

Libby Leader

Odyssey

2/1/16

It's National School Counselor Week!

Give our counselor Mrs. Kohls a hug or a high five!

Boys and Girls Be Great Club and Spokane Public Schools will be closed on Monday Feb 15 for Presidents' Day.

5/6 Band and Strings Concert and PTG's Bake Sale will take place on **Tuesday, Feb 9**. The Concert begins at 6:30, but students should report to the gym by 6:00. PTG is asking that parents of 7/8 students help work at the bake sale so that 5/6 parents may enjoy watching their students perform. The link to the sign-up genius is www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094daeeaa29a1fd0-ptgsweetheart

Use this link to sign up to bring items and to sign up to volunteer to work the bake sale.

Wanted: Quotes from 8th Graders for the Yearbook

You may have heard from your student that, this year, 8th graders are getting the opportunity to submit quotes for the yearbook. Their quote will accompany their portrait. Students have been coached in selecting appropriate and positive quotes that represent their time in Odyssey, reflect something they've learned, or express how they feel looking toward the future. The students are submitting their quotes via a Google form (<https://goo.gl/Cr8uXj>). It's a big decision, so it would be a fantastic idea to discuss your student's quote with them. Feel free to contact Ms. Oakes (stephanieo@spokaneschools.org) with questions.

Submitted by Stephanie Oakes

Theatre Performance Dates are set for Winter 2016.

After nearly a semester of hard work, we are now prepared to perform our three short plays. All performances will be held in the Libby Cafeteria, Monday through Friday (February 8-12)

from 12:50-2:00PM. For those who are not able to attend our afternoon shows, we have scheduled an evening performance on Thursday evening, February 11, at 7:00PM.

As always, thank you so much for your support for our theatre program.

Submitted by Mike Cantlon and Abbey Crawford

Congratulations to 8th Grade Odyssey Student, Janet Phang, Winner of the Northwest Division MTNA Music Competition!



Janet Phang is an eighth grader in Odyssey. Janet has won the Northwest Division MTNA music competition (including WA, OR, ID, MT, WY, and AK) as well as Washington State piano competition. As a result, she became one of the seven national finalists of the MTNA music performance competitions, and she will compete in April 2016 in San Antonio, TX. She has been participating in various music events state-wide and nation-wide. Janet's dad says,

“Going to the national final in the MTNA will be the most significant achievement for her, and I believe that it hasn't happened in Spokane area before. Thank you so much for the wonderful music program your school provides. I am sure that the years of music education in Odyssey from Mr. Meredith and Ms. Johnson-Warner have been crucial for her musical growth.”

Congratulations Janet! Good luck at the national competition!

Open Enrollment Reminder: High School Registration Night is Feb 17, at your student's high school.

On February 1 at 1:00, each SPS high school will send a representative to Libby to meet with our current 8th graders. **Our students will register with their neighborhood school.** Anyone who chooses to attend a school other than their neighborhood school should go through the open enrollment process to enroll at the school of their choice (see below).

Through an open enrollment process, parents/guardians may choose to enroll in a school/program outside of their neighborhood as long as there is sufficient programming, staff, and space at the school. Open Enrollment creates a more streamlined and equitable approach to school choice, and creates a unified lottery system for all charter and choice programs.

If you wish to enroll in an option program, charter school, or school **outside of your neighborhood school**, you need to go through the open enrollment system. This particularly applies to current 8th graders who are planning to attend a high school that is not their neighborhood high school. If you wish to enroll in your neighborhood high school, you do **not** need to go through the open enrollment system.

Visit www.spokaneschools.org/enrollment to see a list of frequently asked questions (FAQ's) about the process.

All 8th graders should plan to attend the High School Registration Night, Feb. 17 at their SPS high school.



Earn a Ticket to Silverwood!

Students can earn free admission to Silverwood just by reading! They can also earn class cup points if they turn in their completed forms by March 14. 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. Class cup points will be awarded for the most hours read and for the most completed forms turned in.

Reading is the Ticket!

Let the reading begin!

Submitted by Jujani Malireddi (coordinator) 443-1544/723-8275

Drop-off and Pick-up Safety Reminders

Please continue to be cautious when dropping off and picking up students. Please do not double park, as this makes visibility for students and drivers very difficult,

and it limits access on the street to one vehicle. We ask that pedestrians cross at cross walks, so please do not park on the cross walk. Thank you for keeping safety a number one priority!

Grade 5/6 Interscholastic Basketball Begins

Odyssey Fitness & Health teacher, Mr. Fredlund, will coach both boys and girls elementary basketball teams. This is a developmental league for all levels of players. Each team will have two practices a week and will play 3 games against other schools. All 5th and 6th graders are welcome. In order to participate, students/parents must complete the Sports packet, which was given to all Odyssey 5/6 students last Friday, and students must have completed 4 practices before playing their first game. Games will be from 4:15-5:15. **We are looking for volunteers to officiate and keep score at our home game. If interested, please let Mr. Fredlund know.** Christopherf@spokaneschools.org, 509-354-7515. Girls will practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and boys will practice on Mondays and Wednesdays. Practice will start Tuesday, the 19th of January at 2:45 till 4:00 in the Libby gym. **On Game days, students will ride a bus to the hosting school, and the bus will bring them back to Libby after the game, per district policy.** Students should dress appropriately, and wear athletic shoes and shorts.

Boys' game schedule: 3:45-5:15	Girls' game schedule: 3:45-5:15
Wed, Feb 10 against Montessori, at Libby.	Thurs, Feb 11 against Montessori at Libby
Tues, Feb 16 against Audubon, at Audubon	Wed, Feb 17 against Audubon at Audubon
Wed, Feb 24 against Holmes, at Holmes	Thurs, Feb 25 against Holmes at Holmes

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*.

Dr. Temple Grandin to Visit and Present in Spokane in February!



Friday, February 19, 2016

"Helping Different Kinds of Minds to be Successful" - Dr. Temple Grandin

During this captivating presentation, Temple Grandin will share her personal story, as well as her insights into the vibrant populations we know as exceptional children. These kids often have a wide range of skills from gifted to intense support needs, but they get lost in an endless cycle of chasing diagnostic labels and are never given the chance to realize their full potential. Come away with a deeper insight into the challenges these learners face.

Time: 7-8:30 p.m.

Location: North Central High School Auditorium
1600 N. Howard Street | Spokane, WA 99205

Registration: \$20 per person

Saturday, February 20, 2016

"Understanding Animal Behavior" – Dr. Temple Grandin

As an expert on animal behavior, Temple Grandin, Ph.D. has designed human handling systems for half the cattle-processing facilities in the U.S. and consults with the meat industry to develop animal welfare guidelines. Her unique insights and empathy into animal behavior revolutionized the cattle industry and continue to ensure that cattle are handled humanly. In this presentation, Dr. Grandin will draw from her years of research and her own experience with autism to provide insights into how all animals think, act, and feel.

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Location: Whitworth University | Weyerhaeuser Hall Room 107
300 W. Hawthorne Road | Spokane, WA 99251

Registration: \$20 per person

Use the link below to register:

<http://www.whitworth.edu/Academic/Department/Education/GSE/index.html#community-event-information>

Submitted by Barb Jeske

Fifth Annual Celebration of Talent, Saturday, March 19, 2016

9:00am – 3:15pm Whitworth University, the Regional Gifted Education Conference for Educators, Parents and Students

Don't miss this annual event designed to enlighten educators, counselors, parents and students on the subject of giftedness and the unique challenges and benefits that it brings. High Potential students will participate in a variety of fun and unique learning experiences with like-minded peers. Parents and teachers will attend presentations and interact with other parents and professionals on the challenges and joys of raising and educating gifted children. Teachers in general ed. classrooms will learn strategies for meeting the special learning needs of high ability students in any classroom. There will be workshops for elementary, middle school, and high school students as well as presentations for parents, all educators and counselors.

Conference fee: \$60.00 per family, or \$36.00 per individual. If you would like to register online, or have questions, email Deb Johnson at deb@prodigynw.org

Submitted by Deb Johnson

High School Course Catalog

The 2015-2016 High School Course Catalog is now posted in Curriculum Connections on the district website. Below is the link. This is now a living document, with changes to course information or corrections occurring during scheduled monthly updates.

http://swcontent.spokaneschools.org/cms/lib/WA01000970/Centricity/Domain/3172/SPS_high-school_course_catalog_2015-16.pdf

Counselor's Corner

This is a reminder that the Box Top drive/competition begins on Feb. 1 and runs through Feb. 12. **Odyssey Cup Points will be awarded.**

Candy Grams will be sold by ASB for \$0.50 and \$1.00 during the week of Feb. 8.

I'd like to make a request for boy's black dress slacks and white dress shirts as some students don't have the means to obtain them. If families could pass to us those items their boys have outgrown, it would be helpful.

Submitted by Glenda Kohls

It's time for the February Boxtop Drive!

February 1 - 12 each class will compete for the most boxtops! This is our last drive of the school year. Adults are needed for counting (in your own home, on your own time!) between

February 12 and February 19. Please call Jill Cathey if you are willing to count a few classrooms worth (should take 1-2 hours) [509-926-7801](tel:509-926-7801) or jill_cathey@yahoo.com

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 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 or 354-7500.

[UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:](#)

Feb 1—High School Representatives visit 8th graders at Libby, 1:00

Feb 8-12—[Daytime Performances of Odyssey Play](#) 1:00 in Libby Cafeteria

Feb 9—5/6 Band and Strings Concert—Begins at 6:30. Students should report to the gym by 6:00.

Feb 9—PTG Bake Sale in the cafeteria, prior to, during, and after the concert.

Thurs, Feb 11—[Evening Performance of Odyssey Play](#) (Call time for cast and crew, 6:00; Performance 7:00 in the Libby Cafeteria)

Feb. 15—Presidents' Day NO SCHOOL & No Boys and Girls Club

Feb 24—Odyssey Class Pictures

Feb 24—PTG 6:00-7:30 (this is a rescheduled meeting. It will no longer be on Feb 17, due to parent night at SPS high schools for all current 8th graders)

March 14—Silverwood *Reading is the Ticket* forms due

March 19-- Fifth Annual Celebration of Talent, Saturday, March 19, 2016

9:00am – 3:15pm Whitworth University

Wind Storm Make-up Days: School **WILL** be in session on January 29, February 12, March 11, May 16, and June 16

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