



Connect to Kindergarten

Chief Joseph Elementary School



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WELCOME TO Chief Joseph Elementary School

Our School Values are:

- **Be Safe**
- **Be Responsible**
- **Be Kind**
- **Be Inclusive**



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WHO WE ARE

- We are a K-5 elementary school in North Portland with about 247 students.
- We are projected to have two kindergarten classrooms next year.
- Our Principal, Ms. Amber, is supported by our Climate Specialist, School Counselor, paraeducators, and front office staff.



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WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE?

- We are your small neighborhood school with a wonderful supportive community.
- We believe in building community through teaching students social emotional skills.
- We use Restorative Justice practices to help implement strong relationship skills and build accountability for our community.



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WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE?

- Strong PTO
- Backpack program
- Northwest Reading Clinic
- SMART Readers
- School Traditions include the Fun-d Run, Monthly Assemblies, Buddy Days, Spirit Weeks, and The Storybook Parade



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WHAT IS OUR APPROACH TO LEARNING?

- We strive to create a community centered learning environment with a balance of explorative learning and direct instruction.
 - Math: iReady
 - SEL: Caring School Communities
 - ELA: Wit & Wisdom
 - Foundations/Heggerty.



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HOW TO REGISTER

Register online:

Visit pps.net/kinderenroll

Prefer paper?

Call our school office 503.916.6255

Have questions?

Call our school office or call
PPS Enrollment & Transfer at
503-916-3205



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HOW TO ENTER THE LOTTERY?

Step 1: Visit the school choice website:
pps.net/schoolchoice

Step 2: Lottery opens in February. Watch our school choice video for instructions.

Step 3: Register at your neighborhood school.

Step 4: Lottery results are announced in late Spring. Approved students will automatically be transferred.



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HOW TO STAY CONNECTED

Join us for our upcoming Connect to Kindergarten events!

- **March 13th at 9:30am** - Kindergarten Connect info session (this is a parent-focused event)
- **April 21st at 5:00pm** - FAQ session w/ the Principal & school staff along w/ kindergarten classroom tour. Children welcome!
- **June 4th 3-3:30pm** - Kindergarten Popsicle Socials! This is a great opportunity to meet other incoming kindergarten families & make connections.



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HOW TO STAY CONNECTED

- Principal, Amber Gerber
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- School Counselor, Molly Clark
 - molclark@pps.net
- School Climate, Jennifer Whitaker
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- Admin. Assistant, Michelle Rowley
 - mirowley@pps.net
- School Secretary, Ashley Gale
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Contact the school at 503-916-6255



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