

BULLETIN BOARD

March 9
6 p.m.
Community
outreach with the
SPS school board
at Audubon
Elementary

March 31
5:30-7 p.m.
Jefferson
Elementary
design open house
Drop by and see
the latest plan for
the new building



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FEBRUARY 2011

Congratulations to Logan Elementary's Distinguished Educator Team

To help develop professional learning communities at each of our schools, Spokane Public Schools each semester recognizes Distinguished Educator Teams that are working collaboratively to improve student learning.

The first Distinguished Educator Team for 2011 is **Logan Elementary's Sixth Grade/Special Education team of Doug Joslyn, Sandra Rendle, Linda Berlin and Vickie Berryman.**

Logan Principal Lisa Pacheco nominated the team, saying they are "representative of the kind of educators that all should aspire to emulate. Their dedication and commitment is evidenced by the endless hours they spend collaborating to improve their teaching. These professionals meet several times during the day to discuss problems of practice and design lessons to best meet the needs of their students."

Logan recently was recognized as the State Title I Distinguished School for exceeding annual yearly progress in reading, and also received the State Academic Achievement Award for improved reading scores. Pacheco said these awards were received in large part due to the sixth grade's scores on the state assessment, which have consistently been above 80 percent.

"These teachers connect with students in a positive way and have created a learning environment that is respectful and welcoming," she wrote. "Their ability to instill a love of learning with the students they serve has been paramount to their success."

Thank you to corporate sponsors UBS and Luigi's Italian Restaurant for making this program possible.



From left: Vickie Berryman, Linda Berlin, Sandra Rendle and Doug Joslyn.

Rogers celebrates historic status

Join us to celebrate John R. Rogers High School's recent honor of being listed on the "National Register of Historic Places" and the "Washington Heritage Register" Thursday, March 24, at 7 p.m. in the Rogers High School auditorium, 1622 E. Wellesley.

Following a brief ceremony, please stay and enjoy the John R. Rogers High School drama department's spring 2011 production of "The Wizard of Oz," performed in the renovated and nationally recognized Spokane landmark.



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Raikes helps transition

The Raikes Foundation recently awarded Spokane Public Schools a \$150,000 grant to develop a transition plan for students moving from sixth to seventh grade.

The grant will be used to implement effective transition strategies for Shaw and Garry middle schools' feeder schools – Bemiss, Cooper, Logan, Regal, Stevens, Arlington, Lidgerwood, Linwood, Longfellow, Madison, Whitman and Willard elementaries.

While officials are only in the fact-finding stages, they expect the plan to include such strategies as personalizing the registration process, increasing parent involvement and providing more opportunities for sixth graders to visit middle schools. Social/emotional supports will be a key focus as well, with an aim to help students feel they are part of a school community.

SPRINT orientation March 15

An orientation for parents interested in SPRINT is Tuesday, March 15, at 6 p.m. at Shaw Middle School. SPRINT is a parent participation program for parents of middle-school students in Spokane Public Schools. The seventh and eighth grade students attend classes at Shaw.

The program is based on the assumption that parents have the right to be involved in their children's education, but also the responsibility to provide input for decision making in the program. Teachers, students, and parents work together as a team to help each student achieve his or her potential. Those self-motivated students who are excited by learning through research, observation, and interaction often excel in SPRINT.

Kindergarten registration starts on March 7

Families with students who will be 5 on or before Aug. 31 take note: It's time to register for kindergarten! Spokane Public Schools is eager to welcome new students to the SPS family. To help kindergarteners get excited about school, SPS provides each with a special, brightly colored tote filled with educational activities that families can work on together.

Starting March 7 through the end of the school year, families should register at their neighborhood elementary school between 8:15 a.m.-3:45 p.m. To find out which school boundary an address falls within, check spokaneschools.org, click on "Parents" and look in the Parent toolbox. Or call 354-5900 and we can help. To register, bring a birth certificate or other verification of age and immunization record.

New student registration continues during the summer at the Administration Building, 200 N. Bernard, weekdays from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Spokane Public Schools complies with all federal and state laws and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation including gender identity, creed, Vietnam-era veteran or disabled veteran status. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities.

Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's Title IX officer and/or Section 504/ADA coordinator, Title IX Officer, Jon Swett, (509) 354-7399 * Section 504 Coordinator, Wendy Blecker, (509) 354-7248 * ADA Officer, Mark Anderson, (509) 354-7272 * Affirmative Action Officer, Ivan Bush, (509) 354-7344* 200 N. Bernard Street, Spokane, WA 99201-0201.

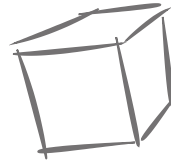
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Join the fun at Blockfest



BlockFest is an interactive exhibit that provides families with young children (8 and under) a chance to learn about math and science as they play with blocks in their socks!



Join us
Saturday, March 19
10 a.m.—2 p.m.
Garry Middle School
725 E. Joseph Ave.



This event is FREE to families. Sessions start every hour. Admission to this event is by registration only: Call 209-2632 or email: blockfest@hotmail.com

Representatives from Spokane Public Schools will be available to answer questions about kindergarten registration.



Browne Elementary fourth grader Abbi Rosselli enjoyed the celebration of her school's 100th anniversary on the 100th day of school, Feb. 11. The event included a display of books, photos and toys from the early 1900s to present.

Rockin' Art silent auction featuring selected works by Spokane Public Schools students

Friday, May 6, from 7-10 p.m. at the Lincoln Center, 1316 N. Lincoln St.

Enjoy snacks and libations. Dance to the rock-n-roll stylings of The 8 Tracks.

Suggested minimum donation \$10
Proceeds benefit the SPS Foundation

