



# THE YASUHARA ODYSSEY

APRIL 2023

## YASUHARA COMMUNITY STRONG:

If you are at Yasuhara family and would like information about available resources, please contact our Communities in Schools representative, Elizabeth Hawks at:

509.824.8217 or  
elizabethhaw1@spokaneschools.org



## REMINDERS:

Spring Break is April 3rd-7th

Yearbook Pre-Orders are available now for \$30.00!

Quarter 3 Report Cards will be distributed Friday, April 21st, during 6th period

Baseball begins April 10th

Register on Final Forms and get sports physicals in before the first practice.

### Box Tops:

Help Yasuhara fundraise by scanning your receipts! Email stormyg@spokaneschools.org for information.

### Lost & Found

Any lost and found items not collected by April 28th will be donated.

### Absences

If your student misses school for any reason, please report and excuse their absence at 509-824-8201

### TdAP Vaccine for incoming 7th Graders:

You may receive a letter regarding your child's vaccination status in the upcoming weeks. Please do your best to get in for your vaccinations, or provide our nurse current shot records so your student is eligible to return to school in the fall.



## Yasuhara Student Wins Exceptional Excellence Award

Once per month, superintendent Adam Swinyard selects one student in the district to honor based on leadership, accomplishments, community involvement, kindness, personal improvement, and inspiring life stories. In March, Yasuhara student Rowan Magin won the award for being a positive influence, always offering to help students and teachers, and being a kind person. Congratulations, Rowan! We're proud of you!

## Learning about DNA Mutations

Ms. Given's Life Science class learned about beneficial DNA mutations while studying Darwin's evolution of finches in late February. Students then practiced in a lab with various "beaks" and discovered which ones were most efficient for specific types of "bird food".



## Message from the Principal:

Dear Yasuhara Families,

Happy Spring Break! May you all get an opportunity to recharge and get a little sunshine in the near future.

We hope you were able to join us for our Community Resource Fair at the end of March. We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all of our community partners for coming together to support our students and families to offer haircuts, food, and childcare during the event. It was our privilege to connect our wonderful Yasuhara families with these resources. Thank you to all of our vendors, and a special thank you to the Hifumi Society for providing dinner. We aspire to put together more of these events in the future, so please continue to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see all of the great things happening at Yasuhara!

See you in April!



Yasuhara is a fragrance-free zone. No perfumes, body sprays, scented hand sanitizers, etc. Thank you for keeping staff & student safety a priority.

# Barkley's Bites

## Barkley's Famous Homemade Dog Treats

### Ingredients:

- 1 Cup Oat Flour (more if needed)
- 2 Medium Ripe Bananas
- 1/2 Cup Natural Peanut Butter

### Instructions:

1. Preheat your oven to 300 degrees
2. Mash the bananas, then add the natural peanut butter. Mix well.
3. Add 1 Cup of oat flour, more as needed to form a sticky dough.
4. Sprinkle a surface with oat flour and roll out the dough.
5. Cut shapes with a cookie cutter or pizza cutter.
6. Bake on nonstick baking sheet for 25-30 minutes. The treats will puff a bit and be dry and brown on the bottom.
7. Store in airtight container for 1 week, fridge for 2 weeks, or freeze to keep longer.



*Contributed by S. Haws, Campus Safety Specialist*



## AERODYNAMICS IN ACTION:

6th grade Students have been learning about atmosphere and weather. They made the most aerodynamic rocket they could launch and learned how to use homemade altimeters.

Students measured the length from the launch pad, used the altimeter to find the angle, then we could find the height the rocket reached.



# February Fling

Friday, February 24th, students attended Yasuhara's second dance of the year. They dressed up, danced, played games, and had a blast with their friends and faculty.



# How Does Our Garden Grow?

Yasuhara has converted one of our glass rooms into a conservatory so students can practice caring for plants from seed through flower and fruit. In March, students planted seedlings into a hydroponic tower, filling the space with new life.

