

Libby Leader

Odyssey

4/18/17

Next PTG meeting is this Wednesday, April 19 at 6:00. Please join us!

State Testing, AKA SBAC, to begin the week of April 24, and will continue through May 12.

Grade 4 and 5 will take ELA on 4/24, 4/26, and Math on 5/1, 5/3

Grade 6 will take ELA on 5/8-9, and Math on 5/10, 5/11

Grade 7 and 8 will take ELA on 4/25, 4/27, and Math on 5/2, 5/4

Science is only tested in grades 5 and 8:

Grade 5-on 5/9

Grade 8-on 5/10

Make ups will be completed by Friday, May 12.

Parents of 6, 7 & 8th Graders Going to Camp

If you are interested in chaperoning this two night camping trip (***we head to WSU on Wed, May 24 and return Friday, May 26***), please attend a meeting here at Libby on Thursday, April 27 at 6:00. As stated in the camp article below, 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" on Thursday, April 27 at 6:00 in rm 158A (Mr. Piper's room) **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.

Register online now to ride the bus next year!

All eligible bus riders in Spokane Public Schools must register online to ride the bus.

How? Visit spokaneschools.org/BusRegistration

You can check your eligibility there too.

Registration opens **May 1 and closes June 30**.

No computer? Just stop by your neighborhood school through June 20 and use one there. After June 20, visit the SPS administration building at 200 N. Bernard.

Specific bus route information will be posted by the second week of August.

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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APEX Fun Run Fundraiser will take place April 10-21.

Odyssey is enjoying this semester's only major fundraiser, the Apex Fun Run! The Apex Fun Run will last for the rest of this week. The actual Fun Run is this Thursday. Fourth and fifth grade will run at 12:30, and grades 6, 7 & 8 will run at 1:30.

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



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.

High School Spanish Offered to 7th and 8th Graders in Odyssey

Odyssey 7th and 8th 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 6th and 7th 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.

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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8th Graders will attend Career Fair

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

Odyssey 6th, 7th, and 8th 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).

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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.

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. 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

4th 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~~

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

April 21—Yearbook orders are due

April 19—6:00 PTG Meeting

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—High School Spanish applications due

April 26—8th Graders to attend NewTech Career Fair



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April 27—6:00 So You Want to Go to Camp Parent Meeting, rm 158A

April 28—Early Release

May 19—Early Release

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

May 29—Memorial Day—**NO SCHOOL!**

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