



Friday Flier



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A Few Thoughts from Mr. Galati

This past Wednesday was Secretary's Day. This is the day that we take a moment to recognize how important secretaries are—especially at Chief Joseph. They schedule meetings, keep track of appointments, maintain attendance, deal with anyone that comes into the office (happy or sad), provide first aid to the many children, provide a calm voice to the person on the other end of the phone. I think of how much both Patsy and Elinna do for us at Chief Joseph and I take a deep breath. There are so many things that they do that go unnoticed, and on one day we take that brief moment to say thank you. I know what my life would be like without them and I am grateful to both of them. To Patsy and Elinna, I say thank you. Please make it a point to say hello to them and say thank you for the special people they are. Don't forget that in just a little time we will be able to recognize our teachers for the fabulous things that they do for us as well.

Important Dates

- April 29:** Night of Magic Auction- 6:30-12:00
- May 2-6:** Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6:** Cup of Joe with Joe at 8:45 am in the Library
- May 9:** Volunteer Tea- 3:15 in the Library
- May 9-13:** Chief Joseph Week
- May 11:** Late Opening- School starts at 10:45 am
- May 17:** Kindergarten Literacy Night- 6:00-7:30 pm
- May 21:** Rummage Sale
- May 25:** Library Night
- May 26:** Oaks Park Safety Patrol Picnic
- May 30:** No School- Memorial Day
- June 14:** Last Day of School



CUP OF JOE MAY 6 at 8:45 will include a presentation on the Math Adoption "Bridges". Please come and learn about how this program will look next fall. Ms. Terry McKelvey will be there to answer your questions

Earth Day Arrives at Chief Joseph

By Maisie, 3rd Grade student

Last Friday the Portland Trail Blazers and some special friends from Wells Fargo Bank came to help us out with our school area..... Nearly 100 adults came to help us with EARTH DAY.

So, the next time you are around the school check out the flowers, the new tree and the playground. We got a lot done in less than 2 hours.

Here at Chief Joseph we cleaned our school by picking up trash, we planted flowers, we swept up the playground, laid soil for our new garden boxes, and we planted the Chief Joseph Pine tree in front of the school.

We learned that every day can be Earth Day and we are really helping the environment.

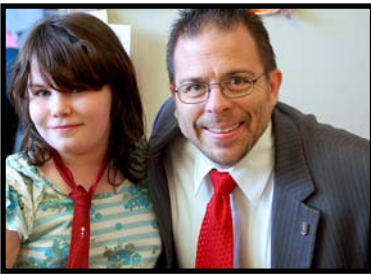
We owe Wells Fargo and the Portland Trail Blazers a big thank you for their wonderful gifts and time!



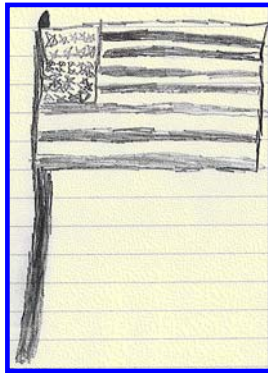
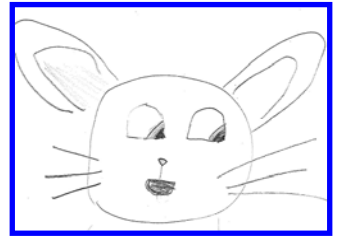
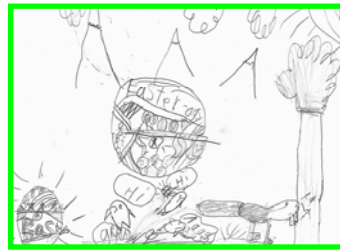
Blaze comes to Chief Joseph



Student Art Gallery Courtesy of the students at Chief Joseph



Sporting ties with Erin



2nd Annual Rummage Sale

Chief Joseph Elementary School, in conjunction with our PTA, is proud to announce our 2nd Annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 21st from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm in the school cafeteria (2409 N. Saratoga).

Last year's event raised well over \$2,000.00 and featured an incredible array of goods from clothing for the entire family to furniture, tools, sporting goods, and just about everything under the sun!

We are now accepting all donations for the Rummage Sale. They can be dropped off/delivered to the cafeteria stage between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

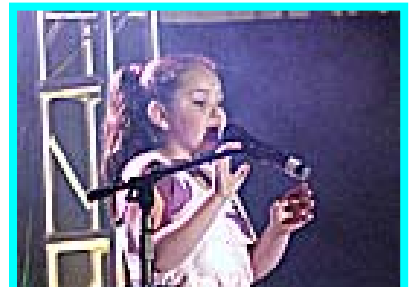


The Fantastic Performance by Roma, 5th grade



The lights were bright. Hearts pounding, big red curtains....it is show time!! And most of all the beastly stage! All of these represent the annual 2011 talent show-- a once a year performance done by the Chief Joseph students.

This performance gives them a chance to show us what they can do. This year's talent show had many different types of acts like singing, dancing and even jump roping. We even had a student count to 20 in



Korean.

A show always has to have some jazz and dazzle to it so all of the performers had fantastic costumes....Some of the costumes were as flowing and long as they could be. Some costumes were short and so glittery you could not see. And even some were old in there culture.

It took braveness and a lot of hard work to perform in front of so many people. This year had to be one of the best shows. If you couldn't attend, you can still buy a DVD

Lifeskill of the Week:

Cooperation: To work together toward a common goal or purpose.

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.

Earth Day Activities by Calvin, 3rd grade student

On Friday, April 22nd, Chief Joseph students along with the Portland Trail Blazers and Wells Fargo Bank helped us clean and make the school look better. They helped us recycle and clean the playgrounds. They even cleaned



After all of our hard work, the Wells Fargo volunteers and the Portland Trail Blazers gave us delicious popsicles. It was all really fun because we got to do something to make our school look better.

Happy Earth Day!



classrooms! They also helped us make posters. That was my favorite activity. Some of the posters we made said "I love Earth Day" and "Take care of the earth".



Missing Bike

A parent's bike has been reported missing from the bike rack in back of the school. It is described as a 1962 vintage black British Huffy, 3-speed, with a basket in front. It's been missing for about two weeks. If you have information about this missing bike, please contact the school office.

Chief Joseph at a Glance

Pre Kindergarten: This week in Pre-K we are busy working on our beautiful gigantic terra cotta planter for the school auction. The flower pot will have hand prints and names of all the children in both a.m. and p.m. Pre-K finished it with a high gloss acrylic, and it will come with a gift certificate to a local nursery to purchase plants and soil for planting the pot.

We are learning the letter X and doing 4 fun projects this week. One project will be displayed in the hall: "Hop Aboard the Pattern Train". Be sure to stop by and take a peek. We are finishing up our wonderful Mother's Day gift that we have been working on so hard over the past several weeks and the children are soooo excited to give them to their moms.

1st Grade: Thank you parents for all of your donations to the First Grade Summer of Fun basket that will be auctioned off this Friday

night. We look forward to seeing you at the Night of Magic.

Volunteers, mark your calendar for the "Volunteer Recognition Tea" on May 9th at 3:15 in the library. RSVP 503-916-6255.

Just a reminder to dress warmly until spring eventually comes☺: That is, no flip flops or high heel sandals, or spaghetti strap tops.

3rd/4th Grade: The third and fourth graders in Ms. Martinez', Mrs. Walker's and Mrs. Willeman's classes are trading teachers over the next few weeks. Ms. Martinez is teaching an art lesson, Mrs. Willeman is teaching the Oregon social studies unit, and Mrs. Walker is reinforcing math knowledge through Study Island and eInstruction software, which is part of our school's new technology package. The classes rotate each day so that each class has an opportunity to try every

lesson and activity.

Music: In music, students have been wonderfully progressing on songs to sing as a class. The older grades have been spending a bit of time harmonizing as well as musical phrasing. The younger ones are continuing to work on blending together as a class and annunciation. I am really impressed with their abilities and spirit as of late.

LOST AND FOUND!!

Please take a moment to visit the Lost and Found Pile. We have many jackets, shirts, hats, gloves, lunch boxes, shoes...etc.

Reading Winners This Week

Vinnie Castaldo, KG

Henry Knapp, KG

Tate Hudson, 1st

Geedi Ali, 3rd

Marissa Pasaye-Elias, 3rd

Alyn Rivera, 4th



Sporting Ties with Eric

Kelso of the Week

Selam Getu



I Like being a Kelso Coach because you can help the younger kids when they need



Volunteer Tea

All volunteers are invited to the Chief Joseph Annual Volunteer Tea on Monday, May 9th from 3:15 to 4:00 pm in the library.

RSVP at 503-916-6255

Who Is That??

By Madi, 4th grade student

Who is that mysterious guy?

Who is that in the black suit and tie?

Who is that carrying a walkie talkie and keys?

Who is that principal smiling at me?

The guy in the glasses in Mr. Galati!!



Sporting Ties with Mrs. Dunleavy

Reading is the Key By Ms. Jill Brenan, Title I Specialist

Even though this cold, wet weather has many of us wondering if spring has *really* arrived, there's no question that the days are getting longer. If your house is anything like ours, this often means that kids are pulling out all the stops,

hoping to stay up later. Why not surprise them and say "Sure!" Use the extra 15-30 minutes to read a favorite book. Model reading by reading to them, or let them choose anything they want to read, including comic books or magazines. Not only will

reading slow them down at the end of a busy day, it will get much needed practice in as well!



Special Points of Thanks

Thank you to **Sharon** for always providing a nutritious breakfast and a hearty lunch.

Catherine and Carl for taking such good care of our school.

Thank you **Mr. Hudson** for making Run for the Arts a success.

Thank you **Ms. Vancil and Ms. Corbett** for your efforts with the State testing.

Thank you to **Ms. Bev,**

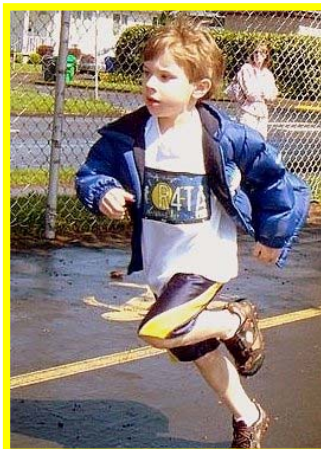
Thank you to our

Kindergarten assistants who continue to help our students: **Mr. May, Ms. Bastias, Ms. Harvey, Ms. Brown, Ms. Donald, and Ms. Avila**



Run for the Arts—Portland "Rainy" Style

by Marissa, 3rd grade student



For the older kids, it rained a little, then a little more, then more and more and then finally-- really hard!! It rained so hard the older kids had to stop running. After about 15 minutes of solid rain, Mr. Galati blew the whistle to end it.

I think the younger kids were a little sad



because they couldn't watch us run longer. The younger kids cheered for us but they had to go inside. So, everyone, went back to class, got popsicles and then we watched the weather get sunny again. How fun is that!!

We had Run for the Arts on Thursday, April 21st. First, the K-2nd graders ran.

After they were done, the 3rd – 5th graders ran. The funny part of Run for the Arts was that when the younger kids were running, it was really sunny. Then it was only sunny for about 5 minutes for the older kids.



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

The end of the year is approaching so quickly! As we move into May I want to be mindful of the opportunities available, as well as the deadlines that may be attached to them.

I just saw a copy of Operation Safe Summer, a newspaper put out by the Portland Police Bureau, that has all sorts of camps, activities and opportunities throughout

the summer. Look for paper copies available soon at Chief Joseph, but you can also access the information online at:

<http://www.portlandonline.com/police/index.cfm?a=245886&c=33599>

Also, another of my favorite resources, Metro Parent magazine, has a guide online to summer activities and camps.

<http://www.metro-parent.com/summercamps/>

If you have more information about other camps and activities, please let me know. I am always looking for ways to expand my knowledge base about such things.



Put School Work First Report to Parents courtesy of National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP)

Never before has homework been so controversial. Busy parents and overscheduled children argue that either there is too much homework or that schoolwork should be done in school. Teachers and principals, however, view homework as a way to reinforce classroom lessons or give students needed extra practice. There are a lot of ways that parents, schools, and students, working together, can put homework first while making it seem like less of a burden.

What's the policy? Ask about the district, school, or teacher's homework policy. Is there a set amount of time your children is expected to spend on homework each night? Ask how often there will be special assignments or long-term home-based projects. Knowing the answers to these questions can help you and your child schedule the necessary time to complete the work.

Watch the time. Some children work faster than others and some assignments are longer than others. But if your child is spending hours every night on homework, check for:

- **Distractions.** Is your child studying in a quiet, well-lit place? Don't let television, phone calls, or siblings distract him or her from completing the work.
- **Advice.** Is there someone

available to answer quick questions about assignments?

- **Tools.** Does your child have the tools (*i.e.*, paper, pen, calculator, dictionary) needed to complete the assignment?

- **Attitude.** The attitudes of children are often affected by the attitudes of parents and caregivers. Children need to see that you support your child's need to complete both schoolwork and homework.

Share concerns. An occasional homework overload is not grounds for a heart-to-heart with the teacher. Below are some signs that it's time for a conference or a note.

- **Busy work.** 15-20 multiplication problems or spelling words at a time is fine, but 50 is excessive.

- **Brain busters.** Talk with the teacher if your children consistently don't understand their assignments.

- **Brainless.** Is everything just too easy? Does your child mock the simplicity of the assignments? Let the teacher know.

- **Unpredictable.** If your child is overwhelmed with homework one day, and has none the next, find out why. Sometimes, kids put off projects until the last minute – which means you need to work with them on

organizing their study time. Families should expect a relatively consistent homework load during the week.

Scale back. If your child's life is so full of after-school and weekend activities that he or she has no time or energy for homework, perhaps it's time to reevaluate. These activities should never replace school as the primary focus of a child's life.

Stop yourself. Many parents "help" their children by doing some of their homework. This is never OK. It's far better to send a note to the teacher explaining why your child didn't finish the assignment.

Stay involved. Show your children that you care about what they're doing in school. Check their assignment books every day to help them keep track of what's due next and what projects are coming up. Review their homework, even checking in with them while they're working on it. Most importantly, give your child credit. Praise the work they do. Compliment their study habits. Stay on them if they slack off, but give them credit for all they're doing and learning. Nothing could be more important

Happy Birthday to:



- May 1:**
Molly Byers, 5th
Jason RedBird, KG
Bhavna Sharma, 5th
- May 2:**
Devala Rossington, 4th
- May 6:**
Ethan Gillespie, 3rd



Sporting ties with August

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

NIGHT OF MAGIC IS TONIGHT!!

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

6:30 Early Registration
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 Begins
9:30 Raffle/Game Three is Called
10:00 Live Auction Program Ends/Pick up Auction Winnings
10:15 DJ Music and Dancing Begin
Midnight Event Ends/Doors Close

CHIEF JOSEPH'S 2ND ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE IS BEING HELD MAY 21ST.....9:00AM TO 3:00PM!

EVENT IS INDOORS...WE ARE LOOKING FOR CLEAN AND USABLE DONATIONS FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE. HELP GIVE BACK TO OUR OWN COMMUNITY WITH THOSE SPRING CLEANING TREASURES: CLOTHING, CHILDREN'S TOYS, WORKING ELECTRONICS, BICYCLES, CLEAN FURNITURE AND JEWELRY.

\$1, \$2, \$3 BINS, CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AND EVERYTHING IS HALF PRICE @ 1PM!

Please make deliveries to the cafeteria state between the hours of 8:30 to 4:00

The Chief Joseph BOOK FAIR is coming up. The dates are May 10-13. There will be more information to follow regarding the specifics.

OUR NEXT TWO PTA MEETINGS ARE HELD MAY 10TH AND MAY 26TH...

MAY 10TH IS THE NOMINATIONS MEETING FOR THE NEW BOARD POSITIONS. ALL BOARD POSITIONS ARE OPEN.

MAY 26TH IS THE MEETING FOR THE ELECTIONS AND WILL ALSO BE A DINNER MEETING

PLEASE LET ANY BOARD MEMBER KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE BOARD POSITIONS OR NEED ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION!

Teacher Appreciation Week is April is May 2nd thru the 5th!! **Please have your children bring in a beautiful flower to put into the vase that will be displayed in their teacher's room!**

We want to give a huge thanks to our awesome volunteers...Bruce Franklin, Helen Washington, Beth Liebert, Jodi Chisholm, Lee Harris, and Trina Durham, who stood in the rain and delivered plants on Tuesday!!
OUR VOLUNTEERS ROCK!!

**Thanks you for your support!!
Chief Joe PTA**