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LION'S ROAR

News from Logan Elementary School

October 29, 2020

Principal's Corner

Greetings Lion Families,

Your Logan staff has been on an equity journey since we first added equity as a focus area in the 2017-2018 school year. This work has seen us explore issues of race, culture and the negative impacts of disciplinary practices that across the nation impact black and brown children disproportionately and leads to what has been termed the school-to-prison pipeline. With roughly 50% of Logan scholars identifying as students of color, it has been an important point of emphasis for our staff, who is almost exclusively white. Past years have seen us work with Sandy Williams, editor of the local Black Lens newspaper, and trainers from the Washington Education Association to help us further our understanding of racial justice and our role as white educators in advancing the conversations about race in America and how implicit bias places barriers in the path of our students' success.

You may or may not know that this past summer, the Spokane School Board passed an equity resolution to help the district prioritize this work. The resolution can be viewed here: <https://bit.ly/3krmIiL>. I feel your Logan Staff have embraced this work already and are excited to see this becoming a district area of focus. And whether you are a person of color or not, it is my sincerest hope that when you walk in to our school, you feel the impact of this work by the warmth, acceptance and support that our Logan staff work so hard to convey.

I encourage each of you to look for a story later in this issue titled "Parent Listening Sessions for Racial Equity" and plan to tune in. The children we share are growing up in a world that is increasingly diverse and global. We can support their future success by helping them strive for greatness, embrace their true selves and work to be actively anti-racist.

In continued partnership,

Brent A. Perdue
Principal, brentp@spokaneschools.org

Daylight Savings Coming Sunday!

Don't forget to turn back your clocks one hour this Sunday for Daylight Savings.



Download the Spokane Public Schools app today

A quick and easy way to so submit your student's daily health check.



Daily Health Checks Required

All students attending school in person must have a daily health check completed each morning. Parents are encouraged to complete the health check before the child leaves home. This helps create a routine, and also gives time for the health check to be registered in the SPS reporting system.

The easiest way to complete the health check is through the Spokane Public Schools app, which is available on Google Play and the Apple App Store.



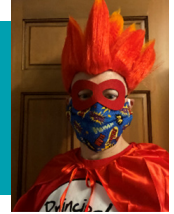
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354-3496

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CAPTAIN COVID'S CAVE

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



Hello COVID Cadets! With Daylight Savings on the way this weekend, I want to take this week to talk about a way to stay safe, that has nothing to do with COVID-19. This Sunday, you will be turning your clocks back one hour.

This means that it will start getting dark earlier according to your clock. And as the daytime hours shorten, it will be very important that you are wearing clothing that allows you to be easily seen if out after dark. Stay safe out there!

Remember Captain COVID's 3 W's:

- W**ear a Mask
- W**ash Your Hands
- W**atch Your Distance



Captain COVID in the Spotlight

Captain COVID was recently featured in a video created by the SPS communications department. If you missed it, check out the silliness at <https://bit.ly/35BEW1a>.

Parent Listening Sessions for Racial Equity

The Spokane Public Schools Office of Family and Community Engagement (OFCE) recently participated in a Parent Listening Session for Racial Equity hosted by a community partner. Seventy parents signed up for this event and discussed the challenges that they have experienced while trying to support their school-age children. The OFCE team in attendance was able to discuss policies and procedures to assist the group, as well as collaborate with parents on building positive connections with school staff.

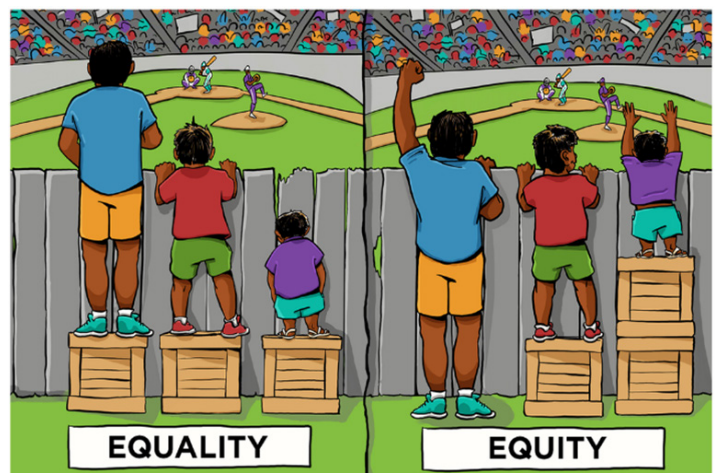
These sessions will be held monthly via Zoom until further notice. Stay tuned for more information from SPS on how to access the Zoom sessions.

Upcoming meeting dates for Parent Listening Session for Racial Equity are as follows:

- Nov. 9, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 14, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

- Jan. 11, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

OFCE will continue to engage families to assist in helping to achieve Spokane Public Schools' vision of ensuring Excellence for Everyone! To learn more about SPS's Office of Family and Community Engagement please visit spokaneschools.org/Page/4577.



New Parking Lights Installed

Last week, the school district installed new light fixtures in Logan's parking lot to improve visibility during the school's weekly Logan Family Meal, 2nd Harvest Food Distribution and 5-Day Meal Kit Pick-up. The event continues each week from 5-6pm, and with Daylight Savings Time coming this Sunday, the new lighting could not have arrived at a better time!



GONZAGA PRESENTS A

FALL HARVEST TREAT

PICK UP A FALL HARVEST BAG FROM
LOGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON
SATURDAY, OCT. 31, 2020
10 AM - 11 AM

An illustration at the bottom of the poster featuring pumpkins, a wooden crate of green beans, and a basket of corn and squash.