



# Friday Flier



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**Important Dates**

**May 18: PTA Dinner Meeting 6:00-7:30**

**May 18-21: Book Fair**

**May 18-19: Oregon Trail Overnight Trip**

**May 19: Late Opening Day**

**May 22: PTA Rummage Sale**

**May 24: PreK-3 Music Program- 7:00 pm**

**May 26: Library Night- 6:00-7:30**

**May 27: Safety Patrol Picnic at Oaks Park**

**June 15: Last Day of School!**

## A few thoughts from Mr. Galati

I want to express thanks for an amazing 5 days of teacher appreciation. The staff and I are truly grateful for your efforts and generosity. I would also like to express my appreciation for each of you. There are no classes, there are no hot lunches, and there are no recesses. Indeed, there is no Chief Joseph without the children that you entrust to us everyday. We are grateful, more than anything, for the confidence and faith you show in us by sharing the lives of your family with us this year.

## Chief Joseph Is Looking For Another Way To Go Green...with A Financial Incentive!!

By Ms. Aleta Mills, Energy Conservation Coordinator, Portland Public Schools

In an attempt to conserve resources and save money, the district has launched an Electricity

Conservation Incentive Program to run through February 2011. The program is aimed to change behavior surrounding electricity use, including turning off lights and computers and eliminating unnecessary plug-load. At the end of the program, schools that achieve a reduction in their electricity consumption compared to the previous year will be awarded up to \$2,000. Chief Joseph is

participating in the program and in the first month reduced their consumption 9%! With this progress, we are on track to be awarded the \$2,000.



Classes are given door hangers for shutting lights off or reminders to turn them off. Also, students can help by shutting the lights off in their classroom. Every little bit helps.

## Oregon Trail ... Chief Joseph Style By Nick, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student

The fourth and fifth grade classes at Chief Joseph are getting ready to go on an overnight field trip to see the Oregon Trail. For those of you who don't know about the Oregon Trail this was when the pioneers found Oregon by following a trail. So far we have learned that in the 1800's

pioneers had decided that they wanted to get their own land. To do this, they had to travel a great distance to get their land. The trip was dangerous because of storms, severe winter conditions, and lack of food. For those pioneers who made it they got their land, they built log cabins to live in.

However, many people died on the trail. We are going to get the chance to learn about how the pioneers made it.



## Oregon Trail Update By Mr. Jaquiss, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

Families, we are heading to Camp Howard Tuesday, May 18 at 9:30. We could not have made it without the help of our wonderful community. Thank you for all of your support. On the first day, students and volunteers will need to bring their own lunches. In order to reduce waste, please bring lunches in re-usable containers that can be taken home. To help your student be prepared, please see the "What to

Bring, (and What Not to Bring)" list on this website:

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/chiefjoseph/550.htm>

Try to reduce the size of your gear if possible by rolling things up. Don't forget we live in a rainy state, but hope for sun.

## The Sun Comes out at Chief Jo



This Tuesday and Wednesday, May 18 and 19, Safety Patrol will be reduced because all the 4th and 5th graders are going to the Oregon Trail Overnight field trip. Students leave Tuesday morning at 9:30 and return Wednesday at 1:30. This means there will be no Safety Patrol after school on Tuesday and none on Wednesday morning. We regret the inconvenience.

## THE BOOK FAIR IS HERE!

### BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE

**When:** Next Week, Tuesday - Friday  
May 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> 8:30am to 3:30pm  
**Where:** Chief Joseph Library Hall

Buy one book, get one free!  
Bring your friends!  
We will have Teacher's Classroom Wish Lists, where you can buy books for your child's classroom.

Children will visit the book fair with their classes. Family, friends and neighbors are welcome to shop all day.

Help support the Chief Joseph PTA!

**PLEASE NOTE.....**  
Book fair opens at 10:30am on Wednesday morning (late start day).

## Drama Class

By Calvin, a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Student

A couple weeks ago I started going to a new after school class called Drama Class. There are 6 kids in the class all in the first and second grade. We play a lot of fun games. One game we play is called "Machine", where we all make goofy noises at the same time. We are also going to be doing a play called "Anansi". It is about a spider who gets very sleepy whenever he sees a mossy rock and says, "Wow! Look at that moss-covered rock." It is very funny. Drama class is so much fun. I wish we could go every day.

## From The Stacks

By Ms. Hopkins, school librarian

We're quickly approaching our final library book due date (**May 28th**)! If your child is listed as having an overdue library book, please assist in locating any lost library books. If a book is in question, please contact Mrs. Hopkins in the library! Thanks!

### CHIEF JOSEPH FAMILY LIBRARY NIGHT

Save-the-Date

**Wednesday evening, May 26, 2010** will be the Chief Joseph Family Library Night.



The library will open from 6-7:30pm to sign up for the Multnomah County Library Summer Reading Program. Enjoy time to read a special story to your children, refreshments, fill-out a book suggestion card to be added to the library wish-list, and talk to Ms. Hopkins, Library Assistant about volunteering in the library next school year!

## Doing Power Points in The Second Grade By Ms. McCalley's second grade

We are writing wild animal or insect reports. The second graders are writing a report on a mammal, while the first graders are writing a report on an insect. We have learned a lot of interesting things:

- Kangaroos can weigh 50-120 pounds.
- A dragonfly can fly between 30-60 miles.
- Queen ants have wings, while some other ants don't.
- Gorilla's predators are leopards, crocodiles and humans.
- Crickets have ears on their legs.

- A jumping bean moth can live in the desert.
- Thousands of years ago Tasmanian devils lived not only in Tasmania, but also Australia. We know this from fossils that were found.
- A female cheetah is called a she cheetah.
- Bobcats and lynx are the

- same animals.
- An old world fruit bat is nearly six feet across.
- There are two different types of bilibies.
- There are two thousand different firefly species.



## Meeting A Published Children’s Author

By Clara, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student

A few weeks ago, I went to meet an author. His name is Louis Sachar. He wrote: Sideways Stories from Wayside School, Wayside School is Falling Down, Holes, and many other books. It was awesome seeing a real author. I got his autograph in one of the books he wrote. I started reading his books this year. Where I checked them out was at our library—just ask Ms.

Hopkins. If you ever get a chance, you should check them out. Well, that experience was really fun. I hope you enjoyed reading about meeting an author. If you get a chance, you should ask your parents to take you to meet one—especially a children’s author.



*I went to meet an author and got his autograph in the book he wrote*

## Student Writing

### Lynx Facts

By Sara, a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student

**They can not spread diseases.**

**Asia has the most lynx.  
Europe has the least of them.**

**They mostly live in grasslands.**

**They sometimes sit in trees.**

**They also like to travel.**

**Their footprints are 4 inches wide  
and 5 inches long.**

**Their canine teeth are 1 inch long**

**They eat deer, rabbit, and**

### My Secret Hiding Place

By Ivan, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade student

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, here I come, ready or not I better run.

He’s coming as fast as a tornado.

My hiding place is the best, it is where I rest.

I’m waiting for you to continue looking for me but you are too busy looking for me.

I’m looking for the action to come in and I’m having fun listening to you running to find me.

My Secret hiding place is the best because you will never find it.

I hide in somewhere where the leaves are artificial yet it is very special.

I’m waiting wondering if you will find me.

I know I have 3 seconds out of here, but I need not to fear, I can hear the tear coming from your eye.

The clock is ticking, but I’m too busy watching and peeking. You can’t find me.

### A Haiku for Schools

By Molly, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student

**School, Educating**

**Math, Science, Social Studies**

**School makes me happy.**

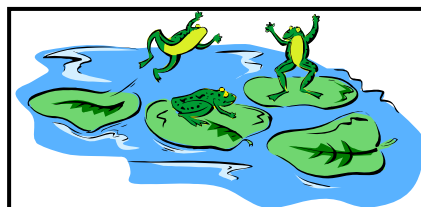
### The Best Whitaker Pond Day

By Natalie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Student

Ms. Rodgers’ class went on a field trip to Whitaker Ponds. This was the best field trip this year and our last one to Whitaker ponds. What we did there was that we got to see the bugs that lived in water, we got to go on a hike, and we got to feel two different types of leaves. One leaf felt like soft tissue paper,

and the other leaf smelled really bad. On the hike, we saw a great horned owl. It was asleep but it looked like it was staring at us because its eyes were open. We also saw a bone that was from an animal that the great horned owl ate. We were able to catch and look at the bugs that live in the water. We found out that

they are actually a water spider. While we were looking at the spider, we also saw snails, a crayfish and a dragonfly larvae. What a fun time it was.



## Friday Flyer

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.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.



### WANT TO HELP US AND GIVE TO THE POOR?

By Maisie and Alexis, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students

In Mrs. McCalley's class Maisie and Alexis are doing a Canned Food Drive. We are going around the school and ask if anyone wants to help out with our drive and join our Canned Food Club. If you want to, you can bring canned food from home. All you would need to do is drop your food off at Room 9 and we will make sure that it is donated to charity. Can you help us?



### Chief Joseph Welcomes Ms. Lynne Shlom-Ferguson to "A Cup of Joe with Joe"



Ms. Shlom-Ferguson is the Regional Administrator for the Jefferson Cluster



### Special Points of Thanks

- Thank you to Ms. Sands for filling in for me today—Friday.
- Thank you to Ms. Kelly for coordinating the ESL Breakfast on Wednesday.
- Thank you to Bruce Franklin and his Rummage sale volunteers for coordinating our first annual Rummage Sale.
- Thank you to our Site Council for putting together a successful Focus group Thursday night.
- Thank you to Ms. Stro for doing the Homework club on Wednesdays.
- Thank you to Red Fox (5128 N. Albina) for the great luncheon.



### The Last Day of STARBASE By Hannah, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade

On the last day of STARBASE, we did a lot of awesome things. First, we made big towers out of five pieces of paper, straws, toothpicks, and paper clips. It was so fun, one group made their tower all the way to the top. We also launched eggs in wooden planes. First we made safety seats, then, we launched

them on a waxed string. Down they went faster and faster than "BOOM", there was a loud noise. Some of the planes survived while some didn't. Then we did a career challenge. We had little booklets to fill out that showed us what we are good at and what we might be when we grow up.



### What Did STARBASE Do For Chief Joseph Students

By Mr. Andrew Jaquiss, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

Fourth and fifth graders recently finished STARBASE Science Camp. At the beginning of the class, students were given a pre-test and following the class, there was a post-test. Students made real progress in Science during the 5 classroom sessions. Mr. Jaquiss' students improved 27% points on average, with every student showing growth and some as much as 60% points. Similar

results were found in the other two classrooms. Chief Joseph students and staff learned a lot about aeronautics, physics, chemistry, math, science and engineering. We also learned about teamwork, as nearly every lesson called for students to work with each other to complete a task, or a series of them. Many students said it was the best thing they had done all year, as well as the most fun. Thank you to all the

parents who filled out surveys. It looks like many parents enjoyed hearing about the class as much as the students enjoyed doing it.



## Counselor's Corner by Ms. Liz Dawson, counselor

### Cooperation was our life skill for the week.

Cooperation is a life skill that can be easily overlooked, when it is so very important. Cooperation is needed in so much of what we do today to make things work. We use it working as a team, when we compromise and when we need to get something done that would otherwise

take us hours upon hours to do by ourselves. "Many hands make light work" is the old saying.

By helping our children learn to cooperate, we are also teaching them another aspect of life that is crucial to success: attitude. Having a good attitude will get you a long way in life. Everyone likes to work with and be around someone with

a good attitude. Everyone likes to be with someone who knows how to cooperate.

I believe it will only be through cooperation, by working together, that we can begin to solve the problems that face us all, e.g. feeding the hungry, pollution and Taking care of others. Teach your children well.

### Sunday's Lunch

By Rachel  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade student

On Sunday afternoon, I went to Powell's Sea Food. My favorite thing we had was "Fish Ma Soup". When we were done, my mom ate a fish eyeball. My dad was about to eat the other fish eye. When I said I wanted to eat it, my dad gave it to me. I ate the fish eye while everyone was looking at me. It wasn't bad.



### Lit Circles in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

by Hazel, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student



In our reading group the theme is "Freedom". I think that everybody in the Universe should have freedom—even aliens (if they are real). I think that freedom is a good idea because it stands for so much. When we learned about the Statue of Liberty

and how people immigrated to the United States because of the lack of freedom in their "old" countries, we can see how free they are now. If I was not treated fair and I lived in another country where I didn't have freedom, I would want to immigrate to the United States too.

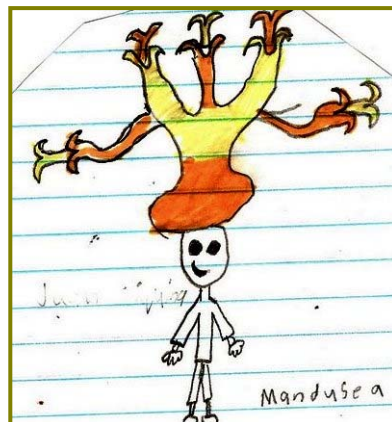
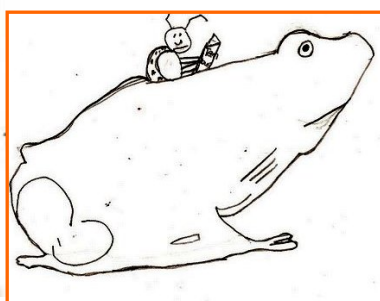
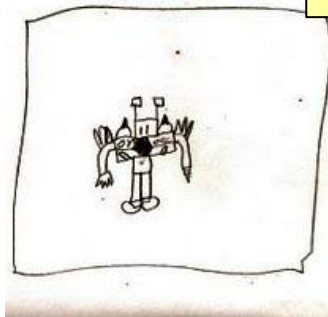
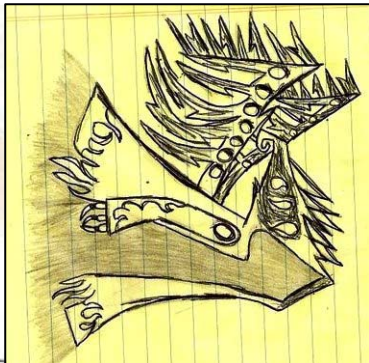
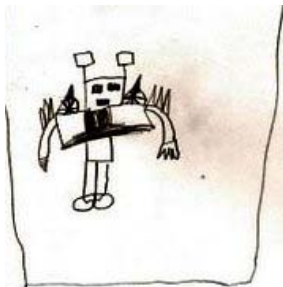
Greetings from my new world! After what seemed like a very long wait (two weeks after expected), Helen Garrard Witherspoon Ehlbeck came to greet us on April 25 at 8:33pm. She weighed 8 lbs. 8 ½ oz. at birth, and now at almost 3 weeks old is over 9 ½ lbs. This girl can eat! Being a mama is awesome and I have exhausted the camera and flip video camera, capturing the happy, sad, dreaming and concentrating facial expressions. Who knew that watching my baby breath could provide hours of entertainment? I'm excited for my friends and family at Chief Joseph to meet our little gem. I can't wait to hear stories of the latest happenings and to support our 5<sup>th</sup> graders as they transition into middle schoolers. I'll be sure to pop in soon for a visit. Take good care, Ms. Witherspoon



## BIG DAYS TO REMEMBER FOR May 17th - May 21<sup>st</sup>

- PTA NOMINATIONS FOR PTA BOARD.. Dinner included (6:00-7:30) Tuesday, May 18
- LATE OPENING FOR K-5 10:30 Breakfast begins AM PRE-K Regular time Wednesday, May 19th

### Student Art





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

**Friday Flyer Writers featured this week:**

- Nick Lindroth
- Ivan Moore
- Sara Reed
- Molly Byers
- Natalie Prasad
- Hannah Glover
- Hazel Lucey
- Rachel Chan
- Calvin Dunleavy
- Clara Liebert
- Maisie McCarley
- Alexis Quiroz
- Elliot Hartley

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:** Thanks to all the parents who chaperoned for the trip to the fire station. We were very lucky with the weather! The fire fighters asked all children to learn their home addresses. Please work on this over the summer. We are winding down this year. We will go bowling on the last day of school. Join us if you can!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** The second grade is looking forward to attending the Health Assembly and Timbers game at PGE park on Tuesday, May 18th. Students will leave at 9:00 a.m. and return about 1:30 p.m. We will learn about respiratory health, why it's important to be in shape

and then watch a special Timbers soccer game. All students will need to dress for the weather and bring a completely disposable sack lunch. (An extra snack would be great too!) We will go rain or shine!

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Mr. Jaquiss and Ms. Senga's class joined together to work on a science experiment last week. Each student made two types of rotocopters (a mini helicopter) made out of two kinds of paper. The experiment was to see if the papers' weight made a difference in the time of drop. Students dropped their rotocopters out of Mr. Jaquiss' windows and recorded the results. The science experiment was a success and the students

had a great time.

**PE:** For your child's safety flip flops are not to be worn during PE. Now that the weather is getting better we will be doing more fitness activities to get the kids ready for summer. Two weeks of fitness activities is slatted and it will look like two days fitness with one choice day where kids pick their activities. This is always a lot of fun for the kids Fitness club is up and running and the kids are rocking. They will be playing a lot more fun games than that regimented work out of winter. So they should be very excited. **Note: there is No Fitness May 18th, I'm out of Town!** And we need to be proud of the Chief Joseph Community. We raised over \$7,000.00 dollars during our "Run for the Arts" campaign. Thank you for contributing to the well being of our kids.



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