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LION'S ROAR

News from Logan Elementary School

January 21, 2020

Principal's Corner

Good day to each of you,

On February 9th, a replacement levy for Spokane Public Schools will be on the ballot. One of the questions that I have been asked is why the school district needs this money during a pandemic while we are building a number of brand new schools?

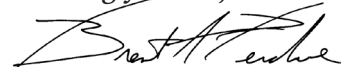
The answer to this great question is fairly straight forward. When voters pass a bond measure, those dollars can only be used for buildings. The school district may not use a penny of that money to fund other things. So even in the middle of a pandemic, the money slated for building, cannot be diverted to other needs.

Levies, on the other hand, are for learning and are used to provide staffing positions (like nurses, counselors, custodians), extra-curricular programs, and learning supports that the state does not pay for. To provide one example, the state funds 5 nurses to support 29,000 students. That's one nurse per 5,800 students. Or to dive a little deeper, if elementary schools were to average 500 students each, a nurse would have to cover 12 different schools without levy dollars.

So, when a family member, friend or neighbor asks you about why the district is running a levy at the same time brand new schools are built, you can share that **bonds are for buildings, levies are for learning!**

If you have any questions about the upcoming levy, I would be happy to talk with you.

Wishing you well,



Brent A. Perdue

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Family and community members are encouraged to like Logan on Facebook to keep up on the latest happenings and to see many more pictures of events than are able to fit in an issue of The Lion's Roar.

Crossing Guards and Noon Supervisors Needed!



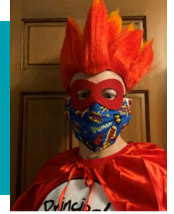
Logan is in need of substitutes to serve as morning and afternoon crossing patrol guards, as well as substitutes for the lunchroom and playground during the noon hour when regular employees are away. Most regular employees get hired on after first starting as a substitute, and rarely do they have to work very long before being hired on a more permanent basis. The wage for these positions is \$13.69 per hour. And while a background and fingerprint check is required for employment with Spokane Public Schools, Logan will pay the associated fees for anyone after 10 hours of service. It is a great way to get outdoors, interact with students and become more involved in the school that your child or children attend. For more information, please call the Logan office at 354-3434 between the hours of 8 and 4 pm.

Attendance Hotline:
354-3496

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, religion, 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 officers listed on our website at www.spokaneschools.org/nondiscrimination.

CAPTAIN COVID'S CAVE

Watch New Episodes of Captain COVID each week on Logan's YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/2YURtUC>



Good day COVID Cadets, With 3rd graders starting yesterday, 4th graders starting back February 3 and 5th and 6th graders coming back a couple weeks after that, it is important to remember all of the safety precautions that I have been teaching you about. Wearing a mask and washing your hands frequently are two ways and staying socially distant is the third. But social distancing at school can be difficult when there are a lot of people in the building. But fear not, Logan has a safety plan, and they need your help to make sure it works!

Throughout the building, there

are dots on the floor that will show you how far six feet is. Dots are even in the restrooms to make sure you know how to keep yourself safe and distant from students in other classrooms. This means that some of the sinks and such are closed in the bathrooms to make sure distance is maintained.

Recesses are also different this year. For COVID safety, you will need to stay with your own class during recess. This will mean that you and your classmates are assigned to a specific part of the playground at lunch to start. Then, every 10 minutes, a bell rings and

Remember Captain COVID's 3 W's:

- Wear a Mask
- Wash Your Hands
- Watch Your Distance

your group will get to move to a different part of the playground to play.

I know how hard all this is! But hang in there, we will get past this pandemic if we keep working together and taking steps to be safe!

Take care cadets!
Captain COVID

Not getting notifications from school?



With school closed last week, some parents may have found that they did not receive recorded voicemails or text messages regarding the closure from the school district or from Logan directly. There are two steps you can take to determine why you are not receiving information.

First, make sure that the school has current phone numbers for you and any emergency contacts. Call Logan at 354.3434 to see if your contact information is accurate.

Next, it is possible that at some point in the past, you took steps to block calls or texts from the school or school district. It is important to note that if you block calls/texts for one school or for the district, it blocks communication from all schools and the district.

Opting back in is easy:

Text (SMS) Messages: Send a text to 60680 with the word "START" from the phone line that opted out.

Phone Calls: Call the Blackboard Phone Hotline at 855.502.7867 from the phone line that has opted out.

Family Medicine Residency Spokane

- 624 East Front Ave Spokane WA 99202 (509)626-9900
- Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00
- Providing full spectrum family medicine care
- Infant, child, adolescent and adult well visits, same day visits for acute illness, chronic disease management, immunizations, sports physicals and more.



Feb. 9 Replacement Levy



The levy is a way for the Spokane community to provide a well-rounded experience for SPS students by funding extracurricular activities, support for students with special needs, and critical health and wellness services. Learn more at spokaneschools.org/levy

What does the levy fund?

School levies support essential programs, staff and services that provide a quality education for our students:

- Nurses
- Counselors
- Behavior specialists
- Student intervention programs
- Special education services
- Technology support
- Smaller class sizes
- Advanced Placement courses
- Athletics
- Arts, music, and drama

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What will the levy cost?

The 2021 levy replaces the expiring 2018 levy and is not a new tax. The total estimated tax rate for schools will be less than in 2018 and prior years.

Estimated tax rates (per \$1,000 of assessed valuation) are:

- 2022: \$2.40
- 2023: \$2.45
- 2024: \$2.50

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