

# Libby Leader

Odyssey

1/23/17

Spokane Public Schools and the Spokane Education Association have agreed to use Jan. 30 as the make-up day for the Jan. 9 snow day, so there will be school on Monday, Jan 30.

There is no school this Friday, Jan 27. Teachers will attend Professional Learning meetings all day.

**Odyssey 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Strings Concert will be Wednesday, Feb 1 at 6:00. Odyssey 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert will be on Wednesday, March 1 at 6:00. Students should report at 5:30.**

## Announcing After School Chorus Tuesdays, Starting in March.

Students interested in after school chorus should turn in their permission forms (to the office) by Tuesday, February 28. Chorus will begin the following week, on Tuesday, March 7 from 2:40-3:40, and will meet each Tuesday in the Libby strings room (the stage) till the last meeting on May 23. The Chorus will help plan and will perform at the talent show at Libby in early June. Our strings teacher, Jerilynn Harris will lead chorus this year. The cost for participants is \$30.00; checks payable to Odyssey PTG. PTG scholarships are available; see Mrs. Donohue in the office. Please pick up a permission form in the main office. Chorus is limited to the first 25 students who turn in their permission forms.

## Enrollment open for option programs and schools

Spokane Public Schools 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who want to attend a **High School** other than their neighborhood school can fill out an application online Jan. 1-Feb. 15 at [spokaneschools.org/enrollment](http://spokaneschools.org/enrollment).

On the enrollment site, families can research school and program options and apply for their top choices. By offering a portfolio of educational options, SPS gives families the freedom to choose the school that is right for their child. More choices mean we are better able to support learning needs, and are better preparing students to successfully complete some form of higher education: technical, 2-year or 4-year.



Libby Principal Dr. De Witt, Counselor Mrs. Kohls, and Tessera teacher Mr. Baer attended the Spokane Public Schools Enrollment Fair last Saturday, Jan 21.

### Important Dates for Odyssey 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

It's that time of year already, when families are starting to think about the next school year, especially in grades where the student is transitioning up to the next level, and to a different school and building. Below are some key dates that our 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Odyssey need to be aware of.

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### Silverwood Reading Logs

Students can earn free admission to Silverwood just by reading! How? Just read a minimum of 600 minutes (10 hours) in the next 6 weeks, get a parent signature, and turn the form in to your homeroom teacher. More detailed rules will be on the reading log.

Reading logs will be distributed to students by the end of this month. **They will be due on March 08, 2017.**

Students will earn tickets to Silverwood theme park by submitting their reading logs on time. Keep on the look out for the logs, and be sure to turn them in on time!

Reading is the Ticket!  
Let the reading begin!

*Submitted by Sujani Malireddi*



## Upcoming Brown Bag Lunches with Mrs. Kohls

Brown Bag Lunch Discussion groups will start in January, the first focusing on the topic of video game addiction. The warning signs of video game addiction include:

- Gaming to escape difficult life situations
- Playing for longer periods as time goes on
- Skipping showers and meals to play
- Poor performance at work or school
- Lying to others to hide gaming activities
- Exhibiting signs of irritation when forced to stop gaming

<http://www.webmd.com/mental-health/addiction/features/video-game-addiction-no-fun?page=3> is a helpful link for parents. An excellent Ted Talk for parents AND kids describing the overwhelming compulsion and ways to address it is: "Escaping video game addiction: Cam Adair at TEDxBoulder"

Other topics **may** include, depending upon student interest, 8th graders preparing to leave Odyssey for high school, making (and keeping) friends, grief, anxiety and stress management.

Submitted by Odyssey Counselor, Glenda Kohls



## 5/6 Grade Basketball to Began Last Week

Chris Fredlund coaches both Boys and Girls 5/6 Grade Basketball again this year. Practice is from 2:30-3:45 twice a week, and students will play 3 games from 4:00-5:15. Please contact Mr. Fredlund with any questions or concerns, [Christopherf@spokaneschools.org](mailto:Christopherf@spokaneschools.org) 509-354-7515.

## January/February

**M**

16

No School

**T**

17

Boys/ Girls  
Practice 230-345

**W**

18

Boys Practice  
230-345

**T**

19

Girls Practice  
230-345

**F**

20

23 Boys Practice 230-345	24 Girls Practice 230-345	25 Boys Practice 230-345	26 Girls Practice 230-345	27
30 Boys Practice 230-345	31 Girls Practice 230-345	1 <u>Girls Game</u> 345-515 Montessori @ Libby	2 <u>Boys Game</u> 345-515 Montessori @ Libby	3
6 <u>Boys Game</u> 345-515 Audubon @ Libby	7 Girls Practice 230-345	8 <u>Boys Practice</u> 230-345	9 <u>Girls Game</u> 345-515 Audubon @ Libby	10
13 Boys Practice 230-345	14 Girls Practice 230-345	15 <u>Boys Game</u> 345-515 Libby @ Holmes	16 <u>Girls Game</u> 345- 515 Libby @ Holmes	17

## Staff Attends Dr. Carol Ann Tomlinson’s Session at Whitworth’s Gifted Education Institute



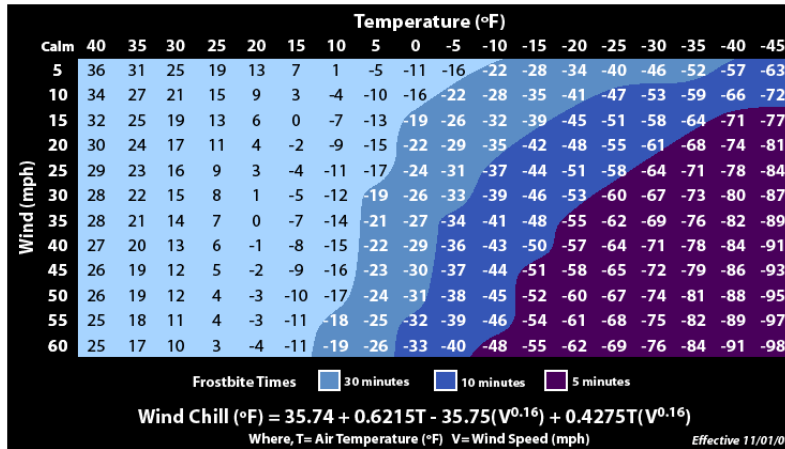
Last Saturday, several Odyssey/Tessera staff spent the day at Whitworth University with Dr. Carol Ann Tomlinson, renowned educator and advocate for gifted learners and teachers. Dr. Tomlinson is the William Clay Parrish Jr. Professor and Chair of Educational Leadership, Foundations, and Policy at the University of Virginia’s Curry School of Education and Co - Director of the University’s Institutes on Academic Diversity. Dr. Tomlinson works throughout the United States and internationally with educators who want to create classrooms that are more responsive to a broad range of learners. Pictured are Traci Sele, Jessii Arp, Amanda Babbitt, Dr. Tomlinson, Mike Cantlon, Debra De Witt and Mike Amend.

**Odyssey Transportation Operates on the High School Schedule.** In this season of possible inclement weather, it is important for Odyssey families to remember that Odyssey’s daily schedule, and bus transportation routes, follow the district’s high school schedule. There was much confusion in December and again today when an announcement went out informing parents that elementary schools’ busses would be delayed. Even though your student may be in an elementary grade, remember, **we follow the high school start time, dismissal time, and bus times.**

The wind chill chart below, from the National Weather Service assists us in deciding if outdoor activities are appropriate.



# Wind Chill Chart



## Parents Needed to help with Human Growth and Development Materials Adoption

Spokane Public Schools invites you to participate on the Human Growth and Development adoption committee to review and recommend K-12 HGD curriculum based on new state standards. Our school district values your input. Together with teachers, counselors and HGD Citizens Advisory Committee members, we will recommend curriculum materials to the school board for implementation in the fall of 2017.

There will be 4 separate teams to review curriculum and the following number of parents are needed:

- K-4 team: 2 to 4 parents
- 5-6 team: 2 to 3 parents
- 7-9 team: 2 to 3 parents
- 10-12 team: 2 to 3 parents

Participants will need to commit to the following times:

- Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 8:00 to 3:00 (place TBD)
- Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 to 6:00 (place TBD)
- Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 to 6:00 (place TBD)

If you are interested in participating on one of the curriculum teams, please contact the appropriate team facilitator **by January 30<sup>th</sup>**:

- K-6 facilitator: Kym Larson. 354-7355 [kymberlyl@spokaneschools.org](mailto:kymberlyl@spokaneschools.org)
- 7-9 facilitator: Linda Bushinski. 354-6058 [lindabu@spokaneschools.org](mailto:lindabu@spokaneschools.org)
- 10-12 facilitator: Troy Coon. 354-7358 [troyco@spokaneschools.org](mailto:troyco@spokaneschools.org)

**Odyssey Photos?** Do you have pictures from Odyssey events? Maybe a **Math is Cool** competition, a school dance, or some other school function? The yearbook would love your pictures! We are mainly looking for pictures from this school year, with the exception of outdoor camp photos from the spring (which we would love!). Send your camp photos to [andrew@spokaneschools.org](mailto:andrew@spokaneschools.org).

Submitted by Stephanie Oakes, Odyssey Librarian

## Are you interested in being a Guest Teacher (aka substitute) at Libby?

If you have a bachelor's degree, and go through the district's guest teacher orientation, you can be a guest teacher at Libby! You can choose to substitute only at Libby if that is what you prefer. Interested? Call us at 354-7500 for more information.

## Spokane Chiefs' School Night is Friday, Feb 3 at 7:05 at Spokane Arena.

Tickets are just \$7.00. the first 1,000 kids in attendance will receive a life-size Spokane Chiefs Growth Chart courtesy of Shriners Hospitals for Children-Spokane. See the attached flyer.

## High School Credit for Eligible Courses Taken at Middle Level

Students who take and receive a passing grade at middle level for high school courses (i.e Spanish, Algebra, or Geometry) may, upon the request of the parent and student, obtain high school credit (Spokane Public Schools Procedure 4410). The credit may be requested for successful completion of the course(s). If a credit is requested, the course and the grade received for the course become a permanent part of the student's transcript. **To receive high school credit for an eligible course, obtain, complete, sign, and return the form to your high school counselor.**



**\*\*Ask friends and family to clip and save Box Tops \*\***

**THE BOXTOP DRIVE ENDS FEBRUARY 3.**

Through Odyssey PTG, BoxTop funds support the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony. Last year Odyssey earned over \$700 from BoxTops, but we have earned over \$1000 in the past. Let's make this a record year!

Clipping BoxTops is an easy way to help earn cash for our school. Each one is worth 10¢ for our school! Just look for the pink BoxTops on hundreds of products. All you have to do is clip them and send them to your student's classroom. You can also drop BoxTops (please put them in an envelope or bag labeled with the name of your student's teacher) in the collection box just outside the Libby office.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact :

Shawna Nicholson

Phone: 509-489-1367

Email: nicholsonhome@comcast.net

*Any Campbell's Labels for Education collected will be donated to another school.*

*Submitted by Shawna Nicholson*

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**Math is Cool Competitions**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** February

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** March

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** April

**Early Release Fridays**

On early release Fridays, Libby students will be dismissed at 1:15 PM. These dates are:

~~September 30~~

~~October 28~~

~~November 18~~

~~December 2~~

~~January 13~~

February 10

February 24

March 10

March 24

April 14

April 28

May 19

# Libby Center CHESS CLUB

**SCHEDULE: After School on Fridays for one hour: 2:45 – 3:45 pm**

**Jan 6, 13(ER), 20 Feb 3, 10(ER), 24(ER) Mar 3, 10(ER), 17, 24(ER), 31 Apr 14(ER), 21 (ER) “Early Release”**  
*days chess club meets at 1:15 pm.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

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