



Friday Flier



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Important Dates

- April 20: Student Council**
8:30 am
- April 20: Run For The Arts**
1:15 Primary
1:50 Intermediate
- April 21: Late Opening Day --**
10:45- (PreK regular schedule)
- April 21: Alternate Day for Run for The Arts**
- April 23: Talent Show**
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- April 27: Tech Night**
6:30 - 7:30 pm
- April 30: Night of Magic Auction at Disjecta-**
6:30-10:30
- May 3-7: Staff Appreciation Week**
- May 5: Plant Sale Delivery**
- May 6: Library Night-**
7-8:00 pm
- May 7: Cup of Joe with Joe-Library-**
8:50 am
- May 17-21: Book Fair**



Bring in those batteries instead of throwing them in the garbage

A Few Thoughts from Mr. Galati

For children, the world is a new and exciting place. There is always something to question; something to explore. This Tuesday, Chief Joseph was privileged to host students from the University of Portland who guided us in an amazing Science Night. Stations on the senses, on electricity, on the human body, and even on the brains of sheep (ick!) provided opportunities for interaction with the greater mysteries of life. I am so grateful to the nearly 200 members of our community who attended and encouraged their students to ask more, grow more, and do more with their lives. I also want to publicly thank Dr. Jacquie Van Hoomissen and her students for their energy and commitment to the children of North Portland. Nights like Tuesday remind me of what is possible in the futures of our children!

Presenting the Portland Play

By Hazel, 3rd Grade student

By now, everybody should know what everyone is doing in the third grade— *The Portland Play*. As you all know *The Portland Play* is about Portland, Oregon. The Director is a very nice man named Mr. Ralph Nelson. We have a zillion rehearsals, but it is so worth it. Acting and singing is really fun! I know that the entire school saw the play on Wednesday and our families were able to see it Wednesday Night.



An amazing night was had by over 200 Chief Joseph students and families at the joint University of Portland/Chief Joseph Science Night. Two classes of University of Portland students planned 14 interactive, hands-on science stations to be shared with Chief Joseph students. Chief Joseph students lit light bulbs with lemons, tested the taste buds of the tongue, investigated sheep brains, studied insect bodies, learned why everyone had a blind spot in their vision, and more! Each science station was staffed by several UP students who took the time to carefully explain

A Science Night with the University of Portland

by Haley Barrick, Life Science and Spanish Major—student at University of Portland

the science concepts to the elementary students and their families. Chief Joseph students carefully answered questions within a science passport and created amazing projects that showed their learning. By the end of the night, every student, both elementary and college age, had smiles on their faces! A special thank you goes out to the University of Portland and the professors, Dr. Van Hoomissen and Dr. Beadles-Bohling, who helped plan such an amazing experience.



Science Night at Chief Joseph

By Ms. Jen McCalley, 2nd Grade teacher

How does your brain work? Last Tuesday night, University of Portland students came to Chief Joseph Elementary School to share the fun of science with elementary students and their parents. This event was organized by Jacquie Van Hoomissen, anatomy and service learning professor at University of Portland. University students came from neurobiology

and service learning in biology classes to help man this event. They planned lessons to engage the students in hands-on learning about science. All subjects at the fair followed Neuroscience Core Concepts from the Society for Neuroscience. During the fair, Chief Joseph students went around to booths to touch

brains, make candy models, test neural responses and have fun. They answered questions from the university students and later turned in their answers to win prizes. The big hit booth taught the students about the different lobes of the brain, what they do, and then reinforced their learning by icing brain shaped cookies.



2010 Chief Joe Talent Show!!

We hope to see you all at this year's Talent Show!! We have a variety of talents at Chief Joe and we can't wait to show them off! The Talent Show is at 6:30 pm Friday, April 23rd. We hope you and your family can make it! *If you would like to purchase a DVD of this year's Talent Show, the DVD Pre-order Form will be in the office. DVD's of the Talent Show will be \$10 each. If you don't make it to the office, there will be a table the night of the Talent Show where you can place your order.

*We still need a few volunteers for the night of the Talent Show. If you are interested at all please give Brandi a call #503-839-7877.



Students were taught how to make plastic bags and a straw into a balloon. The students then used the balloon to lift one of our parents (Mr. Byer above) off the table, and to the right— Mr. Jaquiss (by the way, teacher and heavy table were over 250 pounds!). It took 13 kids to make this happen. Mr. Jaquiss was lifted nearly 3 1/2 inches off the other surface.

A Night of Magic IN HAVANA

What: *SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION BENEFITING ARTS & SCIENCE PROGRAMMING AT CHIEF JOSEPH ELEMENTARY*

When: *FRIDAY, APRIL 30TH, 2010 – 6:30 PM – 1 0PM*

Where: *DISJECTA 8371 N. INTERSTATE AVENUE, PORTLAND OR*

Dress: *COME AS YOU ARE, OR GET INTO THE THEME AND DRESS WITH A CUBAN FLAIR!*

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL, OR EMAIL JENEFER OR AMY AT NIGHTOFMAGICAUCTION@CHIEFJOEPTA.COM

-ADMISSION – \$25 individual or \$40 a pair

Those Netbooks are Really Helpful By Amber, 2nd grade



The Netbooks are here!!! Ms. Rodgers' class has been using the Netbooks to do our writing. I wrote about going to the park and some of the other kids are on their second



or third stories. The Netbooks are really cool and they are fun to write with. My story is excellent so far. I hope we keep working on them for the whole year. I wish that I had a Netbook because I could use it to write stories all the time.

STAR BASE By Hannah, 4th grade student

When we went to Star Base April 9, we did a cool experiment about air pressure. We used a ruler and newspaper. First, the teacher told us about air pressure and how it is everywhere. Then we put a wooden ruler on the edge of a

table with 4 inches hanging off. On top of that, our teacher, Mrs. Wong, put down a half sheet of newspaper and smoothed it out really well. Then she asked us to put on safety glasses and gloves and punch down through

the ruler at the 2-inch mark. What do you think happened? The ruler broke in half and shot through the air. Even though there was only a single piece of newspaper holding the ruler down, there were 14.7 pounds of air pressure on each square inch.

Fun at STARBASE By Flora and Ashley, 4th grade students

Friday, April 9, Mr. Jaquiss' and Mrs. Strozinsky's classes went to Starbase. We learned about states of matter. The plasma part was amazing, along with aeronautics and made many other things. We built balloons and paper gliders, but for our group the most fun was learning about *Bernoulli's Principle of Lift*. Our teacher, Mr. Chambers, gave each of us a funnel and a ping pong ball. He asked us if we could blow the ping pong ball up to the ceiling, which was pretty high. Our guess was that we could or at least get close, and then we tried. Do you know what happened? You should ask a

fourth or fifth grader, but the ball stayed in the funnel and spun around real fast. Then Mr. Chambers asked us what would happen if we turned the funnel upside down, put

the ball in it and blew. Do you know what happened? The ping pong ball stayed inside the funnel, and did not fall out, despite gravity. It was awesome.



Student Writing

The Canoe Trip by Kilani, 3rd grade student

Addison and Sara stepped into the canoe very carefully. The canoe wobbled against the waves in the river. Addison saw a lot of fish swim away and Sara saw a frog on the shore hopping along. Addison and Sara then started to paddle faster and faster and suddenly they hit a rock and the canoe tipped over into the not so warm water. The two then swam to the shore as fast as they could. Finally they reached land and they laid out on the warm rocks watching the river.

My Cat, by Bryan, 3rd grade student

I am going to tell you about my two fluffy cats. One is gray and likes to sleep on my bed until I kick him off. The other cat is a Siamese cat. Both of my cats make me happy when they play with me. One time I was playing with my X-Box and my gray cat climbed in front of me and she pushed a button on my remote and she made me win.

A Worm Alert by Maisie, 2nd grade student

On Monday, Ms. McCalley's class went out to the school garden and dug up one worm per student. We then went into the building and measured our worms. Worms don't have legs. They have tiny hairs that let them slide through the dirt. We also learned that worms don't have eyes but they can still sense and feel around. On our desks we each have a terrarium to keep our worm in its habitat (a place where animals live). We are able to see

that they like living in dark corners. Every time that we look or study about our worms, we write in our science books. Usually Ms. McCalley tells us to write our facts about what we have learned about worms. I have a lot of information in my science book. Just ask me.



The Counselor's Corner

By Ms. Liz Dawson, Counselor

The Life Skills lesson this week at Chief Joseph was doing your *Personal Best*. We read a book on Wilma Rudolf, who began life as the 20th child out of 22. After her first birthday, her family noticed that as soon as this girl could walk, she ran or jumped instead. Then tragedy struck at the age of four when Wilma contracted polio and it was feared she would never walk again. Struggling for years with exercises and a steel brace, she did walk again, and then some. She went on to win three gold medals at the 1960 Olympics in Rome, all for running.

Wilma knew early in life what she was good at and what she

wanted to do. I learned in my course on career counseling at Portland State University that it's never too soon to talk about careers or what children want to do with their lives.

When my daughter was three or four and people would ask her what she wanted to be when she grew up, I would jokingly interject, "We're hoping for an investment banker." Imagine my surprise when her second grade class was writing about future career plans and she wrote that she wanted to go into investment banking. I learned my lesson - I would stop speaking for my daughter. She needed to develop her own interests, but starting to think

about them early on can only help the process.

Thinking about a career can help children sort out what they don't want to do, as well as what they do. So when Johnny or Sally comes home from school and wants to be a firefighter, I bet there's a good book on firefighting in the library's children section you could read together. The books on investment banking, however, are found in adult non-fiction.



Library News

As we get closer to the end of this school year, the library will be busy with end-of-the-year closure activities. First of all, I will be purchasing books for our library, and your input is welcome. My primary focus is to update our non-fiction and reference collection. Please feel free to leave suggested titles in my mailbox located in the main office. Secondly, the last day for class visits to the library will be Friday, June 4th. I will do a full inventory of the Chief Joseph library collection because this is the first year of using the automated circulating system (VIA). Also, feel free to access your child's library record by following these directions:

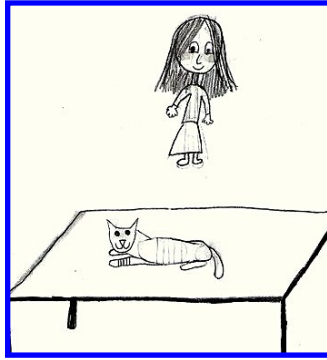
1. On the web go to the PPS Web Catalog at <http://library.pps.k12.or.us/>
2. At the top right of the page, log in using your ESIS number (it's also your school lunch # and on report cards). This number can be obtained from your school library or office. For security reasons, parents will need to show ID when requesting child's ESIS number from the school main office or library.
3. Provide your first/last name and your ESIS number at the prompt.
4. Once your record appears, you should be able to see what books you have checked out and renew items if they are renewable. If there is a hold placed on a book, it will not be renewable. Renewing books on this system is very similar to renewing from Multnomah County Library. Also while logged in, patrons can search the web catalog, create a personal reading list, or a search list. If you're using a public computer, remember to log-out!

Finally, please save the following date for: **CHIEF JOSEPH LIBRARY NIGHT** on Monday, May 6, 2010, 6:00pm - 7:30pm in the library. Students and families are welcome to sign-up for Multnomah County Library's Summer Reading Program, read with your children, and enjoy refreshments!

Student Art



Mr. Jim Dunlap unclogs a sink at Chief Joseph. He later inserted a drain so that we won't have any clogged drains.



The PTA of Chief Joseph Elementary school will hold its first "Spring Clean" Rummage Sale on Saturday May 22nd, from 9:30 A.M till 3:30 P.M. at the school, rain or shine! Good weather will see us set up on the blacktop playground at the back of the school, and wet weather will see us set up in the cafeteria. Please watch your students' folders for a flyer with all the details as well as a request for the donation of any items you may wish to "spring clean". We will be accepting all items that are in clean and usable condition. Anything left at the end of the day will be donated directly to a local charity donation center. This should be a great opportunity to raise some much needed funds for the many ongoing and potential programs that the PTA seeks to support. All money generated by the Rummage Sale goes directly to the school! So start cleaning out that back closet and the other side of the garage and let's turn that old stuff into something great for our students!

Special Points of Thanks

Thank you to **Mr. Dunleavy** for donating the incredible microphones to our school. What a difference these microphones make!!

Thank you to **Ms. Kelly,**

Ms. Rodgers, Ms. McCalley, Ms. Stro, Ms. Corbett, and Ms. Vancil for helping make **Science Night** the most attended Family Engagement night of the year. **OVER 200 people attended!**

Thank you to Ms. Willeman and Ms. Janson for the time you took getting your classes ready for an outstanding Portland Play!!



Elena and Hazel in Wonderland/Kelso Coaching

By Elena and Hazel, 3rd Grade Students

Kelso Coaches are necessary. Kelso Coaches are big kids helping the little kids at recess by helping them solve problems that they sometimes get into. We also eat lunch with them, take them to the bathroom, and if they get hurt we take them to the office. At lunch, the kids always ask questions like: "Can I get a napkin?", "Can you open my mustard?" "Can you help me with a problem?" We always have a way to help them because that is what a Kelso coach does.



have to be ready to answer questions to solve problems, and be ready to do a lot of walking and looking around. As third graders, we are the young leaders, but we have to be responsible.

Earlier this year, Ms. Stro trained us how to do our job. Sometimes, it is hard work, but we really like doing it. When we first signed up to be Kelso Coaches, we thought it would be pretty easy. Now, six months into it, we see that we



Net Books are for Real

By Selam, 3rd Grade student

In class, we are using Net Books. We type using Windows 03. To get to our stories, we go to the Apple Server and write in our passwords. When we think we are finished, we check our

spelling. After that we print our stories. If we don't get finished we can save our stories on the server and get them from anywhere in the building, as long as we have an internet

connection. We are now starting to add pictures to our work. I love using the Net Books.



Wind and its Power

By Calvin, 2nd Grade student



blowing from the west to the east. Did you know that if the wind blows more than 74 miles per hour, then it is a hurricane?



Last week in Mr. Claborn's class we had some fun with science. We made wind scales. A wind scale is a paper wheel. When you turn the wheel it tells you what happens when the wind gets stronger or weaker. We also took paper plates and wrote *North, East, South* and

West on them. We stapled pieces of string on the plate at *North, South, East* and *West*. We then took the plates outside when it was windy. We stood in a line to the east of the playground. The strings on the plates blew to the east. We knew this meant the wind was



Did you know that.....?

1. Chief Joseph has a network server where students can save their word processing.
2. Chief Joseph students can access their folders from anywhere in the building.
3. We have "extended" four-hour batteries for our 30 Netbooks.
4. With District "Refresh Dollars" we have been able to purchase new laptops for our teachers? As a result we are using their old laptops to build a third mobile lab.
5. Seven of our teachers are using the Netbooks on a regular basis-- which translates into over 192 students using them multiple times.



UPDATE on the 4th and 5th Grade Overnighter

By the 4th and 5th Grade Teachers

We are closing in on the fundraising goal for our **May 18 & 19 field trip to Camp Howard**. As of this writing, we are **90%** of the way to our total amount needed. We would like for families who can pay to please go ahead and do so.

Every child in the fourth and fifth grades is encouraged to come, and when we reach our goal, we will have raised enough money for that to happen. Thank you to the families who have generously refunded the scholarship given

to their child, and special thanks to the families who have done that and given extra. This trip would not happen without the great community support of Chief Joseph, and we appreciate that.

A Recent "Cup of Joe with Joe"



Amanda Whalen (left) assistant to the General Counsel, Tammy Jackson (above) Manager of student Conduct, and Officer Locke (right) School Resource Officer, attended a recent "Cup of Joe".





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A School Focused on Safety, Achievement, and the Joy of Learning

Friday Flier Writers featured this week:

- Hazel Lucey
- Amber Boyce
- Bryan Siegrist
- Calvin Dunleavy
- Flora Frazier
- Ashley Santmyer
- Hannah Glover
- Kilani Thompson
- Maisie McCarley
- Elena Lachmann
- Selam Getu



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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.

Chief Joseph at a Glance

Kindergarten:

Kindergarteners continue to study artists. We have a complicated pattern on our calendar this month: sphere cube cone (AABC). We are continuing to work with story problems and combinations of six. We are finishing up anatomy and have one more visit from our UP students. We have two more field trips planned this year. In May, we will walk to the fire station, and to celebrate an incredible school year together, we plan to go bowling in June.

First Grade: This week the first grade classes began their science unit on insects. This is an in-depth study covering insects in general, mealworms and butterflies in classroom habitats, and an individual report given on an insect of choice. We are also lucky enough to have two University of Portland seniors, Patsy and Tiffany, coming three times to enrich our lessons. Love those bugs!

Fourth Grade: We continue to have a full schedule upstairs. Last week fourth and fifth graders had the opportunity to visit two justice buildings in downtown Portland. We viewed some

real-life trials and also got to talk to judges. Before meeting the judges we learned that you always address them by saying "Your Honor." Students also were able to explore the courtroom as the judges placed them in different parts of the room, like the Jury Box. It was a great experience for all the kids and we felt very fortunate that the judges took the time out of their busy schedules to teach us about how the law works in Portland. We are currently finishing a unit on Controlled Experiments and Variables and will then start to explore more about our government and justice system as part of the Classroom Law Project. In math, fifth graders have started a new unit on

polygons. Fourth graders continue to explore fractions. As always, we are busy, but still learning and laughing!

PE: Coaching is an incredible experience. The kids are learning how to play the great game of golf and I'm having a blast. Thanks to all the great kids at Chief Joseph for being patient in waiting for the fitness club to reopen. We will start up again in May and go until the end of school. Fun Fridays will start up the first week in May. So look for your handouts for 1st to 5th grade and get signed up for the best workouts, the best games, and the chance to work your bodies and build muscles with your peers. Keep watching for that flier coming home soon.

