



Friday Flier



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A Few Thoughts from Mr. Galati

This past Tuesday night was sensational! Nearly 80 college students put on the annual Chief Joseph Science Night. These incredible Nursing/Science students exposed our 150+ children and families to a treat that excited, intrigued, and fascinated them. Our kids saw sheep brains, cow eyes, plate tectonics, gack, the heart, the bacteria that lives on our hands (even after washing them), taste buds..... I could go on.

What impressed me the most was how powerful of an experience the children were afforded. The genuine interest our kids had was one thing, but the gentle approach the U of P students had with our kids was even greater. Science came alive for our kids on Tuesday night because of the dedication and creativity of these local university students. Thanks!

Important Dates

- April 15:** The Portland Play- 6:30 PM for parents & friends (performers arrive at 6:10 pm)
- April 19:** Student Council at 8:30
- April 20:** 3rd Gr. Field Trip
- April 21:** Run for the Arts (new date): K-2: 1:15, Gr. 3-5: 1:50
- April 22:** 1st Gr. Field Trip
- April 22:** The Talent Show
- April 22:** Earth Day
- April 27:** Secretaries' Day
- April 29:** Night of Magic Auction
- May 2-6:** Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6:** Cup of Joe with Joe at 8:50
- May 9:** Volunteer Tea at 3:15 in the library
- June 14:** Last day of school!



Science came alive at Chief Joseph on Tuesday Night with the U of P Nursing and Science Department.



Spark!! Igniting Children's Greatness and Supporting Their Natural Gifts

All parents are invited to attend this special event April 20- 6:00pm 8:00pm

Chief Joseph Elementary School
Ms. Kate McPherson
presenter

Spark, when illuminated and nurtured, gives young people joy, energy, and direction. Youth who know their spark(s) and have adult support are more likely to:

- Have higher grades and school attendance rates
- Be socially competent

- and physically healthy
- Volunteer to help other people and be good stewards of the earth and its resources
 - Have a sense of purpose.
- They are less likely to:
 - Experience depression,
 - Engage in acts of violence against others,

- your child identify, develop and share that spark. Discuss practical ways to
- identify and nurture your child's spark
- help them express their spark(s);
- connect them to Spark Champions



Sporting a Tie with Lizzy.

Learn what the Search Institute says about Spark and how you can help

Art4Life Summer Camp at Chief Joseph 2011!

Open to all families!

You do not need to currently be enrolled in Art4Life (or Chief Joseph) to join summer camp. **Kindergarten (must be 6 years old) through 5th grade.**

**June 27-August 19
Monday – Friday: 7:30-5:30** Hurry as space is limited!

Please visit our website at www.art4life.net and click on the “summer” link to view and download the schedule and enrollment form.

Questions? Contact Sarah at Art4Life at 503-780-9145 or email at chiefjoseph.art4life@gmail.com -OR- ail.com

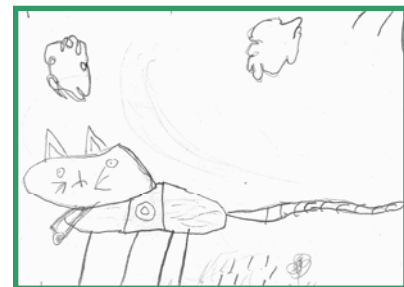
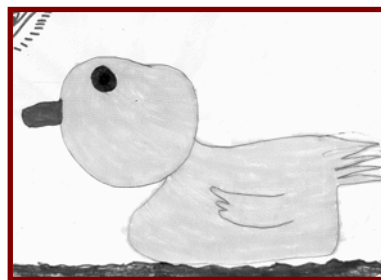
Pick up a form from either the PTA board area or directly from Art4Life located in the cafeteria.

There is something for everyone at Art4Life Summer Camp! Tell your friends and register today!



Sporting ties with Jay.

Student Art Gallery Courtesy of the students at Chief Joseph



Another Great Opportunity at the Kenton Library

Este sábado, el 16 de abril, de las 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, La Biblioteca de Kenton presenta nuestro evento gratis, divertido y bilingüe, el **Día de los Niños y Día de los Libros** – Una Celebración de la Alfabetización Bilingüe.

Este evento para toda la familia ofrece una hora de cuentos con la figura local Nelly Rodriguez, música y cuentos presentado por Leyendas de México, manualidades tradicionales de México y actividades divertidas y educativas, y también, ¡refrigerios y una

visita con la ratita Maisy!
¡Bienvenidos a toda la familia este sábado de las 11:00 am – 1:00 pm!

This Saturday, April 16, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, Kenton Library will host our free and festive bilingual Spanish/English event, **Día de los Niños y Día de los Libros** - A Celebration of Bilingual Literacy.

This family event features storytime with local celebrity Nelly Rodriguez, music and storytelling with Leyendas de Mexico,

traditional crafts from Mexico and fun literacy activities, as well as refreshments and a visit with Maisy the mouse! We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday from 11am - 1pm!



Lifeskill of the Week:

Caring: To feel and show concern for others

We at Chief Joseph dedicate ourselves to promoting the knowledge of each learner in an atmosphere of safety, achievement, and the joy of learning. We work toward our goals collaboratively as a staff and with parents and our community. We believe that every child can learn and that it is our responsibility to make it happen. Children have the right to learn in a school where everyone feels that they belong and can contribute to the community, and where the whole child can exercise their mind, body and voice.

Graffiti is Horrid Thing to Do by Morgan Maxwell, 5th grade student



Hello Parents/Guardians, PTA and Students: Early Tuesday morning our school was hit with a horrible case of graffiti. It was all over the back side of the school on walls and doors. This is not the first time we've been hit; it's been done to us before. We have taken pictures and have reported it to the Graffiti Police and Peninsula Parks & Recreation. For the people who are doing this to our school, we just have one question: "Why?" We don't like it, and if you continue, you **will** get caught. Parents, please remind your kids that graffiti is not okay and it's very un-cool. It's vandalism and that's illegal. You could even go to jail if you get caught. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mr. Galati. Let's try to keep our property and students safe by being on alert and being on the lookout. Together we can catch these people if they strike again!!



Sporting ties with Dooley

Readers of the Week Winners

Congratulations to:
Oscar Montgomery, K
Tuesday Torribio, 1st
Clara Liebert, 4th
Sky Charley-Bolyard, 3rd

Chief Joseph at a Glance

PreKindergarten: This week in Pre-K we are learning about the letter Ww and how to make words by changing just the first letter of the word, i.e. cat, hat, mat, sat, etc. The children get really excited when they can read words. We are also learning about the difference between real stories and make believe stories. One of this week's projects is *Does It Float or Sink?* We test numerous items in water to see if they sink or float, but prior to the test students make a prediction and then document the outcome. We finished our Butterfly Unit by painting caterpillars and learning a poem. Caterpillar paintings are displayed outside our classroom if you'd like to view them.

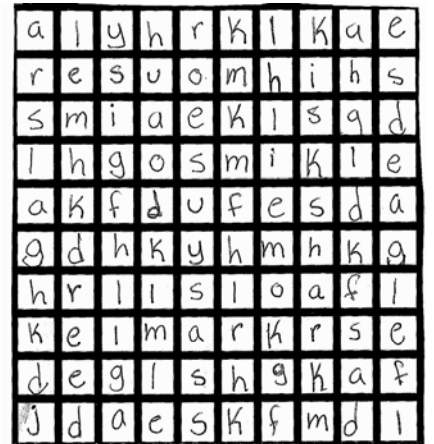
1st Grade: In first grade we are working on number story problems featuring addition and subtraction. Students are working on identifying an accurate and efficient way to solve these problems. We are moving away from

counting on our fingers and counting by ones. First grade is putting together a **HUGE** summer basket to be auctioned off for the Night of Magic. We are asking each family to donate something to go into the basket. Ideas include: sunscreen, bubbles, jump ropes, zoo passes, beach towels, umbrella, balls, outside games, bowling passes, movie tickets, S'mores kit, kite, Frisbees, sidewalk chalk, picnic supplies, watercolor paints, art kits, crafting materials, **books**, etc. Please donate anything to help out this wonderful fundraiser for Chief Joseph. Send your donation to school BY **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY APRIL 28, 2011.**

3rd Grade: Ms. Martinez, Mrs. Walker, and Mrs. Willeman would like to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of our

parents who volunteered their valuable time to help us prepare for our performance, *Portland! A Musical*. Parents have helped coordinate costumes, smooth out lines, organize props, repair the backdrop, and countless other details involved in this amazing production. Join us for the final performances on Friday, April 15th at 9:15 am and 6:30 pm.

Music: All students are continuing to impress me with their improvement on the songs they are learning and singing. All grades are singing songs that have challenging words or vocal melodies, and the classes are sounding terrific. Some of the older boys are even working on their falsetto with great (and sometimes hilarious) results.



.elk _____
 .jellyfish _____
 .horse _____
 .deer _____
 .eagle _____
 .mouse _____
 .shark _____

by: Sarah Haarberg



Sporting ties with August



We have a new way of recycling. It involves washing out the student milk cartons. Doing this each day reduces the amount of garbage that we put into the large dumpsters on the playground. Could you spare 20 minutes in the morning and help us??? If so please contact Sean Gettings at: seangettings@gmail.com

Reading Groups—Stro Style By Jacob, 4th Grade student

During reading groups in Ms. Stro's room, it is very fun. We read various books such as *Because of Winn-Dixie*, *Trumpet of the Swan*, and the *BFG*. Once we finish the book we are reading, we move on to another book. We also create a folder for the book with the title of the book, the name of the author and

illustrator, and we make a border. While we are reading the book, we do a thing called "reading and responding". This is when we read the chapters and decide that a specific quote, description or even a word stands out. You then use a sticky note to write down the word, sentence, or phrase.

Then, on the day you meet with your reading group, you share your responses with the group and teacher. By the time you get to the end of the book, you will have hundreds of sticky notes (**look at the picture to the left**). Now, you know why reading group is so fun.

Special Points of Thanks

Thank you to **Ms. Jaquiss** for taking the lead on EARTH Day with the Portland Trailblazers and Wells Fargo Bank.

Thank you to all of our **parents** that continue to help out around our school in so many different kinds of ways.

Thank you to **Ms. Penny, Ms. McCartney, Ms. McCalley, and Ms. Leslie** for helping out at Science Night on Tuesday evening.

Thank you to **Ms. McCalley** for coordinating the University of Portland Science Night on Tuesday Night.

Thank you to **Patsy and Elinna** for winning \$885.00 at *Scratch It for Schools* from the Oregon Lottery. Also Thank You to **Jolynn Winter and Earthquake Jake** from **KUPL Radio** who scratched tickets with Patsy & Elinna.



Thank you to for **Ms. Penny and Ms. Simonsen** for volunteering to teach the new math program in your classes.

I am Poem

By KateLynn, 4th grade

I am from steel, blueberries and eating them under the back porch.
I am from spaghetti dinners and moving to Oregon.

I am from hot summer days and dark secret nights.
From come in at "dusk" and "it'll feel better when it quits hurting".

I am from Janet and Russ and Lisa and Scott. I am from small burgers and IHOP pancakes.

I am from Turkey on Thanksgiving and Chicken on Christmas.
From "do this" and "don't do that".

I am from a broken TV and it's stuck on Soap Operas.
I am from California and Oregon and no matter where I live, I love my family.

The Plasma T.V. in Mrs. Walker's Class

by Ryan 3rd grade student

In Mrs. Walker's class some people came and put a big, huge plasma T.V. in our classroom (**look at picture on right**). The day they were putting it in, our classroom was in the Music Room. When we returned to class, our teacher got a microphone that she wears and can speak into. This is so we can

hear her better. The plasma T.V. is way better than the SmartBoard. The really cool thing is that we can hear the speakers all around the room since it is surround sound. Watching a video on the screen is really clear. We are just starting to do things with the new

equipment, so we will give you reports. I will say this, we are so excited to have a plasma T.V. in our classroom!



Safe Routes to School

The Portland Safe Routes Team SafeRoutes@PortlandOregon.gov

Coming soon...Sunday Parkways! (fourth Sunday, May through September) Dates for the five Sunday Parkways events for 2011 have been announced! Sunday Parkways is a free public event that closes down streets to car traffic and opens them up for Portlanders to walk,

bike, roll and discover active transportation. The routes travel through neighborhood parks offering individuals food, games, entertainment, and lots of fun.

May 22 - East Portland
June 26 - North Portland
July 24 - Northwest/
Downtown Portland

August 28 - Southeast Portland
September 25 - Northeast Portland

See how many you can catch this summer, and don't forget to find the Safe Routes space and stop by to say hi.

The Counselor’s Corner By Ms. Elliot Witherspoon, Counselor

“Sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me”. I hope by now we can all agree that this saying is quite untrue. In a recent conversation with some Chief Joseph students, most admitted being called something other than their name at school or by friends. Feelings that were attached to being called something other than one’s name included being hurt, frustrated, angry, embarrassed and humiliated.

One of the interesting factors was that in every class where the discussion included commonly heard put downs (and solutions to them, of course!) the same few words kept resurfacing. Upon further investigation, the class concluded that what was meant to be said when these words were used was that the idea wasn’t a favorable one.

A phrase I have found helpful when faced with uncomfortable situations around language and

these commonly used put downs is “I wonder why you would say that”. Rather than adding fuel to the fire, this can help encourage dialogue and possibly problem solving.

I hope that as a community we will be conscientious about the language we use. We all have the ability to set positive examples for each other.

Best, Elliot
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Happy Birthday to:



- April 17:** Amele-Ametowoyona Ketevi, 1st
- April 18:** Samuel Frantz, 1st
- April 19:** Haven Thompson, 5th
- April 20:** Sera Nathan, 1st
Maddie Lindroth, 4th
- April 22:** Chiarra Bettega, 2nd
Jackson Wray, 4th



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Poetry Using the Weather—Clouds

Clouds
By Alex,
2nd student

Crazy
Loud
Air
Universe
Dark
Sky

Clouds
By Shyrene,
2nd grade student

Clouds are white and bright.

Some are dark, some are low, some move fast and slow.

All the clouds are close to my hand

Clouds
By Sione,
2nd grade student

Cold
Light
Outside
Under
Dry
Sky

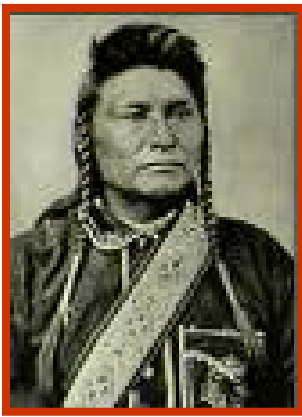
TAG Corner By Ms. Jennifer McCalley, TAG Coordinator

I am often asked what *is* TAG? First, TAG, or Talented and Gifted, is a method used to identify a student who is performing, or has the ability to perform, at or above the 97th percentile. But, testing data is not the only determining factor in identification. Identified students have parent and teacher advocacy information indicating “TAG” attributes and characteristics and/or classroom work samples scored at a 5 or 6 that indicate that the student is exceeding benchmark and demonstrating a rate and level of learning that far exceeds what is typical for his/her grade or peers. But, what is the TAG

program? What does it do for my child? After consulting with the TAG department, they reminded me that TAG is not a program like a club or a pull-out, it is a way of serving the TAG identified child so that he/she receives instruction at the appropriate rate and level. As is often the case, the TAG identification serves as an additional support for the parent, teacher and student to discuss, plan for, and meet the educational needs of the child. It’s very important to remember that the goal is to serve the needs of the child, not the area of identification. This is done within the classroom setting where teachers assess student and curricular needs and

differentiate their instruction (provide grouping options, tiered assignments, lit circles, student choice, questioning strategies...). It is also worth mentioning that we have students within our classes who are “high achieving.” Many of these students exceed benchmarks in one or more areas. Sometimes these students do not test well and are not identified as TAG. In other cases, the parents have opted not to test or seek TAG identification. This does not mean that these students are educated differently than our TAG identified students; at Chief Joseph, we work to meet everyone student’s rate and level of learning.

Register for Kindergarten Now!
It’s time to register your child for fall kindergarten now. If you or someone you know hasn’t done so yet, please call the school office or come in for the registration packet. Current PreK students are already enrolled at Chief Joseph, so you don’t need to do anything. Please let us know, though, if you will not be back in the fall.



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PTA Connections

THE NIGHT OF MAGIC IS 2 WEEKS AWAY!! APRIL 29TH

A rundown of the evening is below:
(Hint: Don't be late—early birds get the best previews!)

- 6:30: EARLY REGISTRATIION
- 7:00: Doors Open/Registration
- 7:00: Silent Auction Opens
- 7:30: Silent Auction Silver Table Closes
- 7:45: Silent Auction Gold Table Closes
- 8:00: Raffle One is Called
- 8:15: Live Auction Program Begins
- 8:45: Raffle Two is Called
- 9:00: Live Auction Program Continues
- 9:30: Raffle/Game Three is Called
- 10:00: Live Auction Program Ends/Pick up auction winnings
- 10:15: DJ Music & Dancing Begin
- Midnight: Event Ends/Doors Close

Tickets are on Sale NOW!!! Before or after school or in the office: Two for \$40 or \$25 each. Tickets include French inspired appetizer buffet and all non-alcoholic drinks. Buy a Chief Joe Pint glass or Wine glass at the event for \$5 and it includes your drinks for the evening. You even get to keep your glass!

Pastini Pasta-thon

Thank you to all the Chief Joe families that participated! We hope to be able to do this again a couple times during the year. We will report our success as soon as we tally up the donations.

**OUR NEXT 2 PTA MEETINGS ARE MAY 10TH AND MAY 26TH:
NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS. MAY 26TH WILL BE A DINNER
MEETING!**

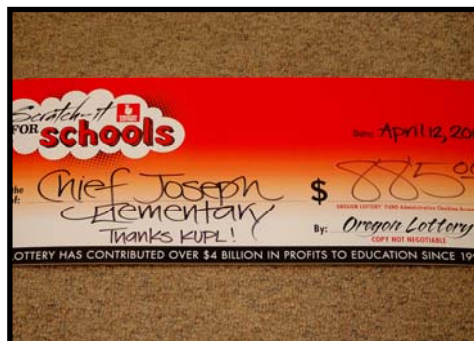
TALENT SHOW IS FRIDAY APRIL 22ND. Suggested donation of \$2 at the door to help offset the production costs, costumes and sets. Thank you! and See you there!!!

Thank you for your support!!

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