

Pioneer School Press

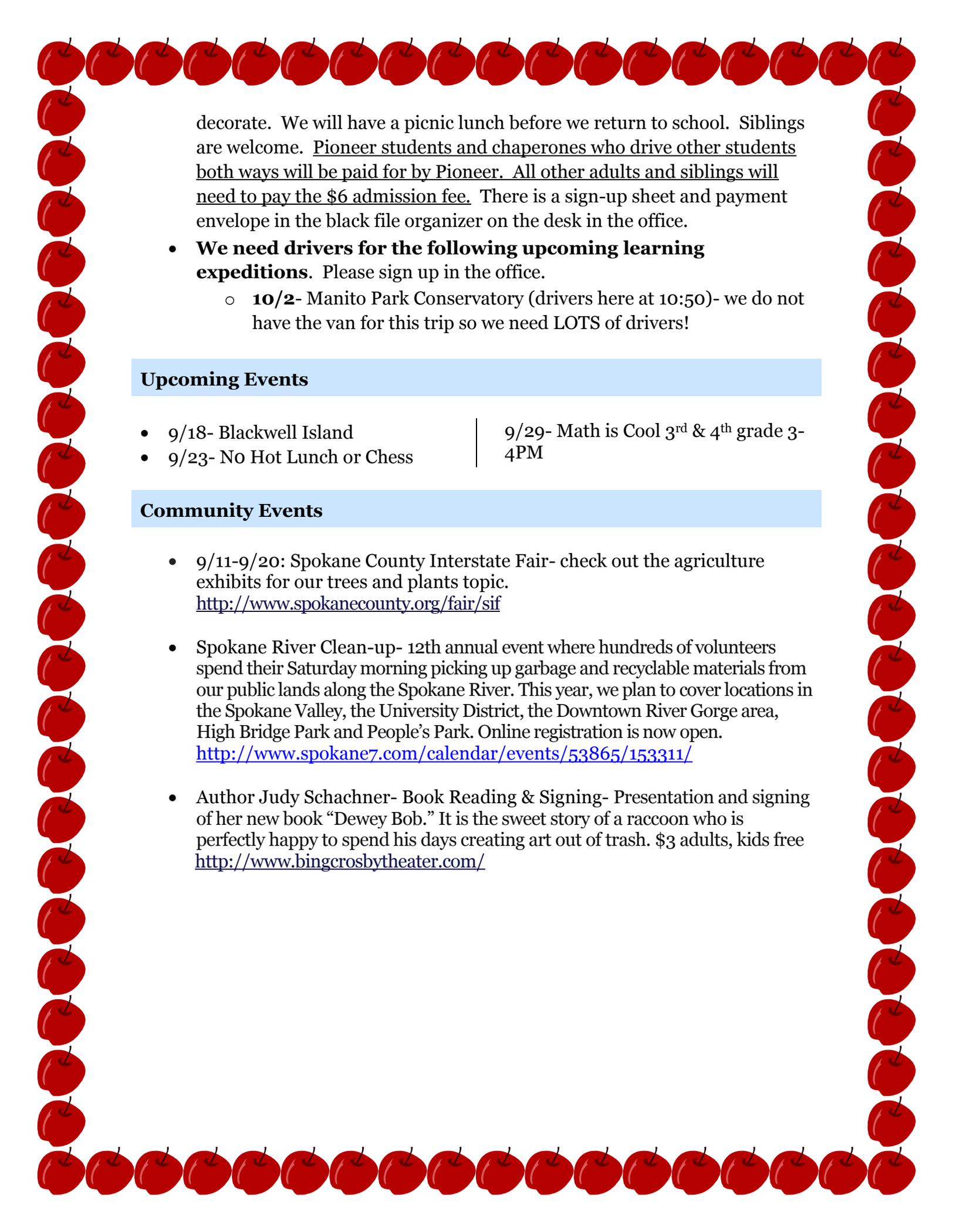


Weekly News: September 17, 2015

- We had a great time on our first learning expedition last week. **Thank you** to everyone who participated!
- **A few reminders about Learning Expeditions:**
 - Please, please do not make last minute changes to learning expedition carpools unless your child is sick or it's an emergency. Changes have a domino effect and make it very difficult to make sure everyone is accounted for before we leave.
 - If a learning expedition is not starting at 8:30/9:00AM then we are having instructional time before the trip that your child(ren) should be present for. Please bring them to school. Same thing applies to expeditions that end before 2:30PM.
- **All students going on Mt. Rainier trip** must have a signed Volunteer Service Agreement turned into the office by Friday, 9/18.
- The older 2 classes will be at Mt. Rainier **9/22-9/25**. There will be NO Chess Club or Hot Lunch that week.
- **Math is Cool** will start on Tuesday, September 29th for 3rd and 4th graders only. It'll be from 3-4PM. If your child plans to stay please send them with a snack and plan to pick them up from Betty's classroom at 4:00PM. If you have a sibling that needs to stay, you can sign them up for after-care with Tina (\$3.60 if they are here until 4PM).

In the Spotlight

- **Our 2nd learning expedition is tomorrow.** We will head to Blackwell Island in CDA at 11:30 for a picnic lunch and a hike to study the island's trees and plants. Students need to wear sturdy shoes and layers, bring a sack lunch (no glass or food that needs to be heated), a water bottle, and backpack.
- **On October 30th** we will be celebrating the end of the trees and plants topic with a learning expedition to Water's Fruit Ranch in Greenbluff. (10:30-2). Participants will go on a wagon ride through the apple orchards to learn more about the varieties of apples that grow in our region; we will pick and eat an apple straight from the branch and then watch how cider is made (with a sample of course). Then will learn about making apple butter before picking our own small pumpkin to take back to school to



decorate. We will have a picnic lunch before we return to school. Siblings are welcome. Pioneer students and chaperones who drive other students both ways will be paid for by Pioneer. All other adults and siblings will need to pay the \$6 admission fee. There is a sign-up sheet and payment envelope in the black file organizer on the desk in the office.

- **We need drivers for the following upcoming learning expeditions.** Please sign up in the office.
 - **10/2-** Manito Park Conservatory (drivers here at 10:50)- we do not have the van for this trip so we need LOTS of drivers!

Upcoming Events

- 9/18- Blackwell Island
- 9/23- No Hot Lunch or Chess
- 9/29- Math is Cool 3rd & 4th grade 3-4PM

Community Events

- 9/11-9/20: Spokane County Interstate Fair- check out the agriculture exhibits for our trees and plants topic.
<http://www.spokanecounty.org/fair/sif>
- Spokane River Clean-up- 12th annual event where hundreds of volunteers spend their Saturday morning picking up garbage and recyclable materials from our public lands along the Spokane River. This year, we plan to cover locations in the Spokane Valley, the University District, the Downtown River Gorge area, High Bridge Park and People's Park. Online registration is now open.
<http://www.spokane7.com/calendar/events/53865/153311/>
- Author Judy Schachner- Book Reading & Signing- Presentation and signing of her new book "Dewey Bob." It is the sweet story of a raccoon who is perfectly happy to spend his days creating art out of trash. \$3 adults, kids free
<http://www.bingcrosbytheater.com/>