

# Libby Leader

Odyssey

4/10/17

**\*This Friday, April 14 is an early release day. Students will be dismissed at 1:15.\***

**\*There will be no Fit for Bloomsday practice on Tuesday, April 11.\***

**\*ASB Applications are due on the morning of Thursday, April 13. Be sure to proofread!\***

## Odyssey Video Production Opportunity

Are you interested in video production? We are looking for passionate, creative students who are interested in creating short, informational Odyssey-related videos. Duties will involve script writing, camera operating, and acting. Please complete the application located outside Mrs. Kohls' office or obtain one from Ms. Oakes. Submit to Mrs. Kohls by Friday, April 14.

## Parent Drop-off and Pick-up Survey Link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/92Y8BJB>

Parents, if you regularly pick up and drop off your student at Libby (that is, they do not take the bus), please take a quick 2 question survey to help us determine the best future pick-up and drop-off areas for car riders. The link above will take you to Survey Monkey, where your responses will be anonymous. Don't hesitate to call us at Libby (354-7500) if you have any questions or concerns about this survey. The map below may help you as you answer the questions about where you pick up and drop off your student(s). Thank you in advance for your help!

- A. Across the street from the front entrance to the school
- B. Right at the front entrance to the school (student does not have to cross the street)
- C. Across the street from the cafeteria entrance on S. Haven St
- D. Right next to the cafeteria entrance on S. Haven St (student does not have to cross the street)
- E. Behind the school on E Pacific Ave
- F. I drop off my child at a different location.



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**THE WEEK OF APRIL 10 THROUGH APRIL 14 IS THE THIRD STUDENT RIDERSHIP SURVEY WEEK OF THE YEAR. IF YOU ARE AN ELIGIBLE BUS RIDER, AND PLAN ON RIDING THE BUS DURING THIS SCHOOL YEAR, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO RIDE THE BUS FROM HOME TO SCHOOL THIS WEEK. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE AND THINK THAT YOU ARE ELIGIBLE, PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE TO CLARIFY YOUR ELIGIBILITY.**

## **Robotics Club Has Ended for This School Year.**

Lego Parents,

Unfortunately, I had some new commitments come up so we will have to call it a spring for Lego Robotics. I would like to thank all the kids who participated and the parents who volunteered for their time and energy over a fun four weeks. In the fall there will be the First Lego League competition where teams of up to 10 kids can compete in robot games in early December. I will advertise in the fall when it comes time again with more details-the theme this next fall will be Hydro Dynamics!

Thanks,

Evan

## **Odyssey Leadership & ASB**

Applications for ASB Officers for the school year 2017-2018 are now available for current 6th and 7th graders! Deadline for submission of applications is **THE MORNING OF APRIL 13**. Applicants will be interviewed by Odyssey staff during the week of April 17. If your son or daughter maintains a g.p.a. of at least a 3.0 and has a keen desire to be involved in Odyssey leadership activities, please encourage him or her to apply. Application forms can be found on the ASB bulletin board near

Mrs. Kohls' office. *Please note that incomplete applications and applications that are illegible or contain misspellings will automatically be disqualified, making students ineligible for an interview. Please encourage your child to accept help with proofreading.*

### **APEX Fun Run Fundraiser will take place April 10-20.**

Odyssey's PTG is excited to introduce you to this semester's only major fundraiser, the Apex Fun Run! The Apex Fun Run will last almost 2 weeks and will kick off with a Pep Rally on April 11th at 12:45 (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>) and 1:35 (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>).

Please look for your child's Pledge Kit that they will receive on that day. We will have emails coming from your teachers. Please feel free to visit [www.apexfunrun.com](http://www.apexfunrun.com) to hear 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 Apex Legends, where students will follow Tikes, Seeds, Specs, Jazz, and Wheels through the pages of their legendary adventure to discover JJ Cortez's hidden treasure. Along the way these five friends discover what it truly means to be a Legendary leader:

- o Learn
- o Engage
- o Give
- o Empower
- o Never Quit
- o Do



During the Apex Fun Run, students are challenged to get pledges for the laps they will run on Thursday April 20th 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 1/16th of a mile). Sponsors can pledge \$1, \$2, \$5 or any other 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 playground, technology and other PTA sponsored programs and events!

Apex takes a % of the collections based on a sliding scale. Last year 50% of the funds collected went to Apex, but about 85% of that went directly back to the school in shirts, prizes, posters, bracelets, pledge kits, etc. In addition to all of that, the school also receives the leadership program. With Apex, after the split last year, Odyssey kept a little over \$9,000.00.

**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 are as follows:**

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| Fun Run 1 | <b>12:30-1:15</b> | Grades <b>4, 5</b>    |
| Fun Run 2 | <b>1:30 -2:15</b> | Grades <b>6, 7, 8</b> |

For parents: <https://vimeo.com/173694175> you can help our school be successful in the following four ways:

- Help connect your child to potential sponsors (family/friends) to acquire pledges.
- Ask your child about the “Legend” character lessons, and download the “Apex Fun Run” App!
- Come to the Apex Fun Run and don’t forget to invite others to attend our fun-filled community event on our field.
- Help volunteer for the race! We need a few parents to help cheer on students and mark laps. If you would like to volunteer for your student’s race, please contact Bree Hernandez at [corabreehernandez@gmail.com](mailto:corabreehernandez@gmail.com).

## High School Spanish Offered to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders in Odyssey

Odyssey 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders have the opportunity to enroll in High School Spanish I and Spanish II. Both are yearlong classes. Spanish is not an exploratory language class, but rather a high school class, using district curriculum, final exams and proficiency rubrics. Students will have the opportunity to earn high school credit.

- Spanish class at the Libby center will be offered in a flipped model of blended learning. Students will be in the actual classroom for ½ of the time. The remainder of the instruction and practice will be delivered through online lessons and content. This may mean 5-7 hours of weekly work outside of class time.
- Students will be enrolled in Fitness and Health the other two days.
- Spanish will be taken in lieu of other electives.
- Students need reliable access to a computer and internet. Students should also have access to a backup plan (neighbor, library, grandmother’s house, etc.).

Current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students have received an application, with an invitation to **an informational meeting on April 20 at 5:30 here at Libby.**

If we receive more applications than we have seats available, there will be a lottery. All applications are due on April 24. Extra application forms are available in the office.

## Yearbook Forms Have Been Distributed

Green Yearbook forms should be submitted with payment of \$11.00 to homeroom teachers by Friday, April 21. Please make checks payable to Libby ASB. Yearbooks will be delivered in June.

## Summer Camp Opportunities at Whitworth University

Whitworth University in Spokane, offers two summer camps for gifted kids, **Camp Metamorphosis** and **Camp Opportunity**. Camp Opportunity is for students entering grades 6-9. Camp Metamorphosis is for students entering grades 4-6. Both camps have been very popular with the Libby Center students. Please see the attached fliers if you are interested.



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## 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will attend Career Fair

8th Grade Career Expo at will be at NEWTECH on Wednesday, April 26 from approximately 12:30 - 2:15.

### Second Harvest Food Drive

ASB is sponsoring a Second Harvest Food Drive, which will take place March 13 - April 12. Please bring non-perishable items.

### Odyssey 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders to go to College Camp at WSU May 24-26

We are excited that our 2017 Odyssey College Camp is fast approaching. This year we will again go to Washington State University, which is located about an hour away in Pullman, WA. We are scheduled to depart for camp from Libby on Wednesday morning May 24, and will return to Libby in the afternoon on Friday, May 26. This college camp experience is unique to Odyssey, and recent parent/teacher surveys confirm numerous benefits that our students enjoy. You can be sure that a great deal more information will be coming your way in the next weeks, but we want to give you an estimated cost so you can begin to budget. Mike Cantlon and Gabe Piper have been working closely with staff at WSU and ***at this time we believe the cost will be at least \$130.00, but no more than \$150.00.*** There will be scholarships available for families who may need help with this cost. Please contact Debbie Donohue at 354-7500 for financial assistance in the form of a PTG scholarship (full or partial).

Many parent volunteers will be needed to ensure the safety and well-being of our students. There will be a "So, You Want To Go To Camp" later in the spring **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. All applications will be accepted, and selection will be by lottery, with considerations to number of male/females needed.

Much more information about camp will be sent to you in the coming weeks. But if you have any immediate questions or concerns about camp or the budget for camp, please do not hesitate to call me at 354-7500, or email me at [debrade@spokaneschools.org](mailto:debrade@spokaneschools.org).

### Odyssey Passive Fundraising Opportunity

For those of you looking for the link to Amazon that will help support Odyssey PTG and the Libby Center: <http://amzn.to/2cD7gPG>

It is also on the Odyssey PTG website [odysseyptg.org](http://odysseyptg.org). Please help support our school with passive fundraising! We earned almost \$500 in the 4th quarter of 2016. We can grow that a lot!

And don't forget to install the Benefit Mobile app on your phone. Only three people used the app for [Odyssey PTG](http://OdysseyPTG.org) in the 4th quarter and earned \$100! Let's multiply that by 100!

*Submitted by Jeff Daniels*

## Still Collecting Box Tops

\*\* Odyssey families and staff-- thanks so much for all your help collecting Box Tops for our school! \*\*

We will continue to collect through the rest of this school year for next school year in the hope that few will expire. Odyssey receives 10¢ for every unexpired Box Top that is collected. Class Cup points will also be awarded for all Box Tops collected. Please send in all your Box Tops, Bonus Box Tops receipts, and Labels for Education to your student's classroom.

*Any Campbell's Labels for Education collected will be donated to another school.*

## Are you interested in being a Guest Teacher (aka substitute) at Libby?

If you have a bachelor's degree, and go through the district's guest teacher orientation, you can be a guest teacher at Libby! You can choose to substitute only at Libby if that is what you prefer. Interested? Call us at 354-7500 for more information.

## High School Credit for Eligible Courses Taken at Middle Level

Students who take and receive a passing grade at middle level for high school courses (i.e Spanish, Algebra, or Geometry) may, upon the request of the parent and student, obtain high school credit (Spokane Public Schools Procedure 4410). The credit may be requested for successful completion of the course(s). If a credit is requested, the course and the grade received for the course become a permanent part of the student's transcript.

**To receive high school credit for an eligible course, obtain, complete, sign, and return the form to your high school counselor.**

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## Math is Cool Competitions

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: April

## Early Release Fridays

On early release Fridays, Libby students will be dismissed at 1:15 PM. These dates are:

~~September 30~~  
~~October 28~~  
~~November 18~~  
~~December 2~~

~~January 13~~  
~~February 10~~  
~~February 24~~  
~~March 10~~

~~March 24~~  
~~April 14~~  
~~April 28~~  
~~May 19~~

# Libby Center CHESS CLUB

**SCHEDULE: After School on Fridays for one hour: 2:45 – 3:45 pm**

Jan 6, 13(ER), 20 Feb 3, 10(ER), 24(ER) Mar 3, 10(ER), 17, 24(ER), 31 Apr 14(ER), 21 (ER) "Early Release"  
days chess club meets at 1:15 pm.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

**March 13-April 12**—Second Harvest Food Drive

**April 10 to 21**—APEX Fund Run (exact day of run is April 20)

**April 11**—Apex Assemblies

**April 13**—ASB Applications due

**April 14**—Early Release

**April 20**—APEX Fun run (4/5 at 12:30; 6/7/8 at 1:30, hopefully outside)

**April 20**—5:30 High School Spanish at Libby Information Night

**April 24**—HS Spanish applications due

**April 26**—8<sup>th</sup> Graders to attend NewTech Career Fair

**April 28**—Early Release

**May 19**—Early Release

**May 24, 25, 26**—College Camp at WSU for grades 6, 7, & 8



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