



Friday Flier



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A Few Thoughts from Mr. Galati

This past Monday, we had a chance to say thank you to the many volunteers that give of their time at Chief Joseph. Without their assistance, we would not be able to accomplish much. So once a year, we are able to celebrate you!!! On Monday at our Volunteer Tea, I found out about so many different things our parents and volunteers do to make our teachers, our school and our building's needs easier. Filing, stapling, organizing, building, teaching (art), reading to, counting with, chaperoning, washing, collecting, sponsoring, hosting, sharing, ... and the list continues. To all of our Volunteers, I say THANK YOU to making Chief Joseph the Jewel of The North.

Important Dates

- May 14:** St. John's Parade
- May 17:** Student Council
- May 17:** Kindergarten Literacy Night 6:00-7:30 pm
- May 21:** Rummage Sale- 9:00-3:00
- May 25:** Library Night- 6:30-8:00 pm
- May 26:** Safety Patrol Picnic at Oaks Park
- May 30:** Memorial Day- No School
- June 1 & 2:** OMSI Planetarium visit
- June 2:** Field Day-K-2
- June 3:** Field Day-Gr. 3-5
- June 3:** Cup of Joe with Joe at 8:50 am
- June 7:** Music Program K-2: 6:30 pm/ 3-5: 7:30 pm
- June 10:** The Reading Well **Book Giveaway**
- June 14:** Last Day of School
- June 14:** 5th Grade Farewell- 9:30-11:00-

Tutoring at Chief Joseph by Mariah Lopez, University of Portland student

Happy Friday everyone! My name is Mariah Lopez and I'm a freshman nursing student at the University of Portland. Currently I work here at Chief Joseph Elementary School as an assistant to Ms. Leslie's kindergarten class. I came across this opportunity through a program called "America Reads" from the School of Education at UP. They were looking for students to help tutor kids at the elementary level in the subjects of reading, writing, and math. I thought that it would be a wonderful way to make some money this semester but little did I know that this job would turn out to be such an important learning experience. I had no idea what to expect when I first walked into the classroom, I was so nervous the first day that you would have thought I was the kindergartener! Fortunately, I was quickly welcomed by Ms. Leslie, Ms. A and all of the students, which made the new environment become much more comfortable. For the most part I helped the students learn how to read, write, and count. As I mentioned before, I am a nursing student, not an education student. The most important aspect of teaching that I learned was that each student is different. There

really is no generic way to teach and expect to be successful with each student. Some students need more guidance and one-on-one attention while other students may only need a little bit of confirmation that they're doing something correctly. What I found to be the most fascinating was that even at such a young age, each student's personality, talents, and interests were so prominent. I think it is important for individuality to not only be expressed but also appreciated at an early age, which is part of what I tried to encourage as a teaching assistant. This past year has been one of the most life changing experiences and I can honestly say that this is the most that I have ever grown as a person in such a short amount of time. I really want

to thank Chief Joseph for being a part of this. If I did not have enough appreciation for my teachers and professors before this experience, I certainly do now. Although I have no desire to be a teacher, this experience is not a wasted one. Learning how to interact with children is an important skill that will carry on into my career as a nurse and is certainly something that I will never forget. Thank you again to Ms. Leslie, Ms. A and Principal Galati for this experience. I also would like to thank you the parents because you are the first and most important teachers that your children have! Even as a young adult, I still am learning more now from my own parents than ever before. I wish your students the best of luck in life and in all of their endeavors! Mariah Lopez



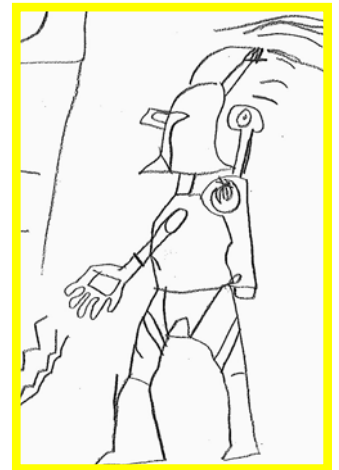
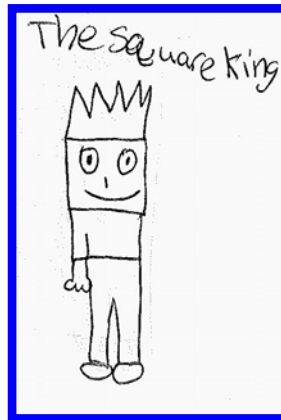
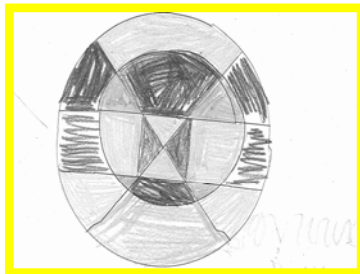
Sporting Ties with Emma



Sporting ties with Malekpo

Student Art Gallery

Courtesy of the students at Chief Joseph



NEED A JOB?

Apply now for part-time employment in PPS school cafeterias for fall 2011! Are you interested in earning some extra income while your child attends school? Do you want to be part of a team that provides high quality, nutritious meals to PPS students? PPS Nutrition Services will be hiring for positions that begin in August for 2011-2012 school year. Food Service Assistant Substitutes work 2-6 hour shifts with wages that start at \$9.25/hour. Opportunities for advancement to permanent positions for individuals who enjoy working with kids and food! Must pass a Criminal Record Check and know basic computer skills. All employment applications must be submitted online at www.pps.k12.or.us.

Measuring Math

By Lauren and Marissa, 3rd grade students



Ethan is getting ready to measure and weigh objects

the paper clips flew off the scale because they are so light. So, we would just laugh and pick them up.

We learned that the weight of some items was heavier than what we first thought and that it took more of one item to balance other items.

This past Monday, our class was measuring. We measured all sorts of things like paper clips (that was one of our main things), pencils, cubes, tens cubes, and hundred

cubes.

There were only nine scales in the room so we had to share them with other students in the class.

We also got a paper that helped us organize the things we measured.

One thing that was interesting was how



Sporting Ties with KateLynn



Sporting Ties with Paris

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.

A Night of Focus by Members of the Site Council

Every spring, a group of parents sit down in the Chief Joseph Library to discuss our school as part of the Chief Joseph Parent Focus Group, sponsored by the Site Council. This year the event was on April 14. There were 21 parents and 7 Site Council members in attendance. The questions for discussion covered topics such as: feeling connected or not at school; events of the year that were valuable; safety at school; academic concerns; highlights of being part of the Chief Joseph community.

The discussion was lively, honest, and sometimes surprising.

Families were very interested in communicating with the school and their teachers. Parents generally liked the evening events, but some thought they were too rushed or not long enough.

The feeling from parents was

that children were safe at school and most people really liked the teachers being outside at dismissal.

There was heated discussion regarding math. Parents seemed to be very frustrated regarding the current math curriculum. Luckily, we will have a new curriculum, Bridges in Mathematics, next year. We all (teachers included) look forward to this change **(there will be articles and additional information about the new curriculum this year and also at Cup of Joes).**

There were a few questions raised regarding rigor for students at or above grade level benchmark **(the easiest and most efficient way of addressing this is for parents to either email or contact their child's teacher).**

Parents also wanted to

know what assignments children had so that they could assist them at home **(again, email or talk with your child's teacher).**

There were many nice compliments regarding our school: Mr. Hudson, Lifeskills, sense of community, etc. At the end of the evening, it seemed that everyone was glad to be at Chief Joseph, even when there are a few things to work on.

Recess and lunch were both talked about in terms of them being too short--- this is being addressed at this time. **(Please continue to inform Joe regarding this to let us know how we are doing)**

Have we missed anything? We are still looking for ideas regarding the "calendar"—is it necessary to include a graphic of one?



Sporting Ties with Clara

The Timbers'

Army by Calvin, Ava and Karmann, 3rd grade students

The Timber's Army is a group of about 350 soccer fans who cheer, scream, and chant for the Timbers. We cheer all game long. Karmann, Ava and Calvin are all a part of the Timbers' Army.

The Timbers and the Timbers' Army's worst rival is the Seattle Sounders... We call them the Flounders. We have a chant just for Seattle. It goes like this: "Freddie Montero, No means No!" When we root, we root for the Timbers! We like it when the Timbers win!! **(look at picture below of the Timbers' Army).**

Chief Joseph at a Glance

Pre-Kindergarten: Last Thursday was Cinco de Mayo. Pre-K celebrated by listening to non-fiction stories about Cinco de Mayo. Then we were introduced to Latin Music by a local percussionist, Johnny V., who played a Ponga drum **(look at picture lower right)** that the children danced to while playing a variety of percussion instruments, i.e. maracas, tambourines, blocks & sticks, shakers and bongo drums. When the children tired I performed for them using authentically dressed marionettes from Mexico that danced to the music on the little theatre stage we have in the classroom. We had a lot of fun as you can see from the picture.

1st Grade: The second graders have been busy working on a variety of things from writing poetry

to writing and solving story problems. We have been learning about the weather and animal habitats. We are getting ready to take a field trip to the zoo and writing animal reports. In reading we are learning cause and effect and author's purpose. We are reading about cowboys and how they lived long ago.

3rd Grade: In 3rd grade we are doing speeches and science inquiry experiments. Students are learning about Portland geography and bridges in preparation for our Portland Bridges field trip. We are also learning more information about Henry and Georgiana Pittock, before we visit the Pittock Mansion. Kids continue to learn to use the Panasonic computer system in Mrs. Walker's

and have been doing a study of Geometry. This week is Chief Joseph Week, and in art we drew horses and designed basket and bag textile patterns based on historical Nez Perce designs.

Music: The official date for the year end music performance will be Tuesday, June 7th in the evening. My plan is to have a 45 minute presentation for the K-2's, a 15-20 minute intermission followed by a 40-minute presentation for the 3-5's. More details will come home soon with your child. **I am still looking for a parent/ family/ friend volunteer to help out with some piano duties.** Please contact me ASAP if you know someone who can help! Thanks.

Mr. Caldwell



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



Sporting Ties with Josiah

Readers of the Week

Archie Rohden, 1st

Alexandra Smith, 2nd

Nicole Maldonado, 3rd

Gerald Morton-Carter, 5th

Everyone keep reading! Remember to put your name into the box for the Monday morning drawing for a free book.



One of the books I shared with the classes this week is called *Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters* by Barack Obama. With our focus this week being *courage* I found it to be a fantastic illustration of this life skill. The book gives glimpses into American historical figures' lives and the important work they all did. It also illustrates the power of children and how having "the courage to lift one another up", can do marvelous things for our world.

Some students followed up on this book by creating goals for themselves. Before the last day of school, they'll be able to review and reflect on their goals. There's no doubt in my mind that our students will achieve these goals to help make themselves better people and our school a better place.

On another note, I just received news about another camp available to students this summer. It's called TLC-TnT and it's

FREE! Camps will be held at Woodlawn and Cesar Chavez Schools. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please see me for more information and an application.



Special Points of Thanks

Thank you to **Patsy, Ms. Chris, Ms. Allie, and Ms. Sherry** for your prep work in making the Volunteer Tea so special.

Thank you **Ms. Witherspoon** for making lunch buddies fun for our kids.

Thank you to **Nurse Olivia** for always providing a column for the Friday Flier ("**The Remedy**") and for providing first aid for that scrape, cut, or a tissue for

that runny nose.

Thank you to our **amazing PTA** who provided treats and special ways to recognize our teachers.



Sporting ties with Rhys

Making Dirt Babies By Ruby and Paige, Kindergarten students



for a mouth. We started making these a week ago and now they are growing fast.

water is gone and we know that if we add more water -- the grass- we mean "their hair" grows really quickly.

Because their hair is so long, we have to give them haircuts. We will cut their hair with scissors, and if you want to make them bald, you need a shaver—but we aren't going to do that to them.

The Dirt Babies are "weirdos" because they have funny heads. In a little time, we will get to take them home and put them in our windowsills and watch them grow.

They are funny heads to look at because they are "goof balls" and they are crazy.

We have had a lot of fun making them because they grow so fast. The



Sporting Ties with Dooley

In Ms. Penny's class we made Dirt Babies. Dirt Babies are made of grass seeds and dirt. They are funny because they have a head of hair made out of grass. To make a Dirt Baby you need dirt, grass seeds, a cup, and water. Once you have this, you decorate it. Some of the kids in our class put googly eyes, puff balls for a nose, and string

Cathedral Park Music

First, we wanted to say thank you for inviting us into your community and allowing us some time to speak about our music programs.

- *Cathedral Park Music (CPM)* is partnering with *The Snowman Foundation* to get a piano for Chief Joseph Elementary
- CPM is committed to building a high-quality, affordable strings program at

Chief Joseph for 2011/2012 and beyond

- CPM is generating a base of high-school and college volunteers to assist and mentor elementary music students
- **Summer 2011-Musical Theatre Workshop** (August 8 - 12 & 15 - 19) for students ages 9-13 @ Columbia Cottage in partnership with *Friends of Columbia Park*
- CPM offers individual

and group lessons in voice, piano, and violin (at CPM studio or in your home, 1st lesson FREE!). Students can earn a piano for their home.

- **NEW!** Opportunities for Early Childhood Music Education throughout the summer (Call for more information).

www.cathedralparkmusic.com

Happy Birthday to:



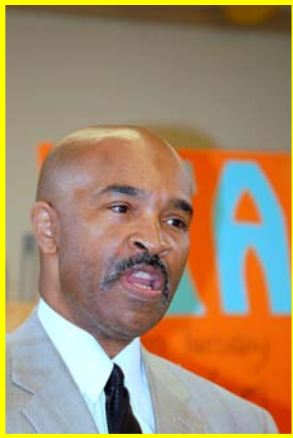
Birthdays May 14-20

May 16:
Ava Bayley, 3rd

May 17:
Helen Kenny, K
Daniel Lasuncet, 5th

May 18:
Lynn Sieng, K

A cup of Joe brings some special visitors



Mr. Lorenzo Poe, Director of Strategic partnerships for Portland Public Schools



Ms. Robin Mack, who works for Multnomah County will be coming back for our Cup of Joe in June



Ms. Terry McKelvey, Achievement Coordinator—assisting with new math curriculum--BRIDGES



Sporting ties with Hazel

A New Addition, a couple of Visitors, and a Teacher who missed us!! Chief Joseph is an Exciting place to be at



Have you seen the new staff pictures in the main hallway? Be sure to take a moment to read a little bit about our staff



Dr. Larry Rosen from Panasonic came to chief Joseph to see how the Technology in Ms. Walker's room is going, He was impressed while he talked with Jay Keuter from the District's IT department.



Ms. Kelley came to visit us this past Wednesday. She is doing well and recovering from her surgery. Come back soon, we miss you

.Lifeskill of The Week:

Curiosity

- Discover new and better ways to accomplish a task.
- Seek answers to the unknown.
- Wonder, "what if..?" "How can we..?" "Let's Try.."
- Experience new activities even if friends show no interest.
- Find more than one solution to a problem.



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PTA Connections

RUMMAGE SALE IS Saturday, May 21!!!! 9-3 IN THE CHIEF JOE CAFETERIA!

Here is an update from our Nominations PTA Meeting on Tuesday:

AND THE NOMINEES ARE..... (DRUMROLL)

President : Sarah Thompson
Vice President: Trina Durham
Secretary: Anne Swanson
Treasurer: Nikki McCaslin
Volunteer Coordinator: (running together as co-volunteer coordinators):
Jayne Hollenbeck and Jack Maraglia

Thank you to everyone who came, thank you to everyone who nominated our candidates and a HUGE SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE NOMINEES THEMSELVES!!!!

I am so heart-warmed and thankful that when we called for people to get involved they did! We will have a full board next year!!!! I believe that it is a testament to our amazing PTA and outreach and our whole community that this is possible. Serving is an honor, and is fun too! I have been so proud to be a part of such an amazing group of parents. Watching the magic happen everyday inspires me to stay involved in many ways, even though I won't be holding a board position next year. And I still plan on having fun!!

I would also say a big THANKS to Jeff Miholer, who, although not an official nominee to a board position, stepped up to be our new PTA Membership Chair! Next year is already off to a great start and we aren't even done with this one yet!

Your current PTA Board has a fiscal year that runs though the end of August. Your new Board will be fully active Sept 1. This gives us time to get together over the summer for a smooth transition and training.

LAST MEETING- ELECTIONS- MAY 26TH- 6PM- CHILDCARE AND DINNER PROVIDED! SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

A round of applause to Tara and Kathy for putting on an amazing Buy One Get One Free Book Fair!!!! Whoot Whoot! It was the first book fair they ran on their own from beginning to end as the new Chairs and what an great job they did! We loved the new venue in the Library! It was packed and the lines were long. But they moved quickly and kids got a ton of books in their hands. Just in time for some great summer reading! Thank you!!!

THE READING WELL GIVE-A-WAY

Thank you to Beth Libert, Our Chairperson for the Reading Well Give-a-way! Our date has been set. Every single child in our school will be taking a new book home on June 10th! This is possible by funds we raise with our Fall Scholastic Book Fair. Isn't it amazing how that all works?

Thank you for your support!!

Michelle Maryatt

PTA President, Chief Joseph Elementary

www.chiefjoepta.com

Friend us up on FACEBOOK!