

Libby Leader

Odyssey

3/7/16

Notice: Pesticide Application!

This is to inform you that our annual dormant oil spray will be applied to the trees and shrubs at Libby name on March 9. This spray application consists of 1.5 gallons of mineral oil mixed in 100 gallons of water to cover and kill dormant insect eggs that over winter in our area. A weed and grass control spray will be applied to the shrub beds and mowing strips at on the same day. This spray is to control unwanted grass and weeds in the shrub beds, around the trees and along the street curb areas. Our school has taken steps to keep school children away from these areas for 24 hours following the application of spray. We ask that you and your children refrain from making contact with or playing around the trees and shrubs at our school. A variation from this schedule may occur as a result of inclement weather.

Thank you!

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. More information will be coming soon!

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-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 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 Community School Students will Visit Odyssey 8th Graders

Students from The Community School will be a Libby to share information about their school with current 8th graders who are interested in their program on Thursday, March 10, at noon in room 203. Interested 8th graders should bring their lunch to Room 203.

Odyssey Robotics Club (ORC) – March 14- May 16

This skill-building club will be offered after the FIRST Lego League (FLL) competition season is over. Students will refine skills and grow a new group of competitors. Participants will learn and practice design and programming skills to advance as competitors in the next FLL season. Students will also practice teamwork and operated under the FLL code of conduct, *Core Values*. Open to 5th-8th graders, but limited to the first 20 who apply (**application is at the end**

of this newsletter, or available in the office). The club will meet in Mike Cantlon's room, Mondays from 2:30-4:00—but not on April 4.

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.odysseypdg.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

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

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

Sophia Ocker

Timothy Nelson

Alexis Gagne

Noah Schilbe

Alex Lei

Sammy Morozov

Luis Mai

Suhang Li

Vishal Malireddi

Matt Lindsey

Daniel Cathey

Ella Fornof

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 24 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 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!

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 10—Noon—Students from The Community School will visit with interested 8th graders about the program at their school, Libby Room 203. Interested 8th graders should bring their lunch to room 203.

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 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. 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.

>>> ODYSSEY ROBOTICS CLUB INFO ON NEXT 3 PAGES >>>

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.

Odyssey Robotics Club (ORC) Skill Building : March 14th – May 2nd, 2016

Though this will be a non-competition session, all participating students, coaches and mentors are expected to uphold the FIRST LEGO League **Core Values** as sound principles for club activity. We will be working together in teams because we share resources (robots) and are developing our skills for next season's FLL competition (and beyond). Club time is not recess, and not for Lego free building.

FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Core Values

1. We are a team.
2. We do the work to find solutions with guidance from our coaches and mentors.
3. We know our coaches and mentors don't have all the answers; we learn together.
4. We honor the spirit of friendly competition.
5. What we discover is more important than what we win.
6. We share our experiences with others.

7. We display **Gracious Professionalism®** and **Coopertition®** in everything we do.

8. We have FUN!

Gracious Professionalism®

Dr. Woodie Flowers, *FIRST* National Advisor and Pappalardo Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, coined the term "Gracious Professionalism®."

It's a way of doing things that encourages high-quality work, emphasizes the value of others, and respects individuals and the community.

Gracious professionals learn and compete like crazy, but treat one another with respect and kindness in the process. They avoid treating anyone like losers. Knowledge, competition, and empathy are comfortably blended.

In the long run, Gracious Professionalism is part of pursuing a meaningful life. One can add to society and enjoy the satisfaction of knowing one has acted with integrity and sensitivity.

Coopertition®

Coopertition is displaying unqualified kindness and respect in the face of fierce competition.

Coopertition is founded on the concept and a philosophy that teams can and should help and cooperate with each other even as they compete. Coopertition involves learning from teammates. It is teaching teammates. It is learning from Mentors. And it is managing and being managed. Coopertition means competing always, but assisting and enabling others when you can.

I _____, as an ORC member, pledge to uphold the
(please print full name)

FLL **Core Values**, and develop my understanding and ability to demonstrate the principles of **Gracious Professionalism®** and **Coopertition®**.

Grade: _____ Home Room or Advisory Teacher: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

As parent/guardian, I have read and reviewed the above expectations with my student, and will support my student in exploring the importance of teamwork.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Activity Permission Form

PTG or Parent-Sponsored Activity

Name of Student *(Please Print)*

Name of Parent/Guardian *(Please Print)*

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of the above named student, give my permission for my child to participate in the PTG or Parent-Sponsored Activity described as follows:

Date & Time of Activity: Mondays, March 14 through May 12 2015, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm Description of Activities: 2016 Odyssey Robotics Club - Skill Building Session

I understand that this is not a school-sponsored event. I understand that parents are responsible for transportation. **All students are to be picked up promptly at 4:00 pm** - OR -

I give permission for student release to the **Be Great Club** at Libby Center (must be a member)

Medical Information and Release

The following special health problems concerning my student should be noted – if none, please check “none”:

Heart condition
Hemophilia
Diabetes
None

Allergy (specify below whether food, bee sting, etc.)
Asthma
Other

Describe condition noted above with particularity, including any medication or other instructions:

In the event of a medical emergency, I hereby authorize the supervisor/chaperone to secure medical attention or hospitalization for my child.

My child's physician is _____, at _____
Physician phone number: _____

I understand medical insurance for my son/daughter for purposes of this activity is not provided, and I am solely responsible for providing such insurance and for payment of any medical treatment expenses for my child that are not covered by insurance.

Contacts

My contacts are:

Home phone Work phone Cell phone E-mail (parent/guardian)
Alternative emergency contact:

Name *(Please Print)*

Phone

I have read the foregoing information, verifying its accuracy, and agree to the statements made above:

Signature

Date

ODYSSEY ROBOTICS CLUB

SKILL BUILDING

WHAT

non-competition robotics

WHEN

Mondays, 2:30-4:00 pm

March 14th through May 2nd

The club will not meet April 4th

WHERE

Cantlon's room & Libby library

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Class size is limited to first 20 to sign up

GRADES

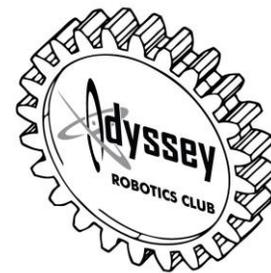
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LEARN

**robot design
line follower code
using sensors
pair programming**

USING

**Lego NXT & EV3
robots & software
FLL 2015 game
board
Libby library lab
FLL *Core Values***



**No participation
fee for this non-
competition
session**