



# Friday Flyer



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**THEY ARE finally here!!!  
30 NEW NET BOOKS  
READY TO BE USED by  
Students, Staff, and  
parents.**



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

**Important Dates**

**January 12:** Vision, Dental, & Hearing Screening- PreK, K, 1, 3, & 5

**January 12:** Winter Fitness begins, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>- 3:00-3:45

**January 13:** Winter Fitness begins, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>- 3:00-3:45

**January 15:** MLK Assembly

**January 18** No School Martin Luther King Holiday

**January 19** Student Council 8:30 am

**January 19:** PTA Meeting- 6:30 pm

**January 20:** Late Opening 10:45 am

**January 20:** Math Night 7:00-8:00 pm Pre K - 5

## A few thoughts from Mr. Galati

Welcome back. I hope that your Holiday Break was relaxing and a special time for you all to spend as a family. For me, it went by way too quickly, yet I am so glad to be working with your children again. Please be sure to check our calendar on the left side of the page for a number of events that are coming up. We have some exciting news. Chief Joseph has been asked to be a pilot for 30 new Net Books. Teachers will use these in staff meetings, students will use these in class, and finally, parents will be invited to a technology night where they will have a chance to work with them too.

## From The Stacks

By Ms. Hopkins, School Librarian

Last October, Multnomah County Library launched its annual library card initiative advocating library cards for all Pre K- 5<sup>th</sup> graders in Multnomah County. Library card applications were distributed to our students who did not currently have library cards. Completed and returned applications were collected and taken to the North Portland branch library (last month) for processing. New cards will be mailed to the school for distribution. A big hand

of applause goes out to our CHIEF JOSEPH STAFF. Thanks, Ms. Hopkins



Ms. Hopkins reads a story to a first grade class

## My Winter Break

By Levi, first grade student

During winter break I got to watch the Nutcracker Ballet. Clara's uncle gave Clara a Nutcracker. Clara fell asleep and had a dream. The soldiers had guns and the mice had swords. The Nutcracker killed the mouse king. Then the Nutcracker turned into a prince. Then the prince took

Clara to his castle. They got to see many dances. My favorite part was when the prince danced in front of everyone. My favorite character was the Nutcracker. I like the ballet. I wore a tuxedo and went with Anya, Mama, Jesse, Monica, and Felicity.



## What is your New Year's Resolution?

By Blu, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Each New Year, every one of us makes a New Year's resolution. That means to change small things that you do in your daily life that you might not like but will help make your new year better. Sometimes, people make resolutions like: I will work out more, I will hang out with my family more, I will read more, I will play less video games, or even I will watch less TV. Most of the time, these resolutions

last only a couple of months. Why is that? Simple: because people sometimes lack one small piece--willpower.

One way to make sure that you keep your New Year's resolution is through perseverance—a life skill.

For those of you who don't know what perseverance is, it is to keep at something and not give up on it.

Resolutions are important because they can change your behavior or bring about new opportunities.

So if you make your New Year's resolution, make it something that you know can help you even if you don't like it that much and keep at it. USE PERSEVERANCE and GOOD LUCK!!

**The Incident with the Tooth**

by Sara



**Harvest of the Month**

On January 13th and 27th roasted rutabagas will be served for Harvest of the Month in the school cafeteria. The same farmer who has grown parsnips, beets and cabbage for our Harvest of the Month

Program in the past will be providing rutabagas for us this month. These yummy rutabagas were grown by Hilltop Farms located in Troutdale and their family has been farming on the same land for over 100 years.

Please help us support local farms and local purchasing. Join us for Harvest of the Month January 13th and 27th in the school cafeteria.  
**Nikole Williams, Program Manager, 503.916.3275, [nwillia1@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:nwillia1@pps.k12.or.us)**

**PTA Corner** By Ms. Dianna Fontes, PTA President

**The Arts and Sciences Committee** is hard at work trying to plan enrichment programs for after school and family activity nights for the winter and spring sessions. We wanted to update you on the progress! We have experienced a 50% decrease in funds raised versus what was budgeted. That means that we expected to make about \$9,000 from our various fundraisers in the fall and we only netted about \$4,500. As a result, the amount of classes we can offer is less than we had hoped, so we are trying to do two things to correct this problem:

- 1) We need to create a volunteer fundraising committee. We need a few parents to head up CJ fundraising to insure that we can continue these classes and activities through the end of the year. This committee would be vital to The Night of Magic Auction Committee as well.
- 2) We need volunteers to support the after school classes. This would be only for support of the teachers, not to actually teach the classes: help with check-in and check-out, work with the kids, hand out snacks, provide administrative support, organize the art closet. Any support is huge to reduce the overhead costs and make the programs more effective.

Please contact Dianna Fontes, PTA President, if you can volunteer in any capacity. There are so many ways that you can help, and every hour counts! Please give a call or email if you have questions about the classes or about volunteering: 503-919-0953 or [ptapresident@chiefjoeppta.com](mailto:ptapresident@chiefjoeppta.com). And thank you to those parents who are already doing so much to support this program and the Chief Joseph PTA! Please check out our website for more information about PTA, the enrichment programs, or The Night of Magic Auction: [www.chiefjoeppta.com](http://www.chiefjoeppta.com)

**Thoughts from Safer Routes to School** By Carolina Iraheta Gonzalez

**Bike First Camp Registration opens soon!!**  
For the past three years, Bike First, in affiliation with Lose the Training Wheels, have collaborated to offer clinics for students with disabilities. The Bike First Camps help children with disabilities or special needs gain stability to master the skills needed to balance and steer a two-wheeled bicycle, allowing them to play with their siblings and peers with new confidence. The clinics have helped students ranging from autism, mild cerebral palsy to Down syndrome ride a bike.

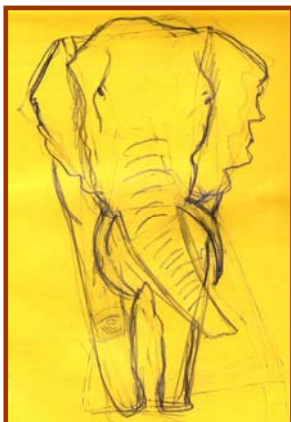
If you know a child at your school who could benefit from a bike clinic please have their parents register them at the Bike First website, <http://bikefirst.googlepages.com/> Safer Routes to School offers full sponsorship for students who participate. For more information, please contact Carolina at 503.823.1189  
**Free Bike Fix at the Fix-It Fairs:** Have you been meaning to oil your bike chain or replace your brake pads? Does your flat bike tire need to be changed but you just don't have the tools or

the time to do it? Now is your chance! Join us for FREE bike tune-ups for students and families at the two upcoming Fix-It Fairs. Brush the dust off your bike and get rolling again!

- **January 9 (Saturday), 8:30-2:00pm, David Douglas High School (1001 SE 135th Ave)**
- **January 30 (Saturday), 8:30-2:00pm, Parkrose High School (12003 NE Shaver St)**

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This weeks artists: **Sophia—grade 3, Alan—grade 5, and Candace—grade 1,**

## Snowboarding during the Winter Break

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

Last week I saw Mr. Hudson at Mt Hood Meadows Ski Resort. I was having a snowboard lesson with my Uncle Rod who is a snowboard instructor at Mt Hood Meadows. I can't believe who I saw – it was Mr. Hudson. He was there

because he is a Ski Instructor also. My mom was surprised, so was I. Mr. Hudson was surprised and excited to see me. It is good to have physical exercise even when you are on winter break or summer break also. I was really

tired after I went snowboarding. I fell asleep in the car and that never happens.

I had a fun time at Mt. Hood Meadows.



### ESL Information Meeting

Come learn about ESL programs and services offered by Portland Public Schools

Jefferson Cluster	Monday, January 11	6:00-7:30	Jefferson High School	Lisa Blount Diana Fernandez
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- Meet school principals
- Ask questions about ESL services
- Ask questions about other school services
- This is an informational meeting

### Buổi Họp Của Chương Trình ESL

Tham dự buổi họp này học sinh sẽ được biết thêm về những chương trình và dịch vụ ESL cung cấp bởi Sở Học Chánh Portland

Khu Vực Jefferson	Thứ Hai, Ngày 11 Tháng Một	6:00-7:30	Trường Trung Học Jefferson	Lisa Blount Diana Fernandez
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- Giúp đỡ hiểu trường học
- Nói lên những thắc mắc về những dịch vụ ESL
- Nói lên những thắc mắc về những dịch vụ khác trong trường học
- Đây là một buổi họp này biết thêm tin tức

### Reunión de Información de ESL

Venga y aprenda acerca de los programas de ESL y servicios ofrecidos por las Escuelas Públicas de Portland

Grupo de Jefferson	Lunes, 11 de enero	6:00-7:30	Preparatoria de Jefferson	Lisa Blount Diana Fernandez
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- Conoce a los directores de las escuelas
- Haga preguntas acerca de los servicios de ESL
- Haga preguntas acerca de otros servicios escolares
- Esta es una reunión informativa

Please plan to join us for our annual celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday in the cafeteria on Friday, January 15 at 2:00. The following classes will perform: Ms. Quinton, Ms. Chun, Penny, Ms. Sands, Ms. Yarne and Ms. Rodgers.



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**2 Hour LATE OPENING on Wednesday, January 20**

Grades K – 5..... PRE K starts at regular time

Doors open in cafeteria at 10:30 AM

**Dear Chief Joseph Families,**

**Please join us on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 2010 for our annual Family Math Night.**

**We will have many fun activities for all to enjoy. All Chief Joseph students (Pre K – 5) must be accompanied by an adult.**

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Estimadas Familias de Chief Joseph:

Por favor visítenos el miércoles, 20 de enero, 2010 para celebrar nuestra Noche Anual de Matemáticas. Tendremos muchas actividades que todos disfrutarán. Todos los estudiantes del Pre-Kinder al 5<sup>to</sup> grado tienen que venir acompañados por un adulto.

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**Thân Chào các Gia Đình Học Sinh Trường Chief Joseph, Mời quý vị cùng chúng tôi tham dự Buổi Họp Tối với Chủ Đề Môn Toán hàng năm vào Thứ Tư, ngày 20 tháng Giêng, 2010. Chúng tôi sẽ có nhiều sinh hoạt vui nhộn cho mọi người vui chơi. Tất cả học sinh Trường Chief Joseph (từ Lớp Tiền Mẫu Giáo – Lớp 5) phải đi với người lớn.**



**The Net Books are here!!**



## Special Points of Thanks

Thank you to **Ms. Yarne** for getting yet another grant for our school—so far this year she has 2—one from **Lowes** and the other from **Target!!** Outstanding work!!

Thank you to **Mr. Jaquiss** and **Mr. Claborn** for helping with the technical

support with the new Net Books.

Thank you to **Michael Williams** from the IT department at the District Office who attended our staff meeting on Monday and introduced our new Net Books.



Thank you to **our Chief Joseph** parents who continue to volunteer their time helping around our school.

Thank you to **Mr. Rawley** who has been helpful in building our listserv for email distribution of our Friday Flier.

## Interesting Facts to Think About Courtesy of GreatFacts.com

- **Pucks hit by hockey sticks have reached speeds of up to 150 miles per hour**
- **The sentence “the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog” uses every letter in the English language.**
- **Just by recycling one aluminum can, enough energy would be saved to have a TV on for three hours.**

## **TAG! YOU'RE IT!** Ms. Julie Dunleavy, TAG Parent Liaison

Hello Parents of TAG students and TAG potential students. Please put Feb 11<sup>th</sup> from 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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## Counselor's Corner By Ms. Elliot Weatherspoon, Counselor

Welcome back and Happy New Year! This week's Life Skill, integrity, sparked a wonderful discussion in Mr. Jaquiss's class; a discussion cut short by our limited time together. We defined integrity as having a clear sense of what is right and wrong, then acting accordingly. Most of the people we admire or look up to have much integrity. The examples we discussed

included Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King Jr., both of whom recognized inequality and wrong, working to make it right or more balanced. The insight and convictions this class had blew me away! Please continue this dialogue and foster these wonderful minds and hearts that have the potential to make great change!

Also, I will talk about it more in depth next time, but keep in mind the date the window opens for the School Choice Transfer Cycle is January 29, 2010 for Elementary and Middle School. More information can be found at [http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools-c/make\\_a\\_choice.php](http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools-c/make_a_choice.php).  
Best, Elliot  
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503-916-6255



## Can you help us with the No Idling in front of Chief Joe!

By Mr. Dunleavy, No Idling Committee

### Hello Chief Joseph Parents and Students.

Parents – when you are dropping off your kids in the morning, please take a moment to consider the children's and the planet's well-being. Please park your car and turn it off. We have deemed the street in front of Chief Joseph a "No Idle Zone".

Kids – become Eco-Warriors by asking your parents to park and turn off their engines. Ask them to walk an extra block with you. Every time a car stops in the

middle of the street to drop off a child, it creates a chain reaction and backs up traffic along that street causing many students to literally breathe in that exhaust and the exhaust of the backed-up traffic as well. This puts a strain on the environment as well as our children's health. You may have noticed the "No Idle Zone" signs that are placed in the street every morning. You may even have stopped to drop your child off and idled in that zone.

Chief Joseph is now putting

together a committee of concerned parents to patrol the street from 8:30-8:50 every morning to keep traffic moving. We have a bright new 3D sign as well as a lovely safety vest for you to wear. If you can commit to one day per week, that would be fantastic.

We need your help. If you would like to volunteer to be on the No Idle Patrol, please send an email to [juliejules01@gmail.com](mailto:juliejules01@gmail.com)

## My Break By Anna, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Student

I went to California with my mom to go visit my cousin Esme, my uncle and aunt, and their dog Cleo. We went to a beach with big blue waves that crashed on the sandy shore. We saw people riding big brown

horses with long black manes and tails. I petted one horse on the head and it nickered. Then Cleo, Esme, my mom and I hiked over to a big field near the beach. It was full of long golden grass.

Cleo picked up the scent of a mouse. Esme and I found some granite chunks.



## Magnificent Fun in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade By Bella, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

We are learning our times tables. We made flash cards. We have learned very well from our teacher. We have 75 whole class complements. In writing, we are working with

expository paragraphs. We are also getting ready to work on our animal reports.

There are a few things we need to work on with our lifeskills. When we

work on the "Calendar", we are looking at telling time, adding, subtracting, and measurement.

We are also given classroom jobs. My job is to sweep the floor.

### 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 so that you will know the details and so that you can hand it in to let us know you are coming. **(We need to know how much food to order!)**

See ya there!

### 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 decimos si va a venir al evento. **(Necesitamos saber cuantos vienen para asi preparar la comida)**

Nos Vemos Pronto!



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

**Friday Flyer Writers featured this week:**

- Calvin Dunleavy
- Levi Hauck
- Anna Dreher
- Bella Wayland-Vasquez
- Blu Midyett

**Can you help us? We are running low on spoons and forks for school lunch. If you can part with any silverware that you are no longer using, we will put it to good use.**



**Homework Club News!!**

The Homework Club is canceled until further notice. Our volunteer teacher, Mr. Jones, was offered a full-time position that he could not pass up. We are seeking a qualified teacher to replace him on Wednesdays (or any other day if that works better) from 3:00-4:00 pm. The PTA does have a small stipend to offer if that would encourage a teacher or teacher's aide to apply. Please contact Dianna Fontes at 503-919-0953 or [ptapresident@chiefjoeppta.com](mailto:ptapresident@chiefjoeppta.com)



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 127 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's Grade Levels at a Glance

**Pre K:** Happy New Year from the Pre-K classroom! All of the Pre-kindergarteners returned to school from Christmas break healthy, ready to learn and socialize with all of their friends. Every year I am surprised at how much growth I observe in the students at this juncture of the school year.

**First graders** are excited to be back at school! They are working hard to remember how to be a good student, not take naps, and not have snacks all of the time (of course, teachers are also having to relearn this!). A new homework packet went home on Monday, they are working on math facts, learning about bees, and learning about the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. First graders are busy, busy!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** How did Portland get its name and who named it? What is a valley? How were the Coast Range and the Cascade Mountains formed? How many bridges does Portland have? The third graders at Chief Joe will be able to answer these questions and many more very soon because we have started learning all about Portland. And, as you know, we have been rehearsing for the big Portland play that will be performed in April!

**Music:** This week in music class, we are reviewing our music class agreements. I routinely do this after each break. Feel free to email me for a copy of my classroom policies. My email is [jschrepping@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:jschrepping@pps.k12.or.us). The pre-kindergarteners and kindergarteners are

learning simple songs and playing non-pitched percussion instruments. The first and second graders are learning to play melodies on the barred instruments. Our third graders are working with harmony, and our fourth and fifth graders are beginning to compose. Be sure to ask your child what happened in music class each week!

