

Notes from the May Odyssey PTG Meeting on May 20th

Update from our Principal

Fall Planning:

- We are working through our phases and guidelines for reopening with the Health Department and District to keep students and staff safe, school may look different in the Fall
- The State and District are working on models of how school may run including options for a blend of in-person and online schooling, staggered schedules and safety protocols
- The many possibilities being considered for the Fall by the School Board will be finalized closer to the beginning of the Fall term
- School Board is being diligent to recover money and save wherever possible to avoid a financial emergency and are also seeking CARES funding

Odyssey Hiring:

- Odyssey will be adding a new teacher to teach Math and other subjects in the middle school grades, as the classes transitioning from 6th and 7th grades are larger than the current 8th grade class

End-of-the- Year Celebrations

- 8th Grade Promotion is scheduled for June 17th and the Language Immersion Kindergarten End of Year Celebration is scheduled for June 18th – both on Zoom

New Students for Odyssey

- We are still looking for students who are interested in attending Odyssey
- An online assessment is being developed to help students apply remotely
- If you know of a student that is interested in attending, please steer them to Odyssey Administration

Virtual Events

Silverwood Read2Ride

- Reading logs should have been turned in by the May 8th deadline
- All tickets that were registered to be emailed have been emailed out to students. If you have any questions or have not received your emailed ticket, please reach out to your student's ELA teacher (homeroom teacher for 4th & 5th and Ms. Arp for 6th)
- Students who requested paper tickets can pick up them up when they come back to school to pick up personal items at the end of the schoolyear

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8th Grade Promotion

- Will be on Zoom on June 17th at 6:30 pm – 8th Grade Parents can register for the Zoom Ceremony at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054daaad29a3ff2-20202>
- 8th Grade Parents are asked to submit pictures of their students to enikkifrazier@gmail.com by June 5th to be included in the ceremony

Digital Spring Book Fair

- The Language Immersion PTG is hosting a digital book fair to benefit the Libby Center Library and have asked Odyssey to participate
- Books will be ordered online and shipped directly to the students' homes with free shipping for orders over \$25, so families can order together to save on shipping

Teacher's Lounge

- Language Immersion has asked Odyssey to participate in a drink drive to help stock the refrigerator for the teachers and staff as a welcome back surprise in the Fall — sign up genius for parents suggested by Nikki

Planning for Next Year

- Most of our Officers and Committee Chairs have come to the end of their terms (officers serve a 2-year term)
- There will be a PTG Leadership Information Night via Zoom on June 3rd
- More information will be coming out on Peachjar

Budget

- Our budget is not robust because our 2 big fundraisers in the Spring were not able to happen, we need to understand what will be requested from the teachers and staff in order to plan for next year
A Budget is attached

Staff and Teacher Needs

- Since we are working with such a constrained budget, we are asking that teachers and staff submit their financial needs to the PTG before June 10 to help us understand what we may need to budget for next year
- Nikki and Ms. Stretch will connect offline to discuss

2020 – 2021 Socials and Events Planning

- The PTG will be working on setting up a calendar of events for next year based on what may be possible
- Fundraising, teacher support and student socials will be a priority as we safely head into next year
- We will have a planning call on May 27th to discuss this in detail via zoom

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Open Items

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)

- NJHS is open to qualifying students who had a 3.0 GPA or higher based on the 1st semester of the 2019-2020 academic year
- This is open to students in 6th & 7th grades and an invitation will come to qualifying students in the upcoming weeks with a link for the application
- There will be a fall induction ceremony with dates TBA
- NJHS is a great springboard into the National Honor Society for high school students. Once you are in NJHS, you are automatically eligible for the NHS in high school including all the benefits, leadership development, community events, camps and college application help that comes with it

Odyssey Yearbook

- The staff and volunteers have completed the 2019-2020 yearbook and it is available for sale by checking out Peachjar or going directly to the link below
- https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1118413/Libby-Center/2020-Yearbook/20200423041543943115/CATALOG_SHOP/?utm_content=YBK-YBA-Comp1-CTA-Headline&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=YBK_MER479122473_YBA_SY20_COVID19_PARENTS_STUDENTS_&utm_source=exacttarget&utm_term=Trigger+Overflow
- Yearbooks will be distributed by the school on June 23rd or 24th at the earliest

8th Grade Chalk

- Chalk is an 8th grade publication that is a student organized process and features hand-drawn portraits of each 8th graders and other creative contributions
- We are hoping to send the book on June 5th to the printers and hoping to get it back by June 12th for distribution before the end of the year
- PTG typically funds the copies and we have \$1500 budgeted for this and funds available
- Vote: Shawna proposed, and Olmstead seconded; vote approved to fund by \$1500

Picking up Items Left at School

- June 8-12th will likely be the week that your student will be able to pick up personal items with social distancing, but a formal announcement will be coming from the school on May 29th covering items to be returned and processes for retrieving them from the school
- Masks are encouraged

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SEAT (Social Emotional Advisory Team)

- SEAT is finalizing Ideas for helping kids/parents including ways to document this historical event, or book club ideas for kids and support for parents and teachers
- Contact Grace Ko if you have any ideas
- Character Strong curriculum for students will continue to help kids reflect upon the isolation and/or continuing in this quarantine
- Next SEAT Meeting on May 28th

CAC Update

- If parents do not feel comfortable sending their students back to school in the Fall then there are options for homeschooling
- Laptops that have already been checked out are to be kept throughout the summer
- For more information, go to:
<https://go.boarddocs.com/wa/spokane/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BFRPRM615491>

Next PTG Meeting will be held on June 10th via Zoom

Upcoming Events

- **May 27 @ 7:00 pm Odyssey Events Planning for 2020 -2021**
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87085331813?pwd=MkxzRXVvZ3FreXBaODhuQnZkZUZkdz09> Meeting ID: 870 8533 1813 Password: 709195
- **May 28 @ 6:00 pm SEAT Meeting – Check Out Peachjar for details**
- **May 28 @ 7:00 pm – Last 8th Grade Promotion Planning Call**
- **June 3 @ 7:00 pm PTG Leadership Information Night via Zoom**
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86133949639?pwd=UmtlZFI6VWVhIWUxIVnI1QVRRMlhjUT09> Meeting ID: 861 3394 9639 Password: 139850
- **June 8th – June 12th Parent Pickup Student Items from School**
- **June 10 @ 6:00 pm Last PTG Meeting**