



Friday Flyer



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**THEY ARE HERE!!!
30 NEW NET BOOKS
READY TO BE USED by
Students, Staff, and
parents. STAY TUNED!!!**



Mr. Claborn meets with Mr. Jay Keuter, and Mr. Michael Williams to see how the Net Books work!!!

Important Dates

- December 18** Last Day of School before Winter Break
- January 4:** Students return to school
- January 5:** Student Council 8:30 am
- January 12:** Site Council
- January 8:** Cup of Joe With Joe 8:50 am
- January 18:** No School Martin Luther King Holiday
- January 19:** Student Council 8:30 am
- January 20 :** Late Opening - 10:45 am

A few thoughts from Mr. Galati

For the Chief Joseph family, I would like to extend a few wishes for your Holiday season:

- May your time with family bring happy memories to cherish for years to come.**
- May the smile of a child bring laughter to your heart.**
- May you reach out to others and remember the joy of giving.**
- May you play and, for a moment, be a child again.**
- May your New Year be better than the last and bring all good things to you and yours.**

Until we see each other again, Joe

Chief Joe Upgrades Pedestrian Machismo

By Jordan Bailey, **Safe Routes to School Ambassador**

All three 2nd grade classrooms at Chief Joseph received pedestrian safety lessons this week. The lessons were taught by two Walk+Bike Ambassadors from the Bicycle Transportation Alliance as part of the Safe Routes to School program.

The lessons were split into two sessions. The first one was inside the classroom. Using a plastic "road," the students learned what to look and listen

for as a pedestrian. Equipped with tools from their toolbox: ears; eyes; brain; feet; they successfully crossed the street as a fellow student acted as a car.

The second lesson was actually a rainy walk that took the students down the block along Arbor Lodge Park. The students did a great job of checking for traffic and crossing streets thanks to the words of this helpful rhyme:

Stop every time at the edge of the street

Use your head before your feet.

Make sure you hear every sound

Look left, look right, look all around.

CHECK MATE

By Ms. Jen McCalley, 1/2 Blend Teacher



Two weeks ago the Chief Joseph Chess Team competed in a practice tournament held at Peninsula School. We had a Kindergartener, five second graders, two third

graders, a fourth grader and a fifth grader attend. We had 31 wins and draws and only 19 losses! Way to go Chess Team! (A draw is much like a tie!)

At the end of January, 10

students will get to represent Chief Joseph in a placement tournament to qualify for regionals and state!

More information will come after winter vacation.

Holiday Thoughts from Chief Joe Students

Hanukkah started this past Friday. We light the Menorah and open one present a day for eight days. There are a total of nine candles. The middle candle, or the Shamash candle, doesn't count. It is just the candle that lights all of the others. Sometimes we sing songs. Hanukkah is the best holiday of the year.

Jakob, grade 2



Christmas is a Holiday that some families celebrate. A lot of kids like it because of the presents that we receive. I have a friend whose birthday is on Christmas Day and her name is Loan. Christmas is my favorite Holiday of the year.

Selam, grade 2

“There are tons of fun things to do for free.”



Winter Break By Calvin, 2nd grade student

Next week is Winter Break. But what am I going to do?

I know! There are tons of fun and educational things I can do for free.

I can go sledding in the snow. I can walk around the neighborhood and look at houses with beautiful lights. I can drink hot cocoa with my family. And much more...I

can play board games like Word Pirates or Sorry Sliders. I can play card games like Slamwich and Uno. We can also play “Remember When”, which is when you tell a story that you remember about a friend or family member. I can watch Christmas movies. You can also go to www.primarygames.com on

your computer. This website has science, social studies, math and fun games. If you don't have a computer, you can go to the public library and use theirs. While you are at the library, you can check out some books. Have a great holiday. See you in January.

Web Sites

PGE is pleased to offer many new K-8 web-based resources including lesson plans that educate students about our generation facilities and web links to much more information on energy. Visit PortlandGeneral.com/EnergyEducation.



PTA Corner By Ms. Dianna Fontes, PTA President

The Holiday Break is here! We wish you a safe and relaxing holiday! We hope that you will continue to check out the website (www.chiefjoeppta.com) over the break. Take some time to look it over and let us know what you think. We will be updating the class lists for the winter and spring After-School Arts & Sciences Enrichment Classes so get a sneak peak at the final choices and register early online! It's easy using the form that will go up over the break...we aren't sure what day we will be completely done so the trick will be to check in often! Hopefully we will get that system perfected and be able to do much of our registration online in the future.

As a board we are so **thankful for all the volunteers** who do so much, often quietly and regularly, to make CJ such a special place for all of our kids. We want to especially thank **Beth Liebert** and her family who are always helping

whenever they can, especially with the Reading Well Book Giveaway that happened last Friday. Thank you Beth for always being so gracious with your time! We also want to thank **Bruce Franklin** for all the special work he does around the school, including volunteering to manage the **"I Had a Cup of Joe with Joe" T-shirt sale**, which is currently running to raise funds so each CJ student can have a t-shirt for FREE this year! They are still available so stop by the office for an order form or email us ptapresident@chiefjoeppta.com to see how you can order one. At only \$15 they are going fast!!! We also want to thank **Mrs. Marie Franklin**, mother of Hester Franklin and **Portland Coffee Roasting** for offering a cool coffee fundraiser this holiday season. Want more info on this ongoing special event to raise funds for our school? Stop by

the hall brochure rack for an order form after break or, again, just email us!

Lastly, please remember that we have changed the date for the **Night of Magic Auction** from March 12th to **April 30th @ Disjecta in Kenton**. We really need more volunteers if we are going to have a successful event. We need help with gathering donations to auction off, entering donor data in our spreadsheet, preparing letters for the community, general planning and support, and more! Please contact us at nightofmagicauction@chiefjoeppta.com if you are interested in finding out more!

Happy Holidays! Dianna Fontes, President; Michelle Snyder, VP; Sheila Williams, Treasurer; Trina Durham, Secretary
Thank you for your support!!
Dianna

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Recess at School By Elias, grade 2

Recess is one of my favorite times of the day because you get to play with your friends and play lots of games. Some of the games that I like to play are: Harry Potter, Star Wars, and kicking balls on the wall of the gym. When



we get outside, I know where to find my friends, and we talk about what to play. This past Monday, we played foursquare and I noticed other people playing kickball, basketball, and tetherball.

I wish recess was longer because when I was listening to the radio this past Sunday, I learned that playing helps you learn!



TAG, You're It! By Ms. Julie Dunleavy, TAG Parent Liaison

Hello Parents of TAG students and potential TAG students. Please put Feb 11th 6:30-7:30 on your calendar. We will be holding our first TAG parent meeting/round table that evening. The meeting will begin with an introduction by Mr. Galati, a presentation by our district TAG coordinators, and will end with the parents having a productive round table on what they would like to see happening with the program. Our goal, of course, is to keep the meeting very positive and get a jumpstart on the following year's program so we hit the ground running when the school year begins. I thought it would be very helpful to work toward this meeting understanding what practices are already being applied at Chief Joseph and why we believe your children should be involved in the TAG program. It is very important for parents and teachers alike to understand the value of this identification

for your child, now and in their future academic careers. I asked a few questions of our Chief Joe TAG Coordinators Carolina Martinez and Amy Sands, so you could get an initial view into what is happening at Chief Joe: **Why TAG? What does it really mean to student and parent?** TAG is a crucial protection for gifted kids to have the right to be challenged at their level and rate. And it is mandated by law that this challenge be provided by the teacher(s) for the benefit of the student, based on pre-assessments and post-assessments by topic. So being TAG is a crucial protection. TAG also means that a child has access, where money and resources are available, to TAG classes within the school day or after school, with TAG peers by age or cross age groupings. Being a TAG parent means you and your child work together to advocate for your

child's needs. Your child lets you know and the teacher know if the challenge level is too easy, too hard, or just right, and then together meet with the teacher, to rectify for level of learning and speed of learning, should a problem of the wrong fit for challenge exist. It is important to remember that TAG is a distinction that follows your child all the way through high school. Please check back after the Winter Break when we will talk specifically about the "tiering" and "differentiation" training that Chief Joseph teachers have recently attended, how they are applying this learning in their classrooms, and how it can benefit your child. As always, if you have any questions regarding your TAG or TAG potential child, please feel free to contact me directly.

Julie Dunleavy, TAG Parent Liaison,
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We Need Forks!

The cafeteria is in great need of metal forks. Please donate your extras to the school cafeteria!



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Portland Public Schools recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups and their roles in society. It is the policy of the Portland Public School Board that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups on the grounds of age, color, creed, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation in any educational programs, activities or employment.

Thank you to this week's artists. Please continue to give me your art so that we can add it weekly.

Amele Ketevi, Trueli Jackson, Rachel Chan, Julian Borja

The Remedy By Nurse Olivia Beasley, Chief Joseph Nurse

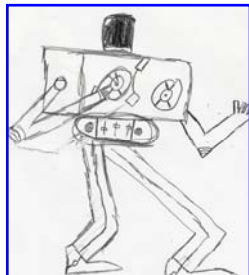
Vaccine availability is increasing throughout the state. Health officials are recommending that the original priority groups get immunized against H1N1 as soon as possible. In addition to the School Based Health Center's, the Multnomah County Health Dept. is

offering the vaccine at walk-in clinics at various sites throughout the county. Another resource for young children is the WIC office in various neighborhoods throughout the county as well. A child/family does not have to be a client of MCHD or be enrolled in WIC to

qualify for immunizations. The following is a link to the county health department if you are in need of additional information <http://mchealth.org/swineflu/vaccine.shtml#who>

I wish you a safe and healthv winter holiday.

The Art Work of our Chief Joseph Students



A Few Holiday Thoughts By Ms. Jane Schrepping, Music Teacher

It is hard to believe that it is time for winter break already! Weeks just fly past when rehearsing a concert. I am so proud of our 4th and 5th grade students. Their Winter Program was a thrilling success. Those with special parts really did well. Let's hear it for those Recorder Players!! Thank you all for coming to support them and enjoying the show. The Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes have been

enjoying a holiday activity in which they create a "picture" of Santa while singing a song. If your student is in one of these classes, ask for a performance. First, you will have to draw a smiley face (nose omitted) then your child can draw the rest of the picture while singing for you. Fun! During the holidays, get out those holiday song CD's and have a sing-along. It's sad to see old

favorite songs be forgotten. This is a fun way to connect with your family, singing favorite seasonal songs together. Frequently, lyrics are included in the CD liners, or can be easily found on line. Add some rhythm instruments and really have a blast.

Have a MUSICAL HOLIDAY!

Special Points of Thanks

Thank you to Ms. Schrepping and our Chief Joseph students for the music concert on Tuesday. Our kids really shined.

Thank you to Ms. Sands, Ms. Yarne, and Ms. Janson for your help with

our Professional Development morning this past Wednesday.

Thank you to **PGE** for joining us as a new business partner. We will look forward to using their teacher and student resources.



Thank you to **KPMG**, who continues to support our school. Your kind generosity with presents for our families is greatly appreciated.

FROM THE STACKS

The winter season is a grand opportunity to get some great reading time in! Think about stealing away to your favorite spot to enjoy a great book! As we enter the winter break, take advantage of the public library! Whether it's the central branch downtown or your neighborhood branch, the library offers events, activities, podcasts, and endless reading treats! Visit the Multnomah County Library home page at <http://www.multcolib.org> for detailed information. Enjoy your winter break!

Breakfast is Important!

Dear Families:

We have all heard for years that breakfast is the most important meal of the day and now research shows that students who eat breakfast start the day **Ready to Learn!** Did you know that all students enrolled at Chief Joseph are invited to join us for breakfast each day at no charge? Our school has the good fortune of being eligible to provide all students a breakfast at no charge due to funding from the United States Department of Agriculture's National School Breakfast Program. If your child has not been participating in the past, please check out our breakfast at 8:30 am.

A Special Visit From Senator Chip Shields By Morgan Maxwell



My Interview with Senator Chip Shields:

Last Friday I got to sit down with a special visitor to our school. His name was Chip Shields and he is a State Senator from Oregon. He especially represents North and Northeast Portland in the Senate. The Senate is where rules are made and they decide how the State's money is spent. Senator Shields said "I helped pass the budget and made sure that the biggest part goes to our schools." He also said that he thinks it is very important for kids to get involved in government. He also likes to meet with PTA's and his most favorite part is fighting for school funding, which is his top priority.

When he is not working as a Senator he helps run his wife's doctor's office, but he really likes fighting for schools. And he said he thinks kids are a lot smarter than adults! I thought he was a really nice man and am thankful that we have people like him fighting for our schools in our Senate.

You can check out his website at: www.leg.state.or.us/shieldsc/ and look around at what they are doing in our government. There is also a kid's page where you find out what our government does and how ideas become laws. My experience made me more curious about him. I also enjoyed sitting down with him.

Counselor's Corner By Ms. Elliot Witherspoon, Counselor

Wow, I cannot believe we're already at Winter Break. This year has flown wonderfully by. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for such an amazing year so far. You welcomed me with open arms and have utilized what I have to offer; this is more than I could have asked for. Thank you. I also wanted to let you

know about an exciting event coming up in January. **Mark your calendars now!** January 20th will be our Family Math Night. We will provide games and activities-- you provide adults and children to play them. Children need to be accompanied by an adult and we'll be dividing games up from Pre-K to 2nd grade and 3rd to 5th

grade, so if you have children that will be participating at both levels, let's work on getting another adult to participate. More details to come. Just mark your calendars now. I hope this break will bring joy and rest. I know I look forward to reconnecting with family and friends, and enjoying sentimental traditions.



Attention All 3rd through 5th Grade Boys

Guys' Night Out is Coming Up!!

Friday, January 29, 6 – 8 p.m.

This awesome evening includes lots of free food and great activities.

Each boy needs to be accompanied by an adult!

(dad, granddad, uncle, other adult male friend)

An invitation will go home next Monday with more details. Be sure to hand it in to let us know you are coming. **(We need to know how much food to order!)**

See ya there!

Come rain or shine, let's walk, bike and roll!

By Ms. Carolina Irahata, Safe Routes to School

With winter weather upon us, Safe Routes wants you to keep warm while you walk or bike to school. Below you will find some helpful hints to staying dry and safe as you walk/bike in the winter.

- **Layer!** To stay extra warm this winter, layer sweaters over undershirts. Students

can also wear leggings under pants or skirts.

- **Carry extra clothes with you. After a walk or bike ride you may arrive at your destination a little wet. Having extra clothes let's you and your students stay dry**
- **Make sure your bike is well-equipped to**

ride in the winter weather. For more information about winter riding, please see portlandonline.com/tran sportation

- **If you need any assistance staying warm this winter, please call the community referral line, 211**

The Winter Concert was Awesome!!



Our 4th and 5th Grade students played instruments, sang holiday songs, and entertained over 150 parents at our first evening Winter Concert in 5 years. THANK YOU Ms. Schrepping!

The Winter Recital By Blu Midyett

Have a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and Happy Kwanza. This article is about our Winter Recital on Tuesday night. If your son or daughter is in the 4th or 5th grade, then you probably know what this event was about. By the way, there are 8 days and 5 hours until December 25th (not that I am counting)... The fourth and fifth graders sang the following songs:

Shalom Haveriom, Happy Hanukkah, Sing Noel, and Kwanza. There were probably 150 parents that came and they all had smiles.

When we finally finished the concert performers were complemented by so many people. The music, the narrators, and the musicians did a great job (even my mom complimented us on the

decorations). It all turned out to be a great work of art, created and directed by Ms. Schrepping.



Atención todos los estudiantes del Tercer grado al Quinto

La noche para niños está por venir!!

Viernes, 29 de enero, de las 6:00pm a las 8:00pm

Esta noche impresionante incluye muchas actividades y también comida.

Cada niño necesita ser acompañado por un adulto! **(padre, abuelo, tío, u otro amigo masculino)**

Una invitación llegará a su casa el próximo lunes para que se dé cuenta de los detalles para que la mande y decirnos si va a venir al evento. **(Necesitamos saber cuantos vienen para así preparar la comida)**

Nos Vemos Pronto!



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

Friday Flyer Writers featured this week:

- Jakob Burns
- Selam Getu
- Blu Midyett
- Calvin Dunleavy
- Morgan Maxwell
- Elias Roessler

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.

IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE THIS ALREADY!!!

Friday Flyer Available By Email:

If you would like to receive the Friday Flyer by email, please fill out the following information and return this to your teacher. Remember to print neatly! We will be sending out fewer paper copies and hopefully save a few trees.

Student's Name: _____

Grade Level: _____ Teacher Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Also, if you have any other younger siblings that attend Chief Joseph, please list them below with grade level too.

_____	_____
_____	_____
Name	Grade



Chief Joseph's Grade Levels at a Glance

Kindergarten: A huge thanks to all the parents who attended our puppet shows (please see picture to the left). The students worked hard and were excited to perform! And thanks to all for your hard work on the puppets at home. They were quite varied and unique! We have been reading different versions of gingerbread books, as well as looking at baby grassland animals.

2nd Grade: As we wrap up 2009 and approach 2010 with much anticipation, we wish each and every family a happy, safe and restful vacation. Many parents have been asking what types of fun activities further their child's learning while at home. With vacation just around the corner, we encourage students to read 15 minutes a day, minimum, over winter vacation. We also recommend puzzles,

board games, coloring and art activities, cooking, journal writing or thank you note writing. All of these ideas will keep the learning fresh over winter vacation. See you in 2010!

P.E. News: Happy Holidays everybody! Fitness has been great this year with so many kids playing and getting in good shape. Remember to keep running and playing over the vacation so you don't lose any of your fitness levels. We will start up after the break with flyers going out the week we come back. This session will be a little short, ending at the end of February, because I'm starting a coaching job for Wilson High School. I will still be here at Chief Joseph during the days but I will be unable to continue the fitness. Mr. Galati is in search of a

replacement for me so that you can continue your fun in pursuit of good health!

Thanks, Mr. Hudson

4th/ 5th Grade: In Math we continue with factors, multiples, division, multiplication, area, perimeter, volume, and positive and negative coordinates in four quadrants. We are finishing writing the lifeskill for this week, which was "Initiative": to do something because it needs to be done. We had a ball decorating gingerbread cookies. Everyone enjoyed creating their gingerbread houses with their reading buddies. Have a safe and relaxing Winter Break. See you next year!

