

SALK SPARTANS

December 2018

We are kind, compassionate and caring! Striving for excellence with high expectations and high support!

Upcoming Dates:

- December 6, Salk/Shadle Caroling
- December 8, SPOK-A-LOO at Rogers
- December 11, Band/African Drum Concert
- December 12, Orchestra/Choir Concert
- January 7, 7th Grade Basketball Begins
- January 18, Dr. Martin Luther King Assembly
- January 23, Spaghetti Feed and Auction
- January 24, End of 1st Semester



Dear Salk Community:

Let me begin by thanking you for sharing your children with us. We appreciate them and strive every day to create an environment in which they feel safe, respected, and challenged. Our theme for this school year is "All In." By this we mean we want all of our students and staff to be fully committed to kindness, and fully engaged in learning. Additionally, we are emphasizing the importance of gratitude and the positive effects that gratitude has in one's life. Please help us by asking your students about these themes and how they apply to their lives.

Salk students have lived up to our "All In" theme this fall. On October 25, we had two separate news crews at school to see how Salk celebrates Unity Day. Our students dressed in orange, made a video about inclusion, and had a welcome tunnel/dance party to begin the day. Our fall sports teams were very successful, including a city champion cross country runner, and a varsity softball team that lost just one game. Our band, orchestra, and choir all performed beautifully at their first concerts, and made our Veteran's Day assembly quite memorable.

Our teachers are showing they too are "All In."
ELA teacher Mandy Soto (cont.)

asked her Facebook community if they would donate a book to her seventh grade students, with a letter about why the book is important. She received books and letters from all over the world, from Iceland to New Zealand; enough for each student.

Music teacher Dawn Sapp received a grant for over \$2000 so she could buy guitars and start a brand new guitar lab class. Orchestra teacher Natalie Cominiello was selected as the Spokane Symphony Outstanding Secondary Music Teacher of the Year. On top of all of this, our community made an even greater commitment to our children and their education by passing the school bond.

Salk has a fantastic tradition of excellence, and with so many fully committed students, staff and community members, I am excited to see all that we can accomplish this year.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to a school administrator or teacher.

Annual Asbestos Notification

This is our annual notification regarding asbestos in our school. Salk Middle School is an asbestos free building. Spokane Public Schools remains committed to managing and maintaining our facilities by encapsulating all asbestos in public areas of our schools. Even though our facility is asbestos free, we still maintain an Asbestos Management Plan binder, which is located in the Head Custodian's Office.