

April, 2017



Snowdon Cougar News

PTO News:

Please join us for our next PTO meeting Tuesday, May 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Snowdon library. Childcare will be provided.



Principal's Message

Dear Families,

As I walk through the hallways and into classrooms, I'm reminded of the growth and great gains students have made! Suddenly, they are beginning to look older, taller, and ready for the next grade! Thank you for all you continue to do to partner with the school and teachers to support your child's learning. Soon we will be planning class placements for next year. If you have thoughts about your child's placement, you can pick up a *Parent Input Form* in the office. This form allows you to give information about your child's strengths and specific learning styles.

The April PACE character trait is "Trustworthiness." Trustworthiness is defined as *inspiring complete reliability and confidence in his/her truthfulness, integrity and discretion*. Teachers will recognize a student from each classroom who is displaying this character trait in his/her daily work and actions. You can also recognize your child's trustworthiness at home. Learn more about how to teach and recognize your child for being trustworthy at <http://pacecommunity.org/tools>.

Sincerely,

Shawna Fraser

Principal, Snowdon Elementary

IMPORTANT DATES

April 1st-5th – Spring Break, NO SCHOOL

April 17th – Smarter Balanced Assessment Window begins for grades 3, 4, 5.

April 19th – School Board Meeting @ Snowdon 4:00 p.m.

April 27th – 1st Grade Music Concert 6:30 p.m.

May 2nd – Snowdon PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.



Pride, Excellence, Respect In Everything We Do!



Don't forget! Wednesdays are College Wear Wednesdays! Wear clothing from your favorite college or university!

Ask your child about our "Eat Real Food" Harvest of the Month taste test. This month's featured food is asparagus! Students will have the opportunity to try asparagus that is locally grown. Did you know about 22 million pounds of asparagus are produced each year, bringing close to \$28 million to the state's economy? Washington asparagus is shipped to virtually every state nationwide and throughout Europe and Asia.

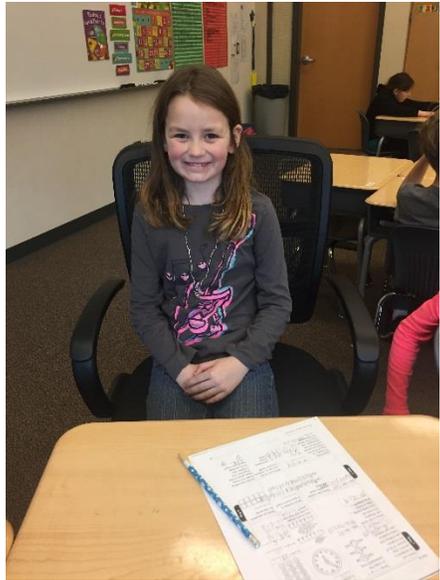


General Reminders and Information:

- In the event that your child will be absent, please notify the school by calling the attendance line, 509-559-4302.
- If your child's after school plans change, please send a note to inform the teacher.
- If you have questions about bus routes or schedules, please contact the transportation department at 509-559-4523.
- Student Drop Off and Pick-up: Please use the west parking lot for dropping-off and picking-up your child. The bus loop on the south side of the building will be reserved for buses only. Thank you for helping keep our Snowdon Cougars safe!
- If you are in need of before or after school childcare, Cheney Parks and Recreation will be offering their ECHO program at Snowdon. For more information or to register, call 509-498-9250.
- Don't forget...Fridays are late start. Students should arrive by 9:15 a.m.



Congratulations to these seven Snowdon Cougars for earning the Principal's chair for a day for demonstrating good character!

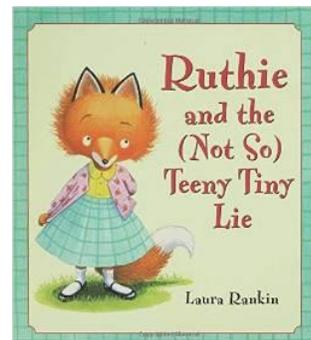
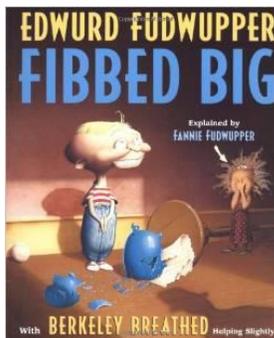




Have you seen pinwheels displayed outside of businesses and schools around town and wondered why they are all over the place? *Our Kids: Our Business Call to Action* is the Public Education arm of the SPO-CAN Council. Formed in February 1987, the Spokane Prevention Of Child Abuse/Neglect (SPO-CAN) Council is a network of over 35 agencies, organizations, businesses and individuals whose interest is in the prevention — rather than treatment — of child abuse and neglect. The *Our Kids: Our Business Call to Action* began in 2007 as a month-long initiative focused on the prevention of child abuse and neglect in the Spokane community. It was an unprecedented collaboration between media, business, social services and other community partners to raise awareness during April's Child Abuse Prevention Month and hopefully encourage citizens to make a difference in the lives of young people.

There are a variety of special events planned for the month of April including media coverage of issues related to child abuse and neglect and solutions for protecting and caring for children at risk. If you and your family are interested in joining the efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect, please visit the *Our Kids Our Business* webpage at <http://www.ourkidsspokane.org/> to find a list of member agencies you could contact to provide support or volunteer. For the entire month of April you will find an *Our Kids: Our Business* display in River Park Square, which includes several pieces of artwork created by Snowdon students!

The April PACE character trait is "Trustworthiness." Here are a few titles you may want to read at home to help teach your child about *trustworthiness*:



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