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A Few Thoughts from Mr. Galati

This is Teacher Appreciation Week and I appreciate teachers! I know that this newsletter features my stunning good looks and the increasing number of photos proves that the students are learning much from my “fashion sense”. However, the teachers of Chief Joe teach much more than how to tie a Windsor knot... they teach our children (and me) how to write, how to read, how to work with numbers, ask a question (and answer it), how to conduct an experiment, paint a picture, imagine endless possibilities, be a good friend, solve a problem, and make the world a better place. If I do not say it often enough... This place is what it is because of each of them. None of us would be here without them. I want them to know that they teach all of us: children, parents, and me... each day what commitment and love can do for those around us.
Thank you—Joe

Important Dates

May 9: Volunteer Tea at 3:15 in the Library-
RSVP: 503-916-6255

May 9-13: Book Fair in the Library

May 11: Late Opening-School starts at 10:45

May 17: Kindergarten Literacy Night-6-7:30 pm

May 21: Rummage Sale-9:00 am-3:00 pm

May 25: Library Night at 6:30 pm

May 30: No School-Memorial Day

June 2: Field Day, K-2

June 3: Field Day, 3-5

June 3: Cup of Joe at 8:50 am in the Library

June 7: Spring Music Performances

June 14: Last Day of School

June 14: 5th Grade Farewell 9:30-11:00

The “Clicker” by Ryan, 3rd grade student



Juan is shown using the clicker



Students are silently celebrating a correct answer using the Clickers.

In Mrs. Walker’s 3rd grade class we have these cool new things called *Pulse Response Pads*... We call them *clickers*. In the morning, Mrs. Walker puts attendance up on the Plasma TV. When we come into our classroom we put our stuff away and grab and press the *clicker* button and click our name. We also have a game show on there

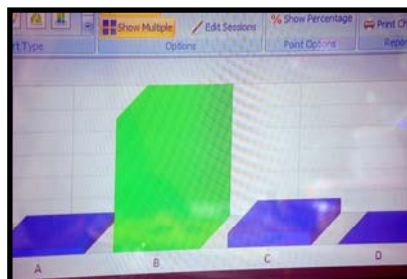
called *Jeopardy*. When our name appears on the screen, we get to choose a category and the number of points we want. When the question pops up, you press what you think the answer is and then press enter. After everyone has used the *clicker* the results are shown in a graph with all the right answers. I hope you get a chance to use the *clicker* one day!!

Clickers By Frankie and Isaiah, 3rd grade students



A student is putting in his answer to a question they see on the SMART board

Mrs. Walker’s classroom got a new 65 inch flat screen TV, controlled by *clickers*. We use these *clickers* when we play math games—it is like a math game show. Mrs. Walker uses a U-



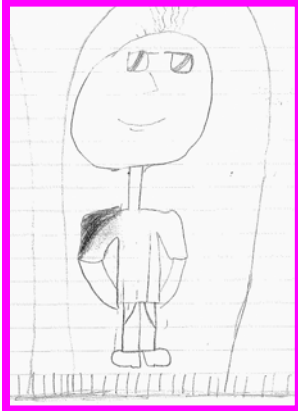
The Picture above shows how students answered a specific question

Draw Control to control the mouse. There is a black dome-like sensor on the ceiling that picks up what answers you enter. The TV is like a giant computer. It’s pretty cool!!

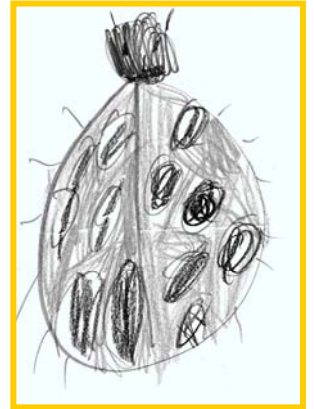
Student Art Gallery Courtesy of the students at Chief Joseph



Sporting ties with Gracie



Our Science Unit in Plants by Crystal and Hannah, 3rd grade students



A Day in the life of Kindergarten..
They are busy learning, working and discovering

For the last two weeks in Mrs. Walker's class, we've been growing brown beans. Most of our plants are getting really big and they will continue to grow brown beans (*above you can see Marissa examining her plant*). The roots are growing really big too. Some of the roots are so long they are growing out of the pots we planted them in. We will be transplanting our brown beans into cups soon, so we can take them home. When we transplant them, we will carefully press the dirt into the cups so we don't hurt the roots. Watching them grow as been really exciting!!



Students in Ms. Leslie, Ms. Simonsen and Ms. Penny's classes are busy, studying their vocabulary, reading books of personal choice, working on the Netbooks and sharing their writing,



Lifeskill of the Week:
Courage: To act according to one's beliefs despite fear of adverse consequences.

- Open your mind to learn new ideas, approaches, and skills
- You are willing to accept new challenges
- Ask questions or say "I don't understand... please explain it to me again."

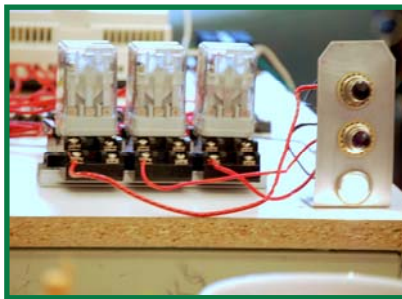
We at Chief Joseph dedicate ourselves to promoting the knowledge of each learner in an atmosphere of safety, achievement, and the joy of learning. We work toward our goals collaboratively as a staff and with parents and our community. We believe that every child can learn and that it is our responsibility 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.

Electricity Talk by Jacob a 4th grade student

Learning about electricity in Ms. Stro's class is so much fun! Guess what?? My brother, Jordan Frazier, who majors in the Electrical Department at



Benson High School, came to our classroom to talk about electricity (**look at the picture to the left**). He talked about various things, such as how electricity from a battery flows through a wire and then to a light bulb. He also talked to us about what he learns at school, like how to wire a house, robots' arms, and circuit boards. Jordan even brought the circuit board he made to show us. It had 3 light bulbs in a vertical row and 3 switches right next to them (**please look at**



the picture below). It was like a miniature model of a stop light: when you press the button, the light goes off!! It was very interesting. This is one reason why learning about electricity in Ms. Stro's class is so much fun!!

Kelso of the Week

Calvin Dunleavy



I like being a Kelso Coach because I like meeting and getting to know the younger kids. I like to help them when they need something and helping them solve problems.

Dragon Racer Experiment

by Guleed, 3rd grade student



Last Friday in class we did a science experiment. The experiment was called the "Dragon Racer." We tried to see which surface area a marble could travel the fastest (**look at the above picture—Josiah is getting his surfaces ready**). We raced in pairs and took turns because there were only 4 racetracks. First, I tested my marble on wax paper. I rolled the marble and it went 23 inches. Then I rolled it again and it went 33 inches. I did it one more time and it went 2 inches. The marble went a total of 58 inches on wax paper. Next, I tried to roll my marble on sandpaper, foil and then on Xerox paper. The final outcome was that the wax paper won, because it has a smooth service and the sandpaper lost, because of its rough service.

Chief Joseph at a Glance



Kindergarten: In Kindergarten we are studying the plant lifecycle. Our students have planted different types of seeds and are having a blast making scientific observations of the growth of their seeds. We are also excited for our upcoming Kindergarten Parent Literacy Night. This is a night for kindergarten families to come together for pizza and literacy support. It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn fun games and learning tools to support your student's literacy growth over the

summer months. If you would like to attend please return the hot pink workshop sheet or notify your teacher. Hope to see you on May 17 for this fun event!

2nd 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.

4th/5th Grade: The 4th and 5th grade classes are busily conducting science experiments as culmination of our science year. Every student will be writing up a Science Work Sample for official scoring. But the fun part is the experiment itself, of



course. Can a circuit, using a lemon or orange as a battery, illuminate a light bulb? How many paper clips can a bar magnet pick up? These are just two of the many questions students are exploring. The key, of course, is just changing one variable so the students know what they are measuring. It's a lot of fun, noisy, messy, and engaging.

PE: As the weather progresses, we are heading into our outside games and high cardiovascular activities. We will also focus on our field-day games so the kids will know what to expect during that day of fun, hopefully, in the sun! Coach Hudson



Sporting Ties with Tayvon



Sporting Ties with Jonathon

READERS OF THE WEEK

You too can be a lucky winner just by reading over the weekend and putting your name into a drawing...

Lindsay Hansen, 1st

Ramona Maraglia, K

Karmann Kuper, 3rd

Lucia Siquina-Riscajche, 4th

May Recycling Update from your Recycling Coordinator and Green Team

We are just a few weeks away from the end of another great school year at Chief Joe. Over the last several months we have reduced our trash in half and doubled our recycling efforts. Along the way it's been a great learning experience for all of us.

The used Glue Stick bin is almost full! I will be mailing those to Teracycle for credit very soon. If you have more at home or in your classroom, please drop them in the bucket near the main office. We also have bins for all paper, plastics, used batteries, printer ink, cardboard, milk and juice cartons, plastic cereal bowls, yogurt and plastic bags located throughout the school. As we begin to clean out our desks and offices please recycle as much as possible. If you need help, please ask one of our amazing Green Girls or feel free to stop by the morning recycling in the cafeteria at 9 am and meet Sharon, Becky, Beverly or me. We can always use an extra set of hands! Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Seangettings@gmail.com



Sporting Ties with Miles

ELL Corner By Ms. Roberta Pressman-James, ELL Teacher

Chief Joseph's first through fifth grade English Language Learners began new units in April from the *Avenues* curriculum. First graders have been reading "Tortillas and Lullabies" and learning about how to make comparisons. They are also learning a lullaby, which they will be able to share with their moms in a Mother's Day card. Second grade students are learning about the growth cycle of a plant and how to sequence events in their "Seed to Sandwich" unit. They designed posters showing the process from farm to store for different

food products. Third and fourth graders are studying storms and weather. They illustrated and wrote about different kinds of storms and how things appear before, during and after a storm. The fourth and fifth grade class has been learning about electricity while reading a play about Benjamin Franklin. They are comparing present day to Ben Franklin's time to site differences and similarities in life. Kindergarteners practice reading, writing and critical thinking skills daily with "Morning Message" from

their classroom teacher. Our Newcomers continue building vocabulary and practicing their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. They are making their own flash cards to learn more classroom object vocabulary. They continue to reinforce their knowledge of colors, numbers, body parts, action words and foods through speaking and writing practice. They have also planted flowers in the classroom and will track their growth in journals.

Special Points of Thanks

Thank you to **Ms. Becky Seeley** for always reading that special story to our Pre-K students and for the stretching exercises you have the students do in the hallways.

Thank you to Nurse Olivia for being helpful to our students and their families.

Thank you **Ms. Leah**

Fehlman and **Ms. Sherry Porterfield** for always providing the support for our students.

Thank you to **Mr. Caldwell** for your energy and love of music. Our students enjoy going to your music class!

Thank you to all of the **Parents** that helped with our Night of Magic Auction.

Thank you **PTA** for all the wonderful things you did for "Teacher Appreciation Week"—you are great!



THE REMEDY By Olivia Beasley, RN

50 WAYS TO LIVE OUTSIDE THE BOX

Turning off the television means more time for kids to be active. Because the weather has been so rainy, here are 25 indoor activities to consider:

- **Act out a story**
- **Build a fort out of pillows and blankets,**
- **Play a card game**
- **Have a carpet picnic**
- **Play a board game**
- **Invent a new game and teach it to friends**
- **Play flashlight tag at night**
- **Make shadow puppets on the wall**
- **Play charades**
- **Read a book**
- **Dance to your favorite music**
- **Color or paint pictures**
- **Do "show and tell" with your friends or family**
- **Work on a puzzle**
- **Play Dress-up**
- **Have story time—either read a story or make up your own story to tell**
- **Sing songs**
- **Do an art project**
- **Cook dinner together**
- **Make a fruit smoothie together**
- **Play indoor basketball and keep it bouncing in the air as long as possible**
- **Choose and follow a recipe**
- **Play Twister**
- **Blow up a beach ball and keep it bouncing in the air for as long as possible**
- **Build an indoor obstacle**
- **Holiday coming up? Make cards or decorations for it. If not a holiday, make one up.**

From Seattle and King County Healthy People, Healthy Communities

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.



Happy Birthday to:



- May 8:**
Liam Holbrook, KG
- May 11:**
Olivia DeRoche, KG
Geselia Rufino Figueroa, 1st grade
- May 13:**
Ryan Benton, 3rd grade

TAG Corner By Ms. Jen McCalley, TAG Coordinator

With summer rapidly approaching, parents are looking for ways to keep their children learning over the vacation. Here are some ways to keep your Talented and Gifted child thinking this summer!

Keep your child reading! Make lots of books and magazines available. Take frequent trips to the library. Enroll in the summer reading program through the Multnomah County Library. Find family-friendly web sites to surf together. Visit museums, go to outdoor concerts and travel if you can! Focus on talking with your child about everything you do!

Continue to learn and

practice social skills. Encourage your child to recognize and appreciate other people's talents. Look for groups, organizations and special classes where your child can meet other children with similar interests.

Continue to remind your child how to be a good listener. Here are the basics: Look at the speaker. Sit up or stand up straight. Don't fidget or act bored. Show that you're paying attention. Nod and respond verbally ("Really?" "That's great").

Encourage and support your child's creativity. Provide your child with art materials and other things (games, Lego's, costumes) to

exercise their imagination. Expose them to many types of cultural events.

Support and encourage your child's many intelligences, whether it's reading stories, singing songs, playing chess, playing soccer, or planting a garden.

Look for the balance between being scheduled and having time to relax. Children need both scheduled, required events and time to be "bored" and have to come up with something to entertain themselves.

Ideas taken from *You Know Your Child is Gifted When...* by Judy Galbraith



Sporting ties Shania and Alex Style

JAKE from KUPL comes to Chief Joseph By Vincent, 1st Grade student



Last week, Jake from KUPL came to our school so that we could do the Pledge of Allegiance. What he did was record our class so that we would be heard

on the radio. He put us into groups so that we could each have parts for the Pledge—then we would know and hear our voices on the air. It was exciting because we got

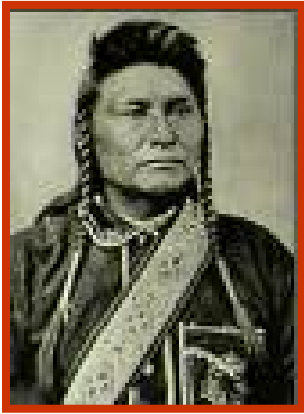


Above is Jake from KUPL, who recorded the voices of several students

to be on the radio and now we are famous. Jake was cool because he had a neat microphone and he was nice to us.



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. Also Pre K packets are available in the office too!!!



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PTA Connections

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

I hope that every teacher felt appreciated this week. It was so wonderful to see all the kids coming in with beautiful spring flowers until the vases in each of the classrooms were overflowing! Thanking a teacher for all they do with our kids should be a daily event, but it is nice to focus on it for one week during the year! It is amazing to think that they actually spend more time with our kids during the week than we do! They not only teach the reading, writing and arithmetic, but they teach social skills, influence behavior, negotiate parents, and so much more every day. **We appreciate you and we hope that you had a special week!**

NIGHT OF MAGIC PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Financials:

Total Gross Auction Sales = \$17,000

Oregon Trail Overnight Paddle Raise = \$2,000

Cost of Event = \$4,500 (\$1,500 under budget)

Net to Arts and Sciences = \$10,500

The cost of our event is actually taken out of the money raised from last year's event and was brought in at \$1,500 under budget. Compared to last year: \$22,000 gross, \$3,000 to the Oregon Trail, \$6,000 cost of event. So all in all we netted approx \$2,500 less than last year, which was a record year!

I am so proud of our school! We had so many parents turn out and really make it an exciting event! The largest selling item that had quite a bidding frenzy was the art project from Mr. Jaquiss' class, a mosaic glass window which was absolutely gorgeous! It was so wonderful to see everyone all dressed up and having a good time. And it is a great feeling that this PTA Board will be able to transition to the new Board with a decent pocketbook! Yay!

I want to say some special thanks to a few people who went above and beyond in their volunteer efforts at the event. **THANK YOU TO: Lee Harris**, who came early in the day to set up the whole bar area and then stood behind it all night serving drinks. **THANK YOU TO: Sarah Thompson** who stood vigil at the check-in and check-out line all evening, making sure everyone had their bidder numbers, receipts and did some magical problem solving! **THANK YOU TO: Tara Schmidt and her mom Kathy** who showed up early to help set up the Buy It Now Store and stayed the whole afternoon, and then helped with the whole Silent Auction and signage too! Thank you Kathy for forcing me to eat a Powerbar at 3 pm!! **THANK YOU TO: Jayne Hollenbeck and Jack Maraglia** who took on some last minute decorations at set-up time to make it Ooooh La La perfect and then stayed until after midnight helping to clean up. If it wasn't for you guys we would have still been there cleaning until Monday! **There were so many people integral to this event. Thank you to all that helped in big ways and small. It is a community of us that raises this money for our kids, not just one or two people. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!**

PTA MEETINGS UPDATE

Nominations are Tuesday May 10th at 6pm in the Chief Joseph Library. We hope to see you there! I think it is a testament to our amazing PTA group this year that we have several people interested in various positions! Thank you!!!! If you are interested in learning more or being nominated for a position, please contact any of our board members. We will be having a board meeting Monday night and you are invited, if interested! Email ptapresident@chiefjoeppta.com for more info!

The Elections meeting will be May 26th at 6 pm in the Chief Joseph Cafeteria—child care provided! It will be our last meeting of the year and will include dinner! Hope to see you there!

Thank you for your support!!

Michelle Maryatt

PTA President, Chief Joseph Elementary

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