

Libby Leader

Odyssey

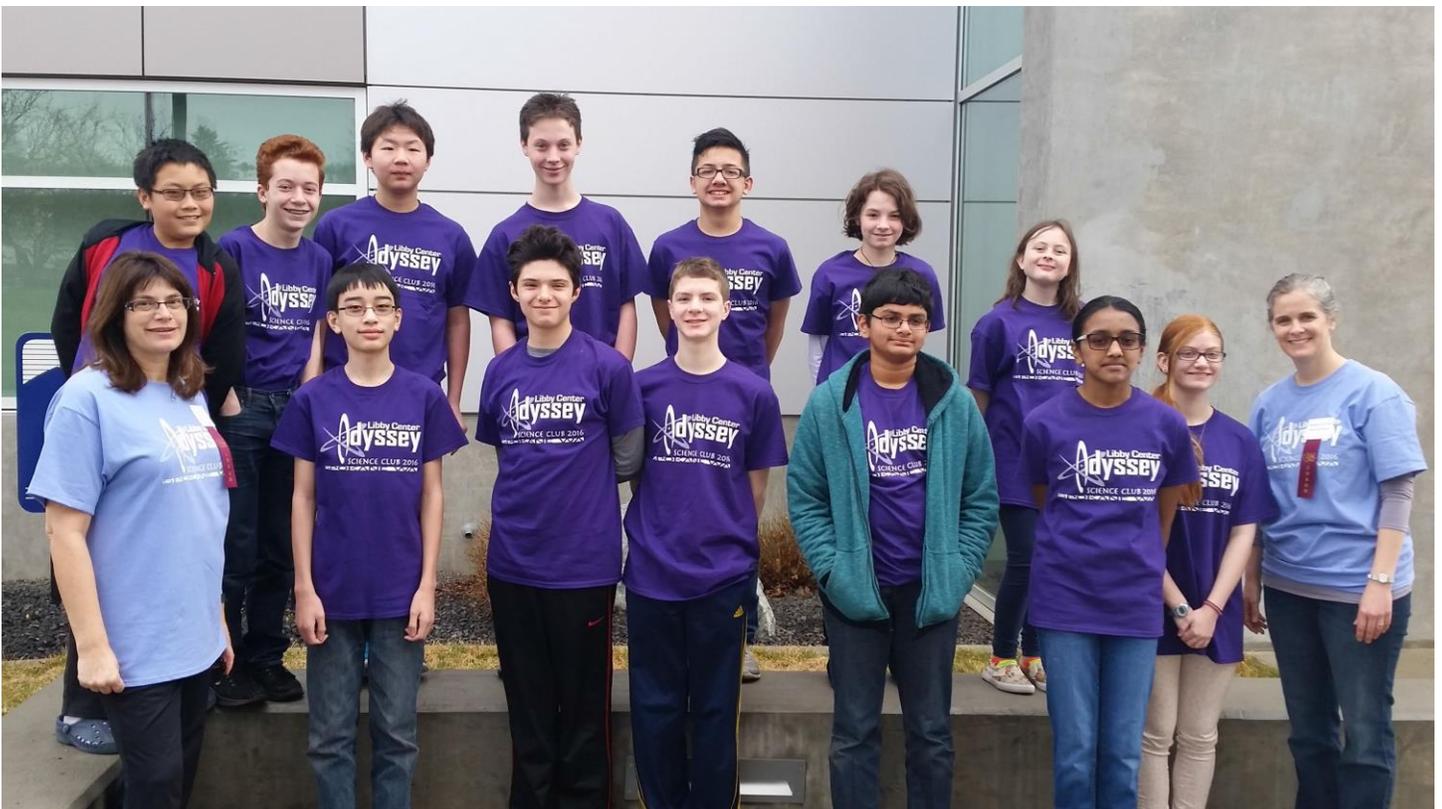
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Libby's Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the week of March 28-April 1. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday that week. There will be a full day of school on Friday, April 1.

Libby's Science Club is Headed to State!

Libby's 7th and 8th grade science club had a great day at Saturday's regional Science Olympiad competition. Out of 18 middle school teams, our total group score placed Libby 5th in the competition, allowing us to advance to the state Science Olympiad on April 16th at EWU.

Team members are *Rohini Kilaru, Alexis Gagne, Sammy Morozov, Vishal Malireddi, Daniel Cathey, Sophia Ocker, Noah Schilbe, Luis Mai, Matt Lindsey, Ella Fornof, Timothy Nelson, Alex Lei, and Suhang Liu.* Team Coaches are *Danielle Schilbe and Jill Cathey.*



There were 9 teams that brought home academic team medals.

Luis Mai and Noah Schilbe: 1st Crave the Wave

Matt Lindsey and Luis Mai: 1st Meteorology
Noah Schilbe and Sammy Morozov: 2nd Bio Process Lab
Rohini Kilaru and Ella Fornof: 2nd Disease Detectives
Sophia Ocker and Daniel Cathey: 2nd Fossils
Alexis Gagne and Ella Fornof: 3rd Dynamic Planet
Matt Lindsey and Timothy Nelson: 4th Crime Busters
Luis Mai, Vishal Malireddi and Suhang Liu: 4th Experimental Design
Vishal Malireddi and Timothy Nelson: 4th Invasive Species

We are able to advance to the state competition only because of the total group effort and score. So way to go science club, and good luck!

FIT FOR BLOOMSDAY

Who: 5-8th Grade

What: Training for Bloomsday in a fun and supportive environment

When: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 2:30-3:30pm until Bloomsday

Where: We will meet in the gym and use the Libby Center field

Why: to promote lifelong habits of fitness and good health

Starting on Tuesday March 8th through the 1st of May, Bloomsday, we will be training Tuesday-Thursday 2:30-3:30 with parent picking students up by 3:45. We will be meeting in the gym before practice. Weather permitting we will be training for Bloomsday on the Libby Center fields. Practices will be canceled during conference and spring break weeks (March 28-April1 and April 4-8). Students are asked to come prepared, wearing appropriate athletic attire (shorts, shirt, sweats, and tennis shoes), and a water bottle. Runners should also come with a respectful attitude, be ready follow directions, and always do their best.

To get students signed up, please fill out the attached student permission form. Please complete the entire form and have your student return it to Mr. Fredlund by Tuesday, MARCH 8th.

If you have any questions please contact me, Chris Fredlund
509 354 7500 Ext: 7515

Christopherf@spokaneschools.org

March				
Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday
7	8 	9 	10 	11
14	15 	16 	17 	18
21	22 	23 	24 	25

April				
Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday
11	12 	13 	14 	15
18	19 	20 	21 	22
25	26 	27 	28 	29

The Apex Fun Run is coming to Odyssey on March 15-25th!

Thank you for your support of our school and the investments you make in your children's lives. We are so excited to introduce you to one of our major fundraisers, the Apex Fun Run! The Apex Fun Run will last for 2 weeks and will kick off with a Pep Rally on Tuesday, March 15th. Please look for your child's Pledge Kit that they will receive on that day along with other subsequent emails over the next few weeks. Please feel free to visit www.apexfunrun.com to learn more about this interactive program that helps schools all over the country raise money, while promoting leadership and fitness in the classes. This year's character theme is Dream Team, where students will join Johnny Dreamer and the Apex team in an exciting journey to learn what it means to become a Dream Team Leader:

- Dive In!
- Resourceful!
- Elevate Others!
- Attitude Check!
- Make A Difference!

During the Apex Fun Run, students are challenged to get pledges for the laps they will run on March 24th to help their school. Students will run for 30 minutes and average 26-36 laps, with the maximum amount of laps being 36 (each lap is 1/1-6th of a mile). Sponsors can pledge any amount for each lap students run. All participants will receive an access code that allows you to enter pledges online. Funds raised this year will be going to the school to pay for enrichment materials and activities!

The Apex Fun Run is for every student, regardless of financial giving. All students will receive Apex bands, race-day lap counters, and team awards. We invite all parents to come to the Apex Fun Run and share in this great event!

The times for the Apex Fun Run will be in next week's newsletter.

You can help our school be successful in the following four ways

1. Help connect your child to potential sponsors (family/friends) to acquire pledges.
2. Ask your child about the "Dream Team" character lessons, and download the "Apex Fun Run" App!
3. Come to the Apex Fun Run and don't forget to invite others to attend our fun-filled community event on our field.
4. Help volunteer for the race! We will need a few parents to help cheer on students and mark laps.

Thank you again for your continued support-we are so excited to begin this journey with you!

Dress Code Reminder

As temperatures start to rise, we recognize that spring and warmer weather are just around the corner. Now may be a good time to review our Dress Code/Personal Appearance section (page 1) of the school planner. Remember, during the school day, all clothing must be modest with no indecent exposure (no midriff tops, tank tops, strapless, or halters). Shorts and skirts should be fingertip length. Students who report to school wearing inappropriate clothing will be asked to change into appropriate clothes.

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

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

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!

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:

March 19—No Boys & Girls Club—closed for staff development

March 19-- Fifth Annual Celebration of Talent, Saturday, March 19, 2016
9:00am – 3:15pm Whitworth University

March 24—PTG Sponsored Fun Run—throughout the day

March 28-April 1—Parent/Teacher conferences—School dismissed at 12:30 on Monday-Thursday. Full day of school on Friday, April 1.

April 29—No Boys and Girls Club—closed for staff development

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.

Spokane Public Schools complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, marital status, race, color, creed, national origin, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability, sexual orientation including gender expression or gender identity, or honorably discharged veteran or military status. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's Title IX/Staff Civil Rights Officer, ADA Officer and/or Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)/Student Civil Rights/504 Compliance Officer. Title IX/Staff Civil Rights Officer, Tennille Jeffries-Simmons, (509) 354-7265 * Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)/Student Civil Rights/504 Compliance Officer, Wendy Bleecker, (509) 354-7393 * ADA Officer, Tennille Jeffries-Simmons (509) 354-7265 * Affirmative Action Officer, Mary Templeton, (509) 354-5961* Equal Opportunity Officer, Ramon Alvarez, (509) 354-7344* 200 N. Bernard Street, Spokane, WA 99201-0206.