



Friday Flier



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A few thoughts from Mr. Galati

If you weren't there, let me assure you that Wednesday night was a blast! Chief Joseph sponsored a Math Night for our families. Children and parents participated in a variety of activities focusing on math skills such as estimation, telling of time, and working with money. By the time we ended, families were smiling and left with a pile of fun games and puzzles for home. A huge thank you goes out to Ms. Quinton, Ms. Rodgers, Ms. Willeman, Ms. McCalley, Ms. Witherspoon and Ms. Thomas for all of their assistance with setting up this fabulous event.

Important Dates

- January 27:** Kindergarten Tour at 10:00 am
- January 29:** Guys' Night Out 6:00-8:00 pm, Grades 3-5
- January 27:** Site Council- 3:15
- January 29:** School Choice Lottery begins
- February 2:** Dental Sealants Screening-Grades 1, 2, & 3
- February 3:** Kindergarten Round-up- 10:00 am & 7:00 pm
- February 4:** PTA Family Night
- February 5:** Cup of Joe with Joe-Library at 8: 50 am
- February 11:** TAG Evening Event- 7:00-8:00 pm
- February 12:** Fun Friday
- February 15:** No School- Presidents' Day
- February 17:** Late Opening
- February 17:** PTA Meeting

An Assembly for Martin Luther King



Peace, love, freedom, and brotherhood... these were the themes of the assembly honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The students in kindergarten, first grade and Mrs. Rodgers' second grade presented art, dreams, poems, songs and a dance to honor the life and dream of Dr. King. Sarah and Drew did an incredible job of hosting the event. Families and friends filled the cafeteria.

THE NIGHT OF MAGIC

The Night of Magic, our annual fundraising auction, is coming up on Friday April 30th. Committees are forming and we need your help. There are so many jobs that require so many talents: collecting donations; helping in the classrooms with art projects; volunteering the night of the party with food, drink, or auction

duties such as checking guests in and out; or watching silent auction tables. There are countless ways to help with this fun and exciting event. Contact ptapresident@chiefjoepa.com to find out where your specific talents can be used. We look forward to hearing from you.



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)! Let us know you are coming! We need to know how much food to order).

See ya there!

Todos los niños barones de los grados 3 al 5 están invitados a asistir a nuestra "NOCHE ANUAL DE BARONES"

Acompáñenos el viernes, 29 de enero de las 6:00p.m. a las 8:00p.m. a un evento lleno de diversión en la escuela Chief Joseph. Por favor recoja una nota de permiso de su maestro y regrésela de inmediato. LE ESPERAMOS!!!

Nhà trường mời tất cả các nam học sinh từ lớp 3 đến lớp 5 tham dự buổi sinh hoạt hàng năm lần thứ sáu

Buổi Sinh Hoạt Tối Dành Cho Nam Sinh Hãy đến tham dự buổi sinh hoạt đầy vui nhộn vào Thứ Sáu, Ngày 29 Tháng Giêng từ 6 đến 8 giờ tối tại trường Chief Joseph

Lấy giấy xin phép ở thầy cô giáo của các em để phụ huynh ký tên và nộp lại trường NGAY BÂY GIỜ!!

Counselor's Corner

By Ms. Witherspoon, School Counselor

This week's life skill, patience, brought up several great discussions in classes and made me realize how much we use this word, but how little it is actually valued in our society. Internet gives us instant access to information, entertainment and communication. Technological advances have allowed us to essentially be in two places at once.

Sometimes I think it's important just to take a deep breath...or three.

Books that are written for children often have great meaning for adults as well. A few of my favorites that illustrate patience and other virtuous qualities are: *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein, *Zen Shorts* by Jon J. Muth, and *Leo*

the Late Bloomer by Robert Krass.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me!

Best,

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Providing Reading Support at Chief Joseph

By The Northwest Reading Clinic

All of the students we tutor require assistance with phonics and visual memory skills. Additionally, some students are working on mastering spoken and written language comprehension. This program strengthens a student's ability to visualize written and oral content. Therefore, when a student is reading, he or she is better able to understand and then

explain what's on the page. These skills keep information from going in one ear and out the other—so following directions will be easier to do.

Higher order thinking questions are an important part of this program. For example, we ask students to reword ideas from a story and then ask them questions

that lead them to explain, compare, contrast, describe, and predict. These are types of questions that you can ask at home to facilitate your own child's learning!

It is important that students visualize when they read because as Albert Einstein stated: "If I can't picture it, I can't understand it."

Leukemia and Lymphoma "Pennies for Patients"

Fundraiser By Morgan Maxwell

Chief Joseph is sponsoring a fundraiser for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation. **Pennies for Patients** is a way to help families that have children who have cancer. Each classroom will have a plastic container that students can bring pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and even dollars and drop in them. This money will help patients directly. So, for the next three weeks starting this Monday students can bring in their money. The class that has collected the most money will get a pizza party! Just remember students: ASK Your Parents first before donating money.

PTA: Get Your Cup of Joe Shirts

Get your very own "Joe" while you still can! We are starting to run out of some sizes of the "Cup of Joe with Joe" t-shirts. At last count we are down to 7 size large and just a couple each of the 2XL and the 3XL sizes. We have just fewer than 20 in both the medium and the XL sizes and in size small we have less than 15 remaining!



Remember, the purchase of a "Cup of Joe with Joe" t-shirt not only admits you into the style vanguard of North Portland but allows the PTA to buy a specially designed Chief Joseph Elementary School t-shirt for ALL of the students. Look for order forms in the office or on the coffee order form coming home with your student today.

CHIEF JOSEPH's Math Night

By Ms. Rodgers and Ms. Willeman

Some people would not put math and fun in the same sentence. But many Chief Joseph students had a FUN time doing math activities on Wednesday night, Jan. 20. Students could be found playing time and money games in the cafeteria. Others were being timed as they did jumping jacks, jump rope, sit-ups, and push-ups. They were surprised at how long 30 seconds lasted when they were physically active. Parents and students did

other activities about height and weight. Kids were surprised how short they were when they were born. Guessing how much an object weighed and comparing to their birth

weight was another FUN activity. There was more FUN in the computer lab and working on the Smartboard. Chief Joseph students learned that it is not boring doing Math.



Sensitivity to Differences

A report to Parents from NAESP

Being “different” from other classmates is tough. Most children are taught not to pick on others because of physical traits or characteristics, such as weight, scars, birthmarks, or glasses. But less obvious differences can make children feel equally apart from their classmates. A growing number of children suffer from serious medical problems, particularly asthma and diabetes, but also seizure disorders, life threatening allergies, AIDS, and childhood cancers, as well as disorders from retardation to hyperactivity. It’s tragic when a child suffering with a disease or condition also is the victim of mocking and is excluded by classmates. Parents can do a lot to help make sure that their children are sensitive toward others, particularly those who may be targeted by classmates as “different.”

It’s not catching. Children don’t like to appear afraid in front of their classmates. But a lot of them are. And being around someone with a serious disease can be scary unless a child understands that things like cancer or epilepsy are not contagious.

Tell them that, not only won’t they be harmed by being around the ill child; they’ll actually be helping that child feel better by being kind and sensitive.

Give them the facts. AIDS is

frightening, both to parents and to children. If your child is in a school with children suffering from AIDS, the school should have lots of information available for parents and children. Get it and share it with your child. The most important thing to remember is that people can’t catch AIDS from casual contact—either at home or at school. Children with AIDS have enough of a burden without being shunned by their peers.

Teach them what’s cruel. It’s vital to understand that children with serious allergies really are at risk of dying. Classmates can be very insensitive, mocking those children, or complaining that the whole class can’t have peanut butter cookies because of one child. Help your children understand just how tough it would be to *have* one of those allergies and to literally be in fear for their life.

Concentrate on what’s inside. Help your children choose friends for their personality—what’s *inside*. Encourage them to get to know a whole variety of classmates, including those who might have a disease or disorder. Talk with your children about what’s important in a friend—kindness, a sense of fun, and shared interests. Be honest

with them about how it makes you feel to see children being excluded, and talk to them about how important it is to treat everyone as they would like to be treated.

Pity is a burden. There’s a big difference between being sensitive to someone’s differences and feeling pity for them. When you pity someone, you’re singling them out and, in a way, excluding them. Instead, help your children simply accept that a child has a disease, a condition, a disability—and then treat them just like they would any other child.

If it’s your child. Information is power and it is already available. There’s a national organization for almost every disease, condition, or disability. Contact these groups for child friendly handouts for the children in your child’s classroom and school, explaining the facts of your child’s difference. Perhaps the teacher would be willing to send parent-oriented fact sheets home with the students. Once your child’s classmates understand, a lot of the mystique about the differences will disappear.



Free Tax Prep Clinic for Families of PPS Students

Save Time and money

What to Bring:

- Social Security or Individual Number for every person on the return.
- Form W-2 from every employer.
- Other forms and receipts, such as 1099's from your bank.
- Child and dependent care information.
- Copies of last year's returns, if available.

On-Site Tax Preparation Time: 5:00 – 8:30 pm
Date: Monday, Feb. 8, 2010
Location: Northside Family Support Center @ Applegate, 7650 N. Commercial Ave. 97217
 Please call for an appointment at 503-916-5875

Gratis Preparacion de Impuestos para Familias de PPS

Ahorre Tiempo y Dinero!
Traiga:

- Su Seguro Social, o Números de Identificación de Impuesto de cada persona que usted está declarando en el formulario.
- Formulario W-2 de cada empleador.
- Otros formularios y recibos como el 1099 de su banco.
- Información de sus niños y los dependientes en su casa.
- Copias de los reportes de impuestos del año pasado si están a su disposición.

Preparación de Impuestos
Hora: 5:00 – 8:30 pm

Fecha: Lunes, Feb. 8, 2010

Lugar: Centro de Apoyo a la Familia @ Applegate, 7650 N. Commercial Ave. 97217

Por favor llame para hacer una cita al: 503-916-5875



Chief Joseph students are busy using the net books. Pictures above include: completing research, using investigations on line, using clip art and inserting it, and proper carrying of the Net Book..



Special Points of Thanks

Thank you to **Ms. Willeman, Ms. McCalley, Ms. Witherspoon, Ms. Quinton, Ms. Rodgers, and Ms. Thomas** for your

efforts in making our Math night a success.

Thank you to **Ms. Yarne and Ms. Sands** for having our Reading night for some of our parents.

Thank you to **Mr. Jaquiss**

and **Mr. Claborn** for setting up computers in both the lab and into individual classrooms.

Thank you to **Ms. McCalley** for working with our Chess Club—our numbers continue to increase.

A New Fundraiser Idea courtesy of PTA

After the success of the pre-holiday coffee sale fundraiser, Portland Roasting Coffee Co. has agreed to continue in partnership with the Chief Joseph PTA in providing a year round coffee sales fundraiser for the school. The new program will expand to offer 5 coffee choices; French Roast, Portland House Blend, Organic Dark Sumatran, Costa Rican and the Swiss water process decaffeinated, as well as the choice of ground or whole bean. Starting today order forms will go home with

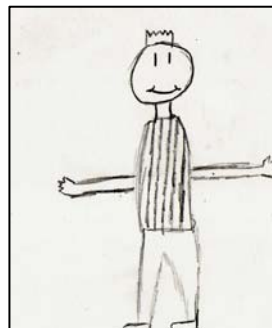
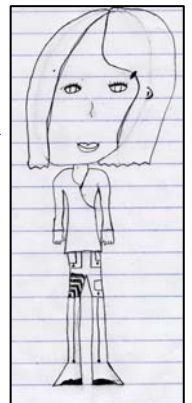
students twice a month on Fridays and coffee will be available the following Friday. Some coffee will also be made available for sale through the office, though parents are encouraged to use the order forms to guarantee their selection.

Portland Roasting Coffee Co. has established a strong reputation for sustainability and eco-sensitivity with their pioneering "Farm Friendly Direct" program that ensures fair market pricing through

direct contact and purchasing of coffee from the small farmers and their co-operatives around the globe, with attention to compostable materials in their packaging and production.

This special fundraising program has a very high rate of return for the PTA as every bag sold at \$9.00 generates \$4.35 for the school. As Portland is such a coffee drinking city and one in which the sustainability concern is foremost in the minds of many, this partnership is not only a great fit for the school but a great model of community as well.

Student Art Work



Akeke—grade 2,
 Sara—grade 2
 Hazel—grade 5
 Jaycen—grade 2
 Kent—grade 5

Kindergarten Round-Up is Coming Soon!

Please invite friends, neighbors and others to our Kindergarten Round-up on Wednesday, February 4 at 10:00 am or 7:00 pm in the Chief Joseph Library. This will be a chance to hear more about our program, meet the teachers, and even take a sneak peek at the classrooms. If you live in the Chief Joseph area and have a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2010, this is a chance to pre-register your child for the 2010-2011 school year. Please bring a proof of birth document, immunization records and proof of residency. If you have any questions please call our school and ask for the Principal’s secretary, Patsy at (503) 916-6255. Pre-Kindergarten information and registration will be coming later this year, so stay tuned. We will have a Pre-Kindergarten Round-up later this spring.



Think You’ve Got What It Takes To Be a Kelso Coach? By Ms. Paige Thomas, 4/5 Student Teacher

If you think you have the life skills and leadership qualities to be a great role model, you should apply to be a Kelso Coach. There are many of our students that are Kelso coaches already, and they really enjoy helping others. There are a few students who already went through the first day of training and were unable to complete the second training. We still need you to let Ms. Stro know that you are interested and you are attending the February 3

training. For the new students who want to be a Kelso, see Ms. Stro in Room 28 to pick up an application for new Kelso Coach positions. Applications must be turned in by January 28, however, we will only accept 12, so use your initiative to get yours in fast and if you are selected we will let you know so you can attend the first session on February 2 at 3:15 pm in room 28.



Putting Parents in the PTA... By Ms. Hauck, parent of a 1st and Pre K child

If you’re like me, one of the things that first drew you to Chief Joseph (and continues to encourage you about our school) is the incredible parental involvement here. Every day, parents are in and around this school, making it a community that truly invests in the success of our students. You may have also noticed some of the ways our PTA organizes specific opportunities to get involved, learn something new, or show support for the students and teachers at Chief Joseph. However, if you’re like me, you may be relatively uninvolved with the PTA. Like so many organizations, our PTA has thrived and gained momentum in recent years because we’ve had strong leaders. In recent weeks, I’ve started looking for

ways to be part of the success of our PTA. Each year, there are literally hundreds of ways to contribute, and the benefits of your involvement are two-fold. First, as the adage goes, “many hands make light work.” If we want to continue enjoying a thriving community at this school, we must recognize that we all have value. Consider how your organizational, creative, or practical skills might make a difference, and be part of a team of people investing in our school. Secondly, we all have room to grow and learn! Taking on a portion of leadership, contributing an idea or skill, or bringing in perspective and experience will stretch each of us in good ways. Finally, let’s just agree that we’re all busy people. Few of

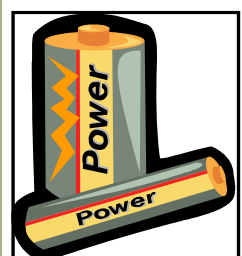
us have the time or inclination to take on a big commitment or head up a new program. I think this is why the PTA can be a great fit for families at Chief Joseph. If you have a specific skill or interest, there is likely a specific need that matches it. If you have a limited window of time, there is probably a task or project that will fit perfectly. If you’re not sure you want to lead, your help or encouragement will be gratefully received. If you want to try your hand in leadership or offer a vision for something new, our PTA - and school - will truly benefit. If you just want a chance to get to know others in this community and connect with other parents, make a resolution to get involved with the PTA.

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Save Those Batteries, Don’t Throw Them Away!!

Guess what weighs 115 pounds and won’t be contaminating your water supply? It’s the batteries that have been recycled at Chief Joseph this year. That’s right, Chief Joseph families have collected 115 pounds of batteries so far that the District is recycling. Please keep up the good work and help keep the batteries out of the trash and in the recycling. There is a white bucket near the office in

the hallway to the library where you can leave your batteries, as long as they are not rechargeable. Alkaline batteries are fine, but get used only once. So, everyone, bring those batteries instead of throwing them in the garbage. This is yet another way for us to be Green Conscious. Rechargeable batteries can last for years, so consider them next time you are buying batteries.





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Thank you to our District Plumbers for repairing a gas leak located outside our school kitchen.



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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.

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.

We Now have 138 less Friday Fliers to Print. Thank you to so many of you who are receiving the Friday Flier by EMAIL. If you too 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 at a Glance

Pre K: This week in Pre-K we have been learning about weather. Today we read a wonderful book entitled *Rain* by Manya Stojic. We learned that we can smell rain, we can see rain, we can hear it and touch it, and we can even taste it. So, next time your Pre-Kindergartener goes out in the rain don't be surprised use all five of their senses to experience rain.

First Grade: Hip-hip Hooray for TARGET! Thanks to a generous grant from TARGET, the first graders in Mrs. Yarne's and Mrs. Sands' classes will be attending the Oregon Children's Theatre production of *Giggle, Giggle, Quack*. This grant covers the cost of the tickets and a school bus. By using a school bus, we save valuable instructional time, not to mention it will be so much easier for everyone! To show your appreciation for supporting our community and our students, please make TARGET one of the stores you patronize.

3rd Grade: Last week the Third Graders tried out for singing parts in the Portland Play. Ralph Nelson had each child sing *I've Been Working on the Railroad* and other songs. It was great seeing so many kids volunteer to try out and to hear their singing. Besides learning about Portland through the play, students are busy learning about the geography of Portland by illustrating and labeling rivers, mountain ranges, lakes, towns, and surrounding states on an Oregon map. They are also working on their reading skills by acting out the Social studies play *How Portland Was Named*. It's a lot of fun preparing the students for the Portland Play and teaching your children about their city: Portland. Every week we're working on the play and doing Portland lessons in class. Ask your child about his/her favorite song or what they know about Portland. You'll be excited to hear what they're sharing with you.

PE: In the PE corner, the little ones are enjoying catching and throwing games. One in particular is "Snowball Fight." The kids use badminton nets as a barrier and throw yarn balls at each other, working on catching and dodging. They are very quick and agile! And while the K - 2nd graders are battling it out, the 3rd through 5th graders are engaged in badminton. They are currently in their annual Chief Joseph Badminton Tournament to decide the grade level champions in this hotly contended sport. Teams are randomly assigned so that there is no dominant team. Good luck players! Stay tuned to the PE corner-- we should know the results next week.

Music : The Pre-Kindergarten students composed their own version of the Tongue Dance. Ask your student to sing and dance it for you. The Grade 2 classes are working with the pentatonic scale, and have finally learned all the pitches of the major scale. Ask your student to sing it in solfege with the hand signs. Grade 4-5 students are composing with rhythms in preparation for a big project incorporating original Haiku.