



Chief Joseph Elementary School Family Bulletin

09/3/2024

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All-School News

Welcome to the New School Year!

As we embark on a new school year, we want to extend a heartfelt welcome to each and every one of you. We are thrilled to have your child as part of our school community and look forward to a year filled with growth, learning, and memorable experiences.

This is the first family bulletin of the 2024-2025 school year! Families can expect to receive the bulletin through Remind every two weeks on Tuesday. We work really hard to put a comprehensive bulletin with information about what is happening in the school and the community.

In the right hand column of the bulletin you will find information about what drills we will have during the month. We also include information about upcoming events and links to the breakfast and lunch schedule.

Within the main section of the bulletin we will update sections with timely and important information from various staff in our school. We hope to be able to give you a glimpse of what is happening in the school so you can be informed and up to date.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. Together, we can make this school year one of discovery, achievement, and joy.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Principle Amber

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

September Emergency Drills

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

Upcoming Events

- 9/3 - PTO School Picnic
- 9/11 - PTO Community Meeting
- 9/26 - CJES Open House 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Nutrition Services

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

New Student Packets - During the first week of school your student was sent home with a packet with some informational forms, and forms that needed to be signed and returned. If you haven't turned in your forms, please send them with your student. If you have any specific questions please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Back to School Picnic - Today!



Join the PTO tonight from 5:00pm-7:00pm at Arbor Lodge park for an informal community event. We invite you to bring your food and beverages and picnic at the park. The PTO will hand out popsicles to students and families!

Lockdown Drill

In the month of September, we are required to do a Lockdown Drill, this will occur on **Tuesday September 24th at 9:00am**. In preparation, our School Counselor, Shoshana Weed, will be delivering trauma-informed lessons on safety drills in all of our K-2 classrooms. These lessons are instrumental in empowering our students to perform and understand this emergency action in an age appropriate and trauma informed way. For more information about the emergency drills, please see the link on the first page of the bulletin (right hand side of the page).

General Schedule and Calendar information:

The PPS district calendar is available [online here](#). Please take a moment to review and update your family calendar at home. We will be printing and sending home a calendar with information for the 2024-2025 academic year.

For days that are on the calendar as release days, at Chief Joseph Elementary we have decided that we will use those days as buddy day and assembly days. More information about this will be coming soon

Lost and Found - The lost and found has already started at CJES! A large quantity of jackets, clothes, and other items accumulate at school in the lost and found. **Please label your child's items so they can be returned.** If your child is missing something, please check the school lost and found after school or at community events, which is located outside the cafeteria. Unclaimed items will be given to community agencies at winter, spring, and summer breaks.

PTO Update:

PTO Community Meeting

Join us **Wednesday, September 11th at 6pm** for our first PTO Community Meeting of the year! Dinner provided, if you have dietary restrictions please let info@chiefjosephschool.org know and we will work to try and accommodate dietary needs.



Chief Joseph Volunteer Opportunity!

We're excited for the new year to begin! Are you looking to get involved? - contact volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org.

PTO Volunteer Needs:

Thursday, Sept. 12th is Chief Joseph's day to help kids receive clothing and sort donations showcasing lots of choices for kids to pick from at the PPS Clothing Closet. Volunteers can be parents, grandparents, or community members. Last school year the Clothing Closet was able to assist nearly 1,400 PPS Students!

When: Thursday, September 12th | 9:30am -1:30pm or we can arrange a shorter shift.

Who: 5-6 volunteers (Parents, grandparents, neighbors, friends!)

Signup: <https://signup.com/go/aOYoxcX>

Have questions: email volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org

Can't make this event, but have interest in volunteering for future Chief Joseph events? Email volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org to be added to our volunteer outreach list and be notified of upcoming opportunities. Thank you for supporting our students!

PTO Afterschool Programs

While the PTO does not offer any after school programs we do help with coordinating outside organizations to come in and offer after school programming! We currently have three programs

offering programs at our school, information below and fliers for each program are at the end of the bulletin.

Yoga Playgrounds - flier for program below

- Dates: September 24-Dec 17
- Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30pm
- For students in grades K-5

Northwest Children's Theater: Create your own Play

- Dates: September 13th - Nov 22nd
- Friday's 2:30-3:30pm
- For students in grades 3-5

Adventures in Spanish

- Dates: Sept 20, 2024 - May 2024
- Friday's 2:30pm - 3:30pm
- For students in grades K-3rd grade

Playground Project

Welcome back to school, everyone! And welcome to CJ, all new families!

The Playground Committee (a subcommittee of the CJPTO) had fun making some things happen on the blacktop this summer and hope you enjoy the new, natural log seating that we installed in June and July!



We are proud and excited to be this far into the ["4 Trees Project"](#) and look forward to developing it further this year with the addition of more foliage, wood structures and boulders. Stay tuned for info coming soon about a Fall Planting Party (likely in early October) and other opportunities to get your hands dirty helping make these areas more engaging!

Besides “finishing the 4 trees,” we are also aiming to get some other exciting projects moved forward this school year...a large stormwater/rain garden project in partnership with the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership (LCEP), murals, and perhaps a futsal field...so stay tuned for how to get involved with those as well or simply reach out to us anytime at chiefjosephplayground@gmail.com to get on our mailing list and stay in the loop.

You are always welcome to attend a monthly meeting (the next one is planned for Tuesday, September 10th from 6:30-8pm, location TBD) and we look forward to collaborating with you!

Backpack Program

The Backpack Program supports our community by providing food bags for weekend days to families experiencing food insecurity. We receive pre-packed bags from [Portland Backpack](#), which contain enough food for 2 days of breakfast and lunch. We add fresh fruit and distribute the bags to classrooms. There are a few different ways you can support this program.

Automated monthly giving is a great way to assist us. You can do this through the [PTO website](#), clicking the Paypal button at the top right and selecting “monthly” and pulling down to select “Backpack Program”.

We maintain a pantry of food items to supplement the standard bags as needed, such as adding food to cover long weekends. The pantry needs a restock for the new school year. If you are able, we would love donations of:

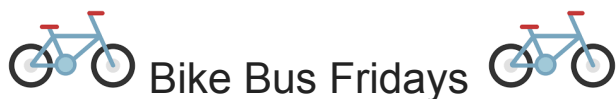
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Pop top soup/chili
- Peanut butter
- Granola bars
- Applesauce cups
- Instant oatmeal
- Macaroni and cheese

Donate fresh fruit! New Seasons generously donates apples every week, but we need additional fruit to meet our goal of providing 2 pieces of fruit per bag every week. If you would like to donate fruit, please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F44AEAB2FA1F49-fruit#/>

Thank you for your support! Please contact backpack@chiefjosephschool.org with any questions.

Community News



Ride with us to school on Friday mornings! Parent volunteers, Amira and Ryan Schultz will be biking along with their kiddos and other families to school on Friday mornings from Peninsula Park. Please note: we are a fair-weather bike bus!

Interested in joining?

Text Amira at (310) 633-1062 or show up between 7:25am - 7:30am on Fridays in front of the Peninsula Park Community Center. **Kids must have a dedicated adult unless prior arrangements are made. Bikes only.** Hope to see you there!

PTO Fliers:



Kids Yoga

after school at
Chief Joseph
Fall 2024



In these fun and active classes kids will stretch and energize their bodies and minds through individual and group poses, mindfulness games and creative relaxation techniques. Packed with **playfulness, positivity** and **fun**, these classes give kids the tools they need to manage their behaviors to lead **happier, healthier** and more **peaceful** lives.

- Improve focus and concentration
- Develop strength and coordination
- Increase confidence and self esteem
- Learn self calming techniques
- Get a healthy body and mind
- Have fun!

REGISTER
ONLINE!

yogaplaygrounds.com

yoga 
playgrounds

WHO: Grades K-5
WHERE: Chief Joseph Elementary
DATES: Sept 24 - Dec 17 (no class Nov 26)
DAY&TIME: Tuesdays 2:30-3:30
COST: \$264 (12 classes)
INFO: hello@yogaplaygrounds.com
503-807-9720



NORTHWEST CHILDREN'S THEATER AND SCHOOL

Create Your Own Play! at Chief Joseph Elementary

Sep 13-Nov 22 • Fridays 2:30-3:30 • Grades 3-5

Unleash your imagination with Northwest Children's Theater's Create-Your-Own-Play Class! Now's your chance to play theater games, practice teamwork, and create your very own characters. Together, you and your classmates will transform the stories you tell into a theatrical presentation for friends and family — no script required.

REGISTER TODAY

nwcts.org/drama-club

Teachers were prepared, welcoming, and inclusive. My daughter looked forward to class each day and she felt like a valued member of the group. Thank you for creating a safe and warm space for the students!

— RKL, Parent





Spanish Classes @ Chief Joseph



Adventures in Spanish introduces children and parents to Spanish language and culture through the magic of songs, play, and more! Our approach involves more than just teaching words and phrases; it's about creating lasting connections and fostering a deep appreciation for the Spanish language and culture. By harnessing the joy of music, hands-on play, and a variety of gross motor activities, we enrich your child's early development and education. Join us as we set them on an exciting path towards bilingualism and cultural appreciation.



Dates

Friday

September 20th - May 23rd

Time

2:30-3:30 pm



[Register Here !](#)

[Adventuresinspanish.org](https://adventuresinspanish.org)

If you have any questions, please contact admin@adventuresinspanish.org