



Chief Joseph Elementary School Family Bulletin 05/27/2025

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

All-School News

Our lost and found is overflowing! If your student is missing a long lost coat, sweatshirt or lunch box please encourage them to stop by the lost and found to look for items they are missing. Small lost and found items are now taped to the window in the front office.

Last year, we also had a very special volunteer job “operation lost and found reunification” and it was fairly successful in helping return lost items. If you would be willing to help tackle this project please email Ashley at agale@pps.net! This can happen during school (if volunteers are background checked) or afterschool.

Families that want to check for lost and found items can come after school to look through the racks of clothes. All lost and found items that are not claimed will be donated after the school year.

High Impact Tutoring -

This year, Chief Joseph Elementary School was lucky to benefit from an investment from the Fund for PPS’s champion schools to provide critical literacy support that otherwise may have been cut back due to budget cuts. We were lucky to have two part time EA’s provide reading support to our students in grades K-3. Thank you for the support of this program. More detailed information is available [online here](#).

June Emergency Drills

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

Upcoming Events

- 6/10 - 5th grade Promotion, 5pm Cafeteria
- 6/10 - Kindergarten popsicle social 3-3:30pm
- 6/11 - Field Day!
- 6/12 - 5th grade clap out 2:15pm
- 6/12 - Last Day of School

Nutrition Services

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

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 or contact our front office!

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!



CJES Bike Bus

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!

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

As we wrap up the end of the year in the Library, please continue to turn in any library books as each class is working towards a reward in Library class. All books are DUE by Friday, May 30th (June 2nd of Monday classes due to the Holiday). The District Library Office will continue to send automated email reminders for overdue books; however, I will be sending home paper reminders so please check those backpacks! If you have a lost or damaged book, please let me know via Remind or email (bhall@pps.net); books can be replaced by paying in the Front Office or on SchoolPay; replacing the book with another copy (please include a note with child's name so I know whose account to credit), or other arrangements can be made with me if the replacement is a hardship for your family.

Music

Upcoming Concert Day for Grades 3–5!

Next week during music class, students in Grades 3–5 will enjoy a fun and informal *Concert Day!* It's a chance for them to share their creativity by performing a prepared piece—whether it's music, dance, poetry, or another artistic expression. Students are welcome to bring in their own instruments if they'd like to perform on them. CJ is full of talented and imaginative students, and we're excited to celebrate their unique gifts. I'll be capturing some highlights on video to share!

Schedule:

Tuesday: Ms. F, Ms. Jacobs, and Ms. Michels

Wednesday is Mr. Brown, Mr. Ibrahim, and Mr. Wolfe

Please Note: Participation is completely optional. With the end of the year being such a busy time, the goal is to keep this light, low-pressure, and fun for everyone!

Counseling

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

THANK
YOU

Thank you to all of the families who joined us at Spring Fest earlier this month. It was so much fun to bring the community together for such a fun evening event. We hope that you had the opportunity to meet other CJES families from our community.

Thank you so much to all of the support this past year! We want to send a very special thank you to our volunteers that helped with our events throughout the year. You have been so amazing to pick up and help contribute for both school and PTO events.

We truly couldn't have all of this amazing work without you and we hope that you continue to be able to stay involved in a capacity that works for you. We look forward to next year and hope that you will stay involved with the PTO.

The PTO is for everyone, and there are no dues to be part of or participate in the PTO. Even if you are not on the PTO board, we hope that you are able to be involved with the PTO next year. We will have regular community meetings, and we hope to plan more fun events and fundraisers. We are a small but mighty group and we have a lot of fun planning community events, and supporting our school.

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

We are once again inviting you to donate food to the backpack program. We have just a few more weeks of the year, and we hope to have plenty of food to send home to families during that time. We are especially in need of easily transportable meals such as cans of soup, mac and cheese, and halal-friendly meals such as Tasty Bites packages.

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!



Community News!

Join Harper's Playground as they celebrate 15 years.

- When: June 1 (11am-2pm)
- Where: Harper's Playground, Arbor Lodge Park

Love to bake? To celebrate 15 years, Harper's playground will be having a donation-based bake sale. Items must be individually wrapped with a list of ingredients provided. Interested? Contact Lindsey at Harper's Playground, 203-994-6108 or lindsey@harpersplayground.org.

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!





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School Age

2025

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM **SUMMER CAMP**

Field trips, crafts, outdoor projects,
guest experts, clubs and more!

Week 1: June 16-20

(June 19 holiday)

Around the World

Week 2: June 23-27

Decades

Week 3: June 30-July 3

(July 4 holiday)

Animals

Week 4: July 7-11

Fantasy

Week 5: July 14-18

The Great Outdoors

Week 6: July 21-25

The Arts

Week 7: July 28-Aug 1

Prehistoric Times

Week 8: Aug 4-8

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

PRICING:

Holiday weeks-4 days: \$400
add AM care: \$100

Full weeks-5 days: \$500
add AM care: \$125

\$25 enrollment fee per family

LOCATIONS: Sabin and Boise-Eliot
Elementary Schools

HOURS: AM Care: 7:30am-9:30am
Camp: 9:30am-5:30pm

AGES: 5-12 (incoming K-graduated 5th)

REGISTER NOW!

