

Sacajawea News You Can Use



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June

June - 1 - Choir Awards Concert @ 7:00 pm

June 2 - 8th grade visit to High Schools and Sac Talent Show

June 5 - FINALS WEEK - Science and Spanish (Day 1), 6th Graders visit Sac - Grant Elementary

June 6 - FINALS WEEK - Social Studies and Spanish (Day 2), 6th Graders visit Sac - Franklin and Jefferson Elementary

June 7 - FINALS WEEK - Electives and Spanish (Day 3), 6th Graders visit Sac - Hutton and Wilson

June 8 - FINALS WEEK - Language Arts, 6th Graders visit Sac - Roosevelt and Mullen Road

June 9 - FINALS WEEK - Math

June 12 - Yearbook Early Release Party/Fundraiser

June 13 - Splashdown Field Trip for Platinum kids

June 14 - 8th Grade Fun Day

June 15 - Rubber Thunderbird Con - Early Release @ 12:00 (Remind students NOT to bring any items with them. Have a wonderful summer. Friendly reminder to have kids "unplug" and READ!!!)

June 20 - 2nd Semester Report Cards mailed home

Principal's message

Wow, can you believe the 2016/17 school year officially ends for our students in two short weeks? It has been an amazing year at Sacajawea Middle School. This was one of our best years yet. Indicators of high performing middle schools include assessment data, rigorous academic offerings, student participation in activities, a highly qualified teaching staff and a culture of success. Please allow me to share a few of our celebrations with you:

Did you know?

Assessment Data:

This year our 8th grade students took the most rigorous assessment available, the PSAT. This assessment is a college ready indicator and is directly tied to the SAT. Once our students are in high school, SAT data contributes to National Merit finalists, Spokane Scholars, tuition waivers and more. Sacajawea students lead the area with our PSAT data.

Washington State had 23% of students meet both ELA/Writing and Math Benchmarks

Spokane Schools had 29% of students meet both ELA/Writing and Math Benchmarks

Sacajawea had 51% of our students meet both the ELA/Writing and Math Benchmarks

Sacajawea had 78% of our students meet the Evidenced Based Reading and Writing Benchmark.

Rigorous Offerings: Sacajawea Middle School offers a full compliment of music offerings, language offerings including both Spanish and Chinese, Science-Technology-Engineering-Math (STEM) offerings including: Medical Detectives, Computer Apps and Coding, Algebra and Geometry, as well as Advanced English and more...

Participation Indicators:

For the 2016-2017 school year, 640 students or 83% of our student population participated in athletics.

For the 2016-2017 school year, 319 students or 41% of our student population participated in our award-winning music programs. Our band and drill team won every category in the Junior Lilac Parade this year. Way to go Thunderbirds!

Highly Qualified Staff that include Masters, Pro Cert, and National Board Certified teachers. We were recognized by the state for our rigor and received a grant for implementing National Board pedagogy. We are one of two schools in our area recognized with this grant.

Culture of Success that transfers to post-secondary options. This year students who previously attended Sacajawea are being recognized as ACT Six Scholars, Spokane Scholars, Merit Finalists and Semi Finalists. One of our prior students will be attending Harvard this fall.

We are so thankful to our students, our staff and our families who trust and partner with us. Thanks for a great school year. Sacajawea Thunderbird family, join me in welcoming our incoming 7th graders as we prepare for an even better 2017/18 school year. Enjoy summer!

Information

TOOL BOX to help you get ready for FALL

1. **ELA Summer Assignment - ALL SAC STUDENTS have summer work!!!** Please visit www.sacthunderbirds.com to download and print the summer assignment. Scroll down on the main page...they can be found under ANNOUNCEMENTS. Hard copies of the assignment are available for pick up in the Bookroom up until June 20, 2017 after that they are available for pick up in the Main Office until June 23rd. We will begin the year with your summer work.
2. **School Supply List 2017/18 can be found on our Website as well.** www.sacthunderbirds.com
3. **Register NOW to ride the bus.** <http://www.spokaneschools.org/Page/32880>
4. **Order your PE Uniform for next year -** www.momentumink.com

3 Great opportunities for incoming 7th grade students!



Algebra Bridge Camp - This camp is intended for incoming 7th graders who plan on entering Algebra in the fall. Get a head start on math for next year...refine your skills and enter Algebra ready to excel! This camp is **HIGHLY recommended** for students who plan to enter Algebra and did not complete the SVL Accelerated Program as a 6th grader.

Only 22 spots available.

AVID SUMMER BRIDGE MATH CAMP - This fun interactive camp is for incoming 7th graders who plan on taking

Accelerated Math in the fall. This will give you a jump start on concepts and rocket you to the top of the class! This camp is **HIGHLY recommended** for all students that will enter Accelerated Math this fall. Only 22 spots available.

ELA BLENDED SUMMER CAMP - The GOAL: To get students excited about what they will be doing in ELA at SAC. Students entering both Accelerated English in the fall and students entering 7th grade English will benefit from this camp. Students will get a jumpstart on the SAC WAY Reading and Writing process. They will get assistance with the Summer Assignment AND practice creative writing.

To register go to www.sacthunderbirds.com and click on the Summer School link under Announcements. Print off the registration form and bring it into the Sacajawea Main Office ASAP. If you have questions please contact Cody Weed our Summer School Administrator @ codyw@spokaneschools.org



Chinese Language Opportunity: For the ninth year, Gonzaga University will be offering its Startalk Chinese Program in the summer of 2017. Two sessions of novice-level Chinese will be offered: a three-week elementary school session for grades 2-5 from June 19 to July 7; and a three-week middle/high school session for grades 6-12 from June 19 to July 7. (no classes on July 4) Students are placed in classes of 7-8 students and learn in an immersion environment. The program is free.

Students will have the opportunity to study Chinese culture and Chinese language. Startalk is a component program of the National Strategic Language Initiative (NSLI). To learn more about Startalk: <http://www.startalk.umd.edu>.

Announcing FamilyID ~An online, paperless athletic and activity registration tool.

We are excited to announce a new and convenient way to register online for school athletics and activities: FamilyID. You will find the link to FamilyID on the Sacajawea homepage at www.spokaneschools.org/sacajawea. FamilyID is a secure registration platform that provides an easy, user-friendly way to register for activities, while helping us to be more administratively efficient and environmentally responsible. When you register through FamilyID, the system keeps track of your information, so you only have to enter it once for multiple uses, family members and programs.

TO REGISTER FOR AN ACTIVITY

1. Go to: www.spokaneschools.org/sacajawea

2. Click the FamilyID link

3. Open an account using a valid email and password of your choice

4. Within minutes, you will be sent a link to begin registration

5. After selecting your program and completing registration - [CONFIRM REGISTRATION](#).

The first time you register, it is recommended that you use a computer. After that, registrations can easily be done on your phone. If you do not have Internet access, you can use a computer at Sac. If needed, paper packets are still available in the school office.



Thunderbird Athletic Fundraiser

Athletics and sports at Sacajawea constitutes a large part of a student's school life. Thunderbird Athletics is proud to

offer 12 different athletic programs for students. From Softball to Track, Wrestling to Tennis, there are almost 600 students involved and actively participating in the various after school sports. Providing a quality experience and program requires a large financial investment. To provide transportation and officials for the year costs the school almost \$10,000. Uniforms, equipment, game/event staff and other costs push the yearly over \$15,000. On the current rotation teams must wait six to seven years for new uniforms. Large ticket items such as track high jump pits have not been replaced or repaired in over 15 years. Wrestling mats which were 25 years old were just replaced by the district due to concerns about their safety. As you can see we need money to run these programs at a level that students can be proud of who they represent and maintain an adequate level of safety.

In June we will be holding the first Thunderbird Athletics fundraising campaign. Partnering with Snap-Raise, we will be asking students who have participated and benefited from athletics here at Sac to help raise funds that will directly go toward the athletic program. All we ask is that athletes supply contacts that would be willing to donate a few dollars to help support Sacajawea Thunderbird Athletics. Snap-Raise will then contact these individuals about how to make their donation and become a sponsor. The entire fundraising event should take less than a week.

So if your child has been a part of and involved in Thunderbird Athletics please encourage them to participate when the campaign begins so that we can continue to provide strong Thunderbird Athletics. We look forward to your support.

Did you know?

7th and 8th grade Engineering students made custom therapy toys and tasks for our own SAC kids..

They saw a need and jumped at the chance to make a difference. Our engineering students custom designed toys tasks and equipment to meet the individual needs of the student in our MHOH Classroom. Mrs. Nielson our MHOH teacher says " All the materials and support the pre-engineering students and Kim Taylor gave to our students was incredible. Her students have been so great for our students. The pre-engineering students go out of their way to greet them in the halls and came down several times to make sure the materials they were making would be just right."





The **Designed Instruction Program** received a Spokane Public Schools Foundation grant that will fund a coffee stand to serve the staff, "**Sacaja-BEAN-a Coffee**". This mock business will provide vocational opportunities for the DI students as they serve our caffeine-fueled staff. Thank you in advance to our community partners for making this a reality!

Sacajawea Thunderbird Marching Band and Drill Team won The Grand Sweepstakes Award, Best Adherence to the Theme, and 1st place for Secondary Marching Units in the Jr. Lilac Parade. As Grand Sweepstakes winners, the Marching Band and Drill Team was honored to represent the Jr. Lilac Parade participants in the Lilac Festival Armed Forces Torchlight Parade where they were awarded the Gold Standard Award.

Congratulations to our wonderful students, Mr. Shamblin, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Nicholas.



JANUARY AND FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - Every month we are asking teachers to choose 2 students who exemplify the "SAC WAY." Students who are Showing respect, Accepting Responsibility and Committed to Success. Student's name and picture will be prominently displayed in the case outside the main office. The chosen students and their parents will be invited to a breakfast celebration in January or June. Congratulations to....

January - William Warren, Aiden Franklin, Jessica Olazabal, Derric Blockman, Flora Brown, Anna Harper

February- Alex Kershaw, Emma Schisler, Claire Worthy, Jesse Zepeda, Jose Caro, Eddie Martinez, Katie Miller, Connor Votein, Natlee Wagner, Shaeann Latimer

Thank you to parents for donating during Student Led Conferences. We are



gearing up for the end of the year activities. Your help makes a huge difference as we try to ensure that the middle school experience is memorable for our incredible students.

Join the Sacajawea PTG. This parent group helps support Sacajawea students and staff. Honor Roll Celebrations, supporting needy students, 8th grade fun day, and more are all examples of the way our PTG supports our learning community.

Attend meetings. **Our next meeting is in September!!! See you then.**

Volunteers are needed. Please volunteer your time. Contact our office to get in touch with our volunteer coordinator at 354-5500.

GIVE!! Donations are always welcome and necessary. Envelopes are available in the main office. Make checks payable to Sacajawea PTG.



Thunderbird Closet UPDATE. The main office will be open during the months of June and August to accept donations. We are accepting items of all seasons and could also use personal care items like toothbrushes, hotel samples of shampoo, deodorant, lotion etc...

***Our counselors and teachers will help identify and connect students to this resource.

PowerSchool Please check your students grades this week. Call us if you need help logging on. Final 2nd semester grades will be mailed on June 20th!!

If you have questions about your child's grade, your first step is to contact the teacher directly as soon as you have a concern so they can partner with you to help your child be successful

Celebrations, Congratulations and Thank YOU!!

We love to share exciting news and the wonderful things that are happening in our Sacajawea community please email Tracey Leyde with the details. traceyl@spokaneschools.org

BIG THANK YOU from the MHOH Classroom

Thank you Mr. Shamblin and Mrs. Montgomery for all the support you have given our students. Mrs. Montgomery came to our room several times to give the gift of music to our students. She came and taught special music classes for them and also sent groups of students down to play for us! Mr. Shamblin has welcomed our students into his percussion class every year. Jose thoroughly enjoyed being part of his class for the last couple of years. It was something he looked forward to almost every day!

These teachers and their students have been so welcoming and caring with our very challenged students!

Thanks to all who reach out to them in the halls and make them feel part of this school!

From Mrs. Pavey.....Thank you parents for visiting the Kress Gallery and our art exhibit.

Community Partners

About our Community Partner's Program..... We would appreciate you partnering with us in supporting the PBIS program at Sacajawea. We ask that businesses pick one month of the

school year to sponsor our PBIS program, with a suggested donation of \$75.

When your business sponsors a month of PBIS, it will be recognized in Sacagawea's monthly "News You Can Use" email with a link to your businesses' website. This email gives your business exposure to the families of the 750 students enrolled at Sacajawea. We will also advertise your business for the entire month on our brand new Sacajawea Middle School electronic reader board, located on Grand Blvd. at 32nd Ave.

If you are a business owner and would like to partner with us by contributing to our Sacajawea family with donations of time or resources please email traceyl@spokaneschools.org. In return we will add your business info to this monthly publication .



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