

# Libby Leader

Odyssey

1/4/16

## The Libby Center Continues to Follow the High School schedule.

There was some confusion before Winter Break about Libby's schedule and the bus routes. Libby follows the High School schedule, which means, we start at 8:00 and dismiss at 2:30. When there is inclement weather, and families receive a Bright Arrow message, be sure to note what they say about High School start times. For instance, on Dec 16 and 18, the message was that High Schools buses would be on time, elementary buses would be delayed one half hour, and middle level buses would be delayed one hour. We understand that it was not common knowledge among all of our families that Libby follows a high school schedule. Your students were not marked *unexcused tardy*.

## Spokane Public Schools to host Enrollment Fair on Saturday, Jan 9.

Spokane Public Schools will host its second annual Enrollment Fair Saturday, Jan. 9, from 9 a.m.-noon at Rogers High School, 1622 E. Wellesley. Representatives from SPS schools and option programs will be on hand to answer questions.

In addition, enrollment is ongoing for students who want to attend a school other than their neighborhood school. Families can fill out a choice application online through Jan. 18 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.

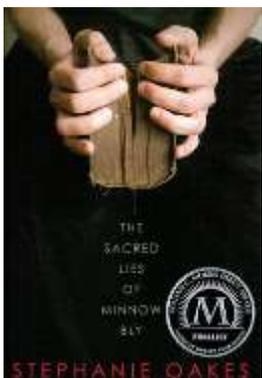
## 1<sup>st</sup> Lego League Going to State!

Odyssey's 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> First Lego League team is going to the state competition! The members on the championship team are:

Odyssey Robotics Club, team *f(ORC) = JamShamaLamaBananaSandwich*, advancing to state championship - Chase Clear, Jett Street, Alec Bunn, Jake Gliniak, Tommy McGivern, Sydney Bergman, Jersey Clear, Liam Cooley; Coaches Adam Clear and Barb Jeske.

The FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science & Technology) LEGO League, Eastern Washington State Championship will be on **Jan 16 at Eastern Washington University**. 71 teams competed in the Spokane regional competition on Dec 12 and 13. Of the 37 SPS teams, ORC is one of the eight advancing to state.

## Our Very Own Librarian, Stephanie Oakes Lands Honors for Her Debut Novel!



The list of finalists for a prominent national award includes Libby/Odyssey's own, young adult author, Stephanie Oakes. The author and librarian at Libby was named one of five finalists for the 2016 William C. Morris Award, which honors the best books for young readers published each year by first-time authors. Oakes' mesmerizing debut novel, *The Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly*, was released in June, and chronicles the harrowing escape of its teenage protagonist from a fictitious religious cult in the Montana wilderness. The winner of 2016's award will be named during a Jan. 11 event in Boston, which Ms. Oakes will attend. We wish her luck!

This particular ALA award was named after William C. Morris, an influential advocate of young adult and children's literature. It was first presented in 2009. The 2016 finalists include:

- *The Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly*, by Stephanie Oakes
- *The Weight of Feathers*, by Anna-Marie McLemore
- *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda*, by Becky Albertalli
- *Conviction*, by Kelly Loy Gilbert
- *Because You'll Never Meet Me*, by Leah Thomas

## Counselor's Corner

\*A special thanks to PTG for a spectacular Winter Dance and Ice Cream Social during conference week! A big shout out goes to Madilyn Hutchison and Stacey Zarecor for spearheading those greatly appreciated and well-attended events.

\*\*\*\*\*

Did you know? Odyssey students and our jazz combo volunteered their time and talents recently at the Ronald McDonald House. Cookies were baked and decorated in their lovely kitchen, visitors using the facility were entertained with up-beat jazz numbers, and games of charades and hide and seek were offered to lift the spirits of families whose children are undergoing serious medical care.

\*\*\*\*\*

\*"Brown Bag Discussion Groups" continue this week for two to three weeks. Our topic will be Perfectionism and how underachievement, expectations, and stress are involved. The schedule during lunchtime is:

Monday - 7th graders

Tuesday - 6th graders

Wednesday - 5th graders

Thursday - 8th graders

All interested students are invited to attend to share their experiences and insights about this topic. Or to just listen. Bring their lunches!

\*\*\*\*\*

National Junior Honor Society invites all interested Odyssey students to provide service to St. Joseph's Family Center on Martin Luther King Day, January 18 from 10:00 to 2:00. Students and their families who are interested in helping at the facility are encouraged to join us. Possible work to be done includes raking and pruning, and window washing. Parents who have skills with electrical, plumbing and dry walling will be warmly welcomed as well! Stay tuned for further information and a sign-up sheet.

*Submitted by Mrs. Kohls*

## Don't Forget to Save Your Boxtops!

Holiday baking is upon us, and many items we use this time of year have box tops on them. If you don't bake, ask your baking friends! We are halfway to our goal of \$900 (Great job everyone!) **Our last big drive of this school year is in February--** a great way to get class points and make money for our school!

Submitted by Jill Cathey

## [We Want Your Photos for the Yearbook!](#)

This year, we would like to reach out to families to contribute photos for the Odyssey yearbook. Any photos you have of Odyssey students, Odyssey activities, or any other events will really help make the yearbook fun and representative. You can send us photos in a couple of ways. You can download the free ReplayIt app and upload photos straight from your iPhone or Android (we will automatically receive the photos). Or, you can email the photos to [stephanieo@spokaneschools.org](mailto:stephanieo@spokaneschools.org) Thank you for your help!

*Is your lunch account up to date? Be sure to check your account balance. You may email or call Mrs. Donohue if you are not sure. [debbied@spokaneschools.org](mailto:debbied@spokaneschools.org) or 354-7500.*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Jan. 18**—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day NO SCHOOL

**Feb. 15**—Presidents' Day NO SCHOOL

**Wind Storm Make-up Days:** January 29, February 12, March 11, May 16, June 16