

Libby Leader

Odyssey

2/22/16

PTG has rescheduled its next meeting. It will be Feb 24 at 6:00 instead of Feb 17, so that 8th grade families may attend their high school's Parent Night.

Libby's Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the week of March 28-April 1. More information will be coming soon!

Camp Chaperone Meeting is March 2 at 5:30.

Many parent volunteers will be needed to ensure the safety and well-being of our students at our outdoor camp, which will be May 25, 26 & 27. There will be a **So, You Want To Go To Camp** meeting March 2, 2016, at 5:30 pm in room 150 **for parents only**. We will be sharing a short video of the camp, and explain the expectations and duties of chaperones to those who are interested. You will also receive an application to apply to be a chaperone. If more parents volunteer than are needed, selection will be by lottery, with considerations to number of male/females needed.

Spokane Chiefs Hockey Hosts School Night on Friday, February 26.

The Spokane Chiefs invite Libby families to the 2nd School Night of the year on Friday, Feb 26 at 7:00PM. They will take on the Prince George Cougars at the Spokane Arena. Tickets are just \$7.00 in the lower level, for students, faculty, friends and family members. **The deadline to get tickets is Monday, February 22.** They expect tickets to go fast, so sign up early! Contact Bri Joseph at (509) 328-0450, ext. 318 to order tickets. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.spokanechiefs.com under the "Tickets" tab. Click on "School Night." Tickets will be left in *Will Call* under parents' last name.

To parents of students with interest in the Odyssey Robotics Club (ORC):

Current ORC coaches are retiring. We have one new parent ready to jump in, but he is going to need some help. It will take a few more committed adults in order to continue this

extracurricular enrichment opportunity for our students. For more info see the last PTG newsletter at <http://www.odysseyptg.org/announcements/january-2016-odyssey-ptg-newsletter>

No programming experience necessary. To volunteer, for questions, or to express your interest in coaching, please contact Barb Jeske at pinkthang@msn.com.

Thank You!

Submitted by Barb Jeske

News from Math is Cool Team:

Friday, Feb 19 was the 6th grade Math is Cool competition at Mount Spokane High School. Libby Center won second place team in our division, and had three students place in the top ten on the individual portion of the exam.

Congratulations to team members Nathan Katz (5th place), Amanda Alexander (7th place), Grace Wang (8th place), Serena Wen, Duff Overstreet, Tommy McGivern, Sydney Dykes, Georgia Kettrick and Karena Holland.

Our school has been invited to the state competition - Math is Cool Masters! This will take place Saturday, May 21 in Moses Lake. Unfortunately, we can only send one team of four students, so our top four scoring individuals from the regional competition will make up that team. Our Masters team will be Nathan Katz, Amanda Alexander, Grace Wang and Serena Wen. Congratulations!



Submitted by Jennifer Alexander

News from Math Counts Team:

Odyssey's Math Counts Team, which consisted of six 8th graders and two 7th graders, did a great job on Feb 20 at the Math Counts Spokane chapter competition, held this time at Gonzaga University. The First team (Helen Gao, Sammy Morozov, Wendy Bai and Suhang Liu) got first place (beating St. George's one more time :)

The Second team (Matthew Chen, Ella Fornof, David Sposito, Gabriel Thompson) did a good job, too, beating second St. George's team and both teams from Northwood (public Middle School from Mead, coached by Math is Cool founder, Gregg Sampson) In the individual contest, Helen won first place, Sammy was 4th, Matthew 8th and Wendy 9th. The first team is invited to the State competition, but due to some students not being able to attend, we are requesting that Matthew, David, Helen, and Wendy compete as a team. Congratulations!

Submitted by Yuri Morozov

5th Grader Asia Baker Earns Gymnastics Awards

In the last few weeks, Asia Baker, a 5th grade Odyssey student in Mrs. Masteller's class, has performed well in regional gymnastic competitions. Two weeks ago, at Cheney High School she placed 6th in the Flip Out competition. Last Saturday, at Spokane Gymnastics she earned 2nd place. Congratulations Asia!

National Jr Honor Society for 2016-2017

Odyssey's National Junior Honor Society is taking applications for the year 2016-2017! Have you considered encouraging your student to join National Junior Honor Society?

The National Junior Honor Society is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding middle school students. More than just an honor roll, NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

Five main purposes have guided chapters of NJHS from the beginning: to create enthusiasm for scholarship; to stimulate a desire to render service; to promote leadership; to encourage responsible citizenship; and to develop character in the students of secondary schools. These purposes also translate into the criteria used for membership selection in each local chapter.

Applications are available in the office and on the bulletin board outside Mrs. Kohls' office.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 1, 2016. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.

Submitted by Glenda Kohls

The Science Olympiad will take place on March 12, from approximately 8 to 5 at Spokane Falls Community College. If we go to state, the State Science Olympiad competition is April 16. Coaches are Jill Cathey and Danielle Schilbe.

The students participating are:

Submitted by Jill Cathey & Danielle Schilbe

Rohini Kilaru
Alexis Gagne
Sammy Morozov
Vishal Malireddi
Daniel Cathey

Sophia Ocker
Noah Schilbe
Luis Mai
Matt Lindsey
Ella Fornof

Timothy Nelson
Alex Lei
Suhang Li

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

Chorus Club to Start March 10

Students interested in after school chorus should **turn in their signed permission forms (to the office) by Thursday March 3.** Chorus will begin the following week, on Thursday, March 10 from 2:45-4:00, and will meet each Thursday in the Libby band room till the last meeting on June 2. The theme for chorus is ***Musicals***. Participants will learn vocal techniques, charts, warm-ups and creative movements. The Chorus will perform at the talent show at Libby in early June. Ms. Michelina Tyrie will lead our chorus again 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 20 students who turn in their permission forms.



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 Sujani 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 with Mr. Fredlund

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 |
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| 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 |

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

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

[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 24—Odyssey Class Pictures

Feb 24—PTG 6:00-7:30 (this is a rescheduled meeting.)

Mar 2—So You Want to go to Camp? (Meeting for parents interested in chaperoning our upcoming outdoor 3 day, 2 night camp) 5:30, Rm 150

March 3—Chorus permission forms due—Chorus Begins March 10-June 2

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

March 28-April 1—Parent/Teacher conferences—more detailed info to come.

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

June 16 is the Last Day of School: Start time is 8:00; Dismissal is 11:00; Bus departure is 11:05.

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