorite storybook character and they will parade around the school and Arbor Lodge Park in their costumes. Families are encouraged to gather at the Arbor Lodge Park to view the parade. The parade route exits the west end/kindergarten doors, and proceeds along the paved walking trail around the perimeter of the park.

Current 3rd and 4th Grade Families! Mark your calendars!

We know that many families have questions about next year's 4th & 5th blended classrooms. Ms. Amber will be hosting a google meet on May 13th at 5:30pm, where she will be sharing information about the blended model and answer questions. We'll send a google meet link via Remind on May 13th to our 3rd and 4th grade families. Thank you!

May Emergency Drills

- Fire Drill
- [Summary of Drills](#)
- [Parent Emergency Resources](#)

[PPS Academic Calendar](#)

Upcoming Events

- 5/7 - Walk, Bike and Roll to School!
- 5/9 - CJES Storybook Parade
- 5/13 - 3 & 4th grade Virtual Information meeting @ 5:30pm on google meet
- 5/16 - PTO Spring Fest
- 5/22 - Coffee w/ the Principal

Nutrition Services

- [Breakfast](#) & [Lunch](#)

HeArt of Portland: Two of our students were featured at the Heart of Portland. Congratulations to Vela (in 5th grade) and Chloe (in 2nd grade). The performing arts showcase is a celebration of art in PPS schools and showcases of student work from across the district.



Chief Joseph Elementary

WALK BIKE & ROLL

TO SCHOOL



Wednesday, May 7, 2025

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| ✓ Get Physical Activity | ✓ Reduce Traffic Congestion & Pollution |
| ✓ Teach Pedestrian & Biking Safety Skills | ✓ Learn Awareness for Walkable & Biking Paths in Our Community |
| ✓ Help Protect the Environment | ✓ Create Memories with Friends |

Meet-up Locations

- Gammon's Park Playground at 7:30am - 7:40am
Contact: Vanessa Bump (503) 318 - 6211 or Helen McLauchlan (503) 577 - 4149
- Peace Lutheran Church Parking Lot at 7:30am - 7:40am
Contact: Pete Schuft (541) 760 - 6352
- Peninsula Park Playground at 7:25am - 7:30am (Biking with Adult Only)
Contact: Amira Schultz (310) 633 - 1062 or Tess Studley (208) 874 - 3526



Spring is here and so is the Chief Joseph Bike Bus! Running every Friday, the bike bus is an opportunity for kids and parents to ride to school together.

We have one route currently that meets at the Peninsula Park playground at 7:25am, departing by 7:30am. Most of us are fair weather bikers, but don't let that stop you as we're hoping to make it a rain-or-shine event year round — and eventually have enough consistent volunteers that kids can join the bus without their parents.

If you're interested in riding and/or helping organize, please fill out the interest form here: tinyurl.com/chiefjoebikebus.

Contact Kristin Sweeney (kinder parent) at kristin.e.sweeney@gmail.com with questions!

Kindergarten Registration is open!

Do you have or know a child that will be 5 years old on or before September 1st? If so, it's time to register them for kindergarten! To register you can visit pps.net/kinderenroll, contact our front office or come to one of our Connect to Kindergarten events!

We will also be hosting Kindergarten popsicle socials near the west end of the building by Arbor Lodge Park on:

- Tuesday, June 10th 3-3:30pm
- Wednesday, August 27th 3-3:30pm

Once you've registered your student, please fill out this survey [here](#) to let us know about your incoming kindergarten student.

Thank you!

2025-2026 Academic Calendar

The [2025-2026 Year's Academic Calendar](#) has been approved! This is a good reference for you to use as you make summer plans to know when we return to school (hint ... it's before labor day).

Library

In an effort to streamline the book return and fine collection process, fines related to *lost library books* will be assessed at the end of the school year. As books often find their way back to the library or textbook office after initial assessments, we ask that students and families wait until the end of the year before settling any fines. This policy is designed to reduce the need for unnecessary refunds and will not impact a student's ability to continue to check out books. If a

book has been damaged beyond repair, please notify Mrs. Hall (via email or Remind) to discuss replacement options.

TAG

Please visit the [PPS TAG website](#) for the most current TAG information. You can also contact the District TAG Office Directly: phone: 503-916-3358, email: ppstag@pps.net

Important Dates 24-25 School Year

Single Subject Acceleration - Math (SSA-M)

Mar 1 - Mar 31 | Application Window for Families

April 1 - May 29 | Evaluation Process

May 30 | Family Notification

Sincerely,

Julia Fogg, CJES TAG Coordinator

jfogg@pps.net

PTO Update | www.chiefjosephschool.org

PTO Meeting & 2025-2026 Board Position Elections Update

At our final meeting of the school year on April 9th, the PTO held annual elections for board positions. We had a great turn out and successful election, with a full board elected and ready to take over for the 2025-2026 school year.

Congratulations to our new President, Vice President, Treasurer, Fundraising, Communications, Volunteer Coordinator, and At-Large Board members!!

Position	Name
President	Chris Johnson
Vice President	Justin Demallie
Treasurer	KC Heaney
Communications Coordinator	Lauren Bowen
Communications Coordinator	Hundley Suber
Fundraising Coordinator	Kelly Cadigan
Fundraising Co-Coordinator	Open
Volunteer Coordinator	Amira Schultz
Backpack Coordinator	Helen McLauchlan
Playground Coordinator	Kristin Sweeney
Playground Coordinator	Leigh McIlvaine
Advocacy Sub-committee	Kara Johnson
At-Large	Aubrey Giese
At-Large	Cheryl Gaze
At-Large	Catherie Morrison
At-Large	Nicole Ready

Upcoming Events

Teacher Appreciation Week | **May 5-9**

- PTO will help coordinate treats & events for our wonderful teachers and staff!

Spring Fest! | **May 16th 5:30-7:30pm**

- Join us on the blacktop for food carts, bounce house and games!
- We need volunteers to help! Please sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/MmOdUpa>

Cafeteria Volunteers Needed

When: Daily morning & lunch shifts

Who: 1-2 volunteers per shift (Easy to get [PPS background check](#))

What: Provide general supervision, which includes greeting students, helping with containers, checking in with students to provide a positive experience.

Where: CJES cafeteria

Note: Ms Whitaker will provide training to orient volunteers and provide tips on how to be most supportive to students.

How: Learn more and sign up here <https://signup.com/go/dOhHJUB>

Interested in volunteering? Sign up to get added to our volunteer contact list and we'll email you 1-2 times per month with volunteer opportunities available. Tasks have a wide range of needs, so there's something for everyone and we'd love to have your support. Reach out to our volunteer coordinator by emailing volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org.

Food for Families

Thank you Chief Jo - we are so grateful for the incredible generosity you have offered! Our Food Backpack program is well-stocked thanks to you and your generous donations! We're now (happily) busy organizing all the food that you donated! **Please watch this space** - we'll be sure to let you know when more food is needed to keep this vital program running!

Please join us to distribute food bags! CJES families made sure that backpacks are stocked, and every Thursday morning we'll continue to pack bags and distribute them around the school. This is an easy and fun way to contribute to our wonderful CJES community. We kick things off just after the morning bell.

Please email backpack@chiefjosephschool.org if you're interested in volunteering, or have any questions!

S.T.E.A.M. TEAM SUMMER CAMP

Come join Ms. Michels on the S.T.E.A.M. Team, and learn more about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math through a weeklong summer camp!

Some of the concepts we will explore:

- Creating Button badges from cloth
- Using watercolor to paint a special piece of art
- See the effects of chemistry in the kitchen
- and much more!



Where: Chief Joseph Elementary School

Who: Incoming 3-6th graders (siblings/friends welcome!)

When: M-F June 23-June 27, 2025

Whole days: \$600 for the week 9am to 3pm

(I've reduced the price this year to offset inflation and make it more accessible for all!)

(Light snacks provided both am and pm)

**Scholarships and financial assistance available*

Spots are limited, so please sign up early.

If you would like to sign up, please follow this link to complete registration:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hbt4e4y_BSzoQeO0DafvY2WcGoDVrJ5Nc33hWy7bXsU/edi

Please check your email for a Venmo invoice once you register.

Questions: email me at michelsrose@hotmail.com

Scan code to sign up today!

