

# Libby Leader

Odyssey

3/28/16

***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. All conferences will be scheduled.***

## **Boys & Girls/Be Great Club Will be at 2 Locations This Summer**

Northtown Club

544 E. Providence Ave., Spokane, WA 99207

509.489.0741

Lisa Stiles-Gyllenhammer Club

12509 N. Market St., Mead, WA 99021

509.368.9175

There will **not** be a Boys & Girls/Be Great Club this summer at Libby.

## **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*

## Libby/Odyssey 5<sup>th</sup> Grade *Math is Cool* Team Brings Home Hardware

Friday afternoon was a beautiful spring day. Perfect for math.

The Odyssey team brought 13 students to the EWU campus to participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Math is Cool competition. Some schools brought as few as four students, while others brought more than 20. The Odyssey students were coached by Sam Numata's grandma Carol, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Lincoln Heights, who said they "are amazing mathematicians."

Students first compete individually in mental math and individual tests. They then compete as teams of four in a team multiple choice, a team test, a relay. After a break for dinner, they compete in a college bowl and then gather back together for the evening awards ceremony. Samir Olivas said, "I had a great time and learned a lot from the experience."



The awards ceremony was held in the overcrowded student union building at EWU where most schools sported colorful, coordinated team t-shirts with great designs like "Rise to the Equation", "Keep Calm and Do the Math" and "Mathletes." It was really great to see all these 5<sup>th</sup> grade students so excited about math.



The Odyssey team brought home the first place team trophy, as well as seven of the top eight individual trophies. Shane Johansen finished 8<sup>th</sup> and Emma Wald got 7<sup>th</sup>. According to Emma, it was "so much fun, harder than last year, but really fun. I can't wait to do it next year."

Also placing, Amelia Shriver got 5<sup>th</sup> and Sam Numata took home 4<sup>th</sup> place. Rachel Stelling, Grace Louie and Jaemason Long all finished with the same score, but were awarded 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> respectively based on tiebreakers.

Based on the results, they have qualified a team of four to compete at the state competition in Moses Lake in May. Congratulations Odyssey 5<sup>th</sup> graders!

The competing team members were:

Josh Elrod

Sam Numata

Emma Wald

Shane Johansen

Samir Olivas

Molly Wisor

Grace Louie

Amelia Shriver

Max Woolf

Gracy-Anne Long

Rachel Stelling

Jaemason Long

Elliot Vanderlouw

Joining in practice, but not competing were Jasmine Nguyen and Zoey Coleman.

*Submitted by Mr. Craig Numata*

## Libby's Science Club is Headed to State!

Libby's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade science club had a great day at the regional Science Olympiad competition. Out of 18 middle school teams, our total group score placed Libby 5<sup>th</sup> in the competition, allowing us to advance to the state Science Olympiad on April 16<sup>th</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Crave the Wave*

*Matt Lindsey and Luis Mai: 1<sup>st</sup> Meteorology*

*Noah Schilbe and Sammy Morozov: 2<sup>nd</sup> Bio Process Lab*

*Rohini Kilaru and Ella Fornof: 2<sup>nd</sup> Disease Detectives*

*Sophia Ocker and Daniel Cathey: 2<sup>nd</sup> Fossils*

*Alexis Gagne and Ella Fornof: 3<sup>rd</sup> Dynamic Planet*

*Matt Lindsey and Timothy Nelson: 4<sup>th</sup> Crime Busters*

*Luis Mai, Vishal Malireddi and Suhang Liu: 4<sup>th</sup> Experimental Design*

*Vishal Malireddi and Timothy Nelson: 4<sup>th</sup> 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: 5-8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> through the 1<sup>st</sup> 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-April 1 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 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

[Christopherf@spokaneschools.org](mailto:Christopherf@spokaneschools.org)

FIT FOR BLOOMSDAY PRACTICE SCHEDULE				
April 2016				
Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday
11	12 	13 	14 	15
18	19 	20 	21 	22
25	26 	27 	28 	29

## **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.

## **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!

## **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](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*



**Join Dr. Melissa Johnson, LA based Psychologist, author, & expert on the social world of girls— as she delivers practical strategies, tips, and resources that you can use today to empower your daughter in friendship and life!**

Dr. Johnson will be in Spokane, WA the week of April 11, 2016, and all groups will be held at **Emmaus, 1317 E 12th Ave, Spokane, WA 99202**. If you are interested, please contact Erin Kelly, MA at (213) 272-5147, via email: EKelly@InstituteForGirlsDevelopment.com.

**SIGN UP FOR ONE, TWO OR THREE OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Stand Up! Speak Out!™: Tuesday, April 12th, 6:30pm-8pm**

**Empowering your daughter to navigate her social & emotional worlds** The social world of girls is complex! The media tells us about “mean girls,” and “odd girls out.” Our daughters tell us about conflicts, cliques, sometimes belonging, and sometimes getting left out. And, then there are the challenging emotional ups and downs of friendship.

*What can parents do to help girls navigate the world of friendship and social relationships with resilience?* **Focus**

**Group Wednesday, April 13th, 10:30am-11:30am**

Do you have a daughter between ages 5 – 12? Have you observed that she and/or her peer group face particular challenges as they navigate their friendship worlds? Meet with Dr. Johnson and 8 – 10 parents for a guided discussion

about girls and their friendships. **Girls & Grit™** Wednesday, April 13th, 12pm-1pm (light refreshments 11:30pm-12pm) Other words for grit are courage, determination, indomitable spirit. How can we help our children (girls and boys) develop this kind of passion and persistence as they face life’s challenges?

**Melissa J. Johnson, Ph.D.**, licensed psychologist (PSY 13102), is the founder & CEO of the Institute for Girls’ Development in Pasadena, CA. “I love working on the individual, interpersonal and community levels to help empower girls, their families and their circles of community.” An expert on child and teen development with a Masters in Education and Doctorate in Counseling Psychology, Dr. Johnson has worked with children and teens for over 35 years. At the Institute, Dr. Johnson and her team deliver strength-based therapy, inspiring educational programs, and consultation with schools and districts to help create positive school climates. Her curriculum *Stand Up! Speak Out!™ Empowering Skills for Girls’ Friendships: The Essential Guide for Educators, Youth Program Leaders and Others Who Work with Girls* is now available to provide practical tools for those who mentor girls.

Submitted by Glenda Kohls

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**Overnight CAMP is May 25-27!** Camp paperwork was sent home two weeks ago.

*If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact the office.*

**[debbied@spokaneschools.org](mailto:debbied@spokaneschools.org) or 354-7500.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

**March 29 – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Ice Cream Social – 12:45 to 2:00 – Permission slip required**

**No Blooms Day practice Mar 28-April 8**

**April 1**—National Jr Honor Society applications due to Mrs. Kohls

**April 4-8**—Spring Break

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

**May 25, 26, 27**—CAMP!

**June 3—7/8 Odyssey Dance**, immediately after school in the Libby Cafeteria. Signed permission forms are required to attend.

**June 6 & 7**—Spring Concert at Rogers H.S. Auditorium. Band will perform on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, and strings will perform on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Students should report to the band/strings room at Rogers at 5:30 in concert attire.

**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.