

## March 13, 2019 PTO General Meeting

### Housekeeping and General Announcements

- last [PTO](#) meeting of 2019 School Year Wednesday May 8, 6pm
- Movie Night [Wreck it Ralph](#) Friday March 15, 6pm in the cafeteria
  - Thank you to the volunteers who make Movie Night possible
  - A guest from [Girl Scouts](#) will be present for anyone interested in creating a new group
- [Clothing Closet](#) date is being rescheduled due to bad weather. Once we know the new date we will share it out
- [Backpack Program](#) can always use your donations of food, time and helping hands to continue to make this program a success
  - **Want to get involved? Contact [backpack@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:backpack@chiefjosephschool.org)**
- Bulletin Board has moved to in front of the office
- Ockley Green Principal will be here at Chief Joseph Tuesday March 19th at 6pm (no child care) to speak with parents entering middle school Open House forum

### Auction Update

Biggest fundraiser of the year Raised 11k we met our goal!

Thank you everyone for being involved, donations, hard work

### Upcoming fundraising

- Revenue share at [Por Que No](#) Wednesday April 3rd (30%)
- Revenue share with [Swift and Union](#) in May (exact date TBD)
- Spring Plant Sale: Delivery date Friday May 17th
  - **Want to help with this event? Contact [volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org)**

### Next Meeting

Election Committee **Volunteer needed** to create the ballot and coordinate the voting effort

- **Want to help with this event? Contact [volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:volunteer@chiefjosephschool.org)**

### Special Guest

Rebecca Greenidge with [JORE Consulting](#)

**Focus** White Affinity Work: To talk about and with white people and work we have to do in our community. White people need to do the most work in making a change. White people made this issue, it is our work to change the problem. Do no harm,

- 6 Month Cohort to focus on this topic and develop community
- 20-25 Participants, meet at School, potluck with free childcare
- Meet 1 time a month on a weeknight 6-9pm + homework
- 100\$ deposit to participate and can pay additional up to you (not funded by PTO)

- PTO will contribute the diversity budget to our Black and Brown community for their use to build community as they see fit.
- Launch in the Fall 2019 Early October

Cheryl is currently engaged in a Cohort

Welcoming environment of continuous learning, homework is super approachable

Reach out with questions

- **Want to get involved with this event contact Ginny:**  
[president@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:president@chiefjosephschool.org)

### Lobby Day Update

To take action with our concerns regarding the Education funding in Oregon. Our first focus is on Education for ourselves and to define what our collective voice would be as a Chief Joseph community

We are looking for interested parents to become involved, form a cohort and lead this initiative for our community

- Families for Oregon Schools ([facebook group](#))
  - Existing cohort around this very topic, next step is further engagement with this group
- Ways and Means committee roadshow Event Thursday March 21st at PCC Cascade MAHB108 auditorium 5:30 -7:30
  - Next Step: Sign up to attend as a group to sit together to build a collective
- Day of Action May 8th
  - May involve teachers walking out of school
  - Keep this front of mind to what community support can we provide to our teachers and parents impacted by this.
  - Amber will have more specifics from her April leadership meeting and more information to come in the weekly bulletin
  - Also, education and information for parents to share with their children to talk and educate about this topic
- Joint Education Session for local school communities
  - Speaker Kotek staffer names Amilia to educate within school communities of the history of school funding and how we go to where we are today.
  - Schedule this before May 8th.
- **Want to get involved contact Sara at [fundraising@chiefjosephschool.org](mailto:fundraising@chiefjosephschool.org)**

### Updates from Principal Amber Gerber

Staffing update

- Lost a .5 FTE
  - Post for reading specialist and losing the .5 classroom teacher in the ½ blend
- All Hands Raised changed their staffing formula <http://allhandsraised.org/>
  - 20-30k comes from them each year and is not happening next year

- We are hoping this is going to change because of the demographics of the schools who are not receiving these funds are underserves, students of color.
  - Leadership meeting tomorrow will hopefully provide more information
- What can we do to help? Q & A Session
  - Option: PTO Can help offset more of the general 'run the school' budget times for example take over the full funding of field trips
  - Option: Parent volunteering in classrooms, help with making photo copies etc to free up teacher time.
  - More information to come
- More information
  - State quality education model QEM we are funded at 60%
    - <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/reports-and-data/taskcomm/Documents/QEMReports/2018QEMReport.pdf>
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