

# Pioneer School Press

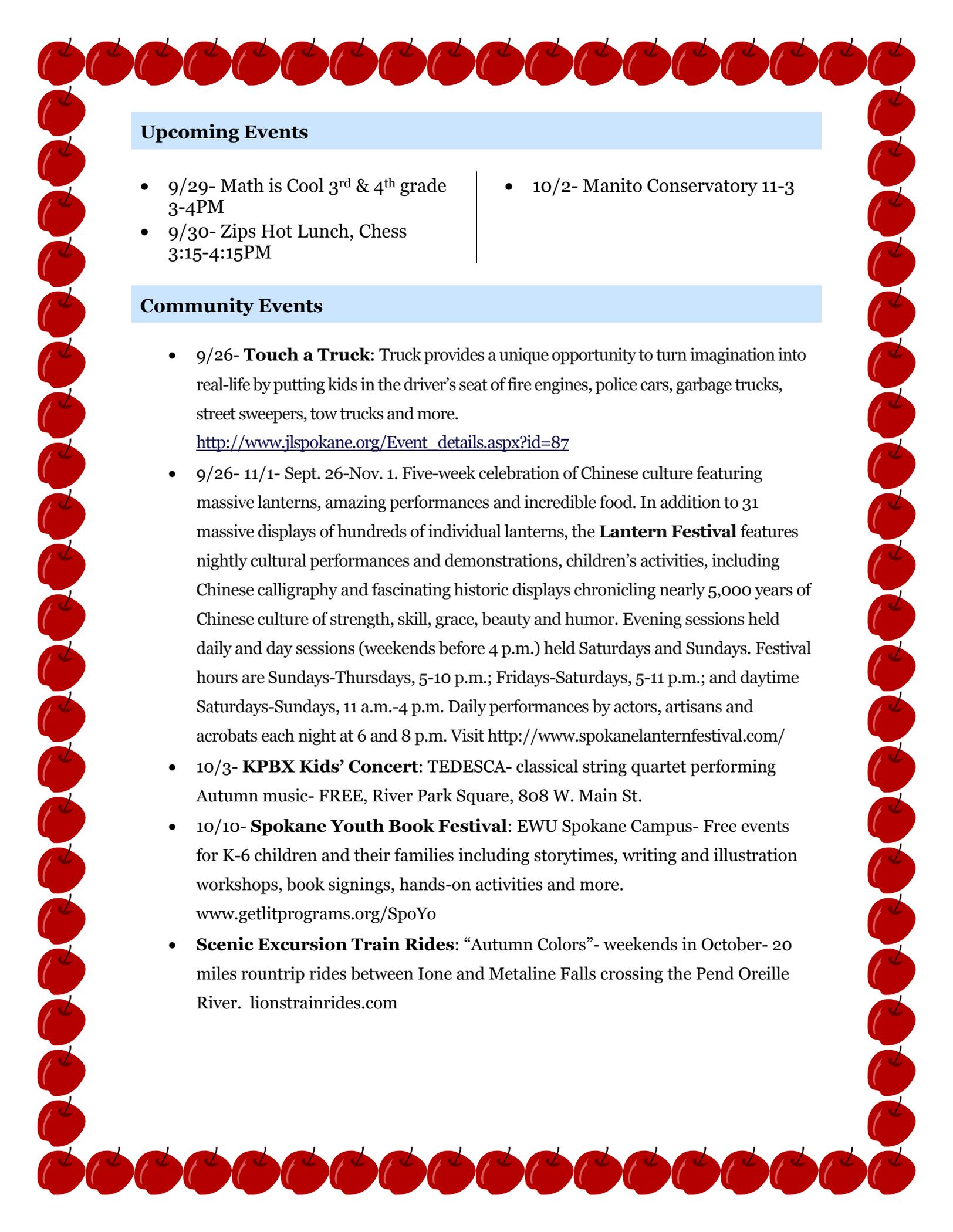


## Weekly News: September 24, 2015

- **Math is Cool** will start on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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).
- **Computer Coding Class K-2** after school on Tuesdays 11/9-12/14 (same time as Math is Cool for 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>). Limited to first 12 K-2 students that sign up. See flyer for more details.
- **We still need quite a few more drivers for next Friday's learning expedition to Manito Conservatory.** Please sign up in the office.

## In the Spotlight

- **On October 30<sup>th</sup>** 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!
  - **10/9-** Plant Farm (in the valley) K-2 only (drivers here at 12:40PM)- no van so we need lots of drivers!
  - **10/16-** Finch Arboretum (drivers here at 10:20)- 10:30-3:00
  - **10/23-** Museum of N. Idaho (drivers here at 11:50)- 12-3:00



## Upcoming Events

- 9/29- Math is Cool 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade 3-4PM
- 9/30- Zips Hot Lunch, Chess 3:15-4:15PM
- 10/2- Manito Conservatory 11-3

## Community Events

- 9/26- **Touch a Truck:** Truck provides a unique opportunity to turn imagination into real-life by putting kids in the driver's seat of fire engines, police cars, garbage trucks, street sweepers, tow trucks and more.  
[http://www.jlspokane.org/Event\\_details.aspx?id=87](http://www.jlspokane.org/Event_details.aspx?id=87)
- 9/26- 11/1- Sept. 26-Nov. 1. Five-week celebration of Chinese culture featuring massive lanterns, amazing performances and incredible food. In addition to 31 massive displays of hundreds of individual lanterns, the **Lantern Festival** features nightly cultural performances and demonstrations, children's activities, including Chinese calligraphy and fascinating historic displays chronicling nearly 5,000 years of Chinese culture of strength, skill, grace, beauty and humor. Evening sessions held daily and day sessions (weekends before 4 p.m.) held Saturdays and Sundays. Festival hours are Sundays-Thursdays, 5-10 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 5-11 p.m.; and daytime Saturdays-Sundays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Daily performances by actors, artisans and acrobats each night at 6 and 8 p.m. Visit <http://www.spokanelanternfestival.com/>
- 10/3- **KPBX Kids' Concert:** TEDESCA- classical string quartet performing Autumn music- FREE, River Park Square, 808 W. Main St.
- 10/10- **Spokane Youth Book Festival:** EWU Spokane Campus- Free events for K-6 children and their families including storytimes, writing and illustration workshops, book signings, hands-on activities and more.  
[www.getlitprograms.org/SpoYo](http://www.getlitprograms.org/SpoYo)
- **Scenic Excursion Train Rides:** "Autumn Colors"- weekends in October- 20 miles rountrip rides between Ione and Metaline Falls crossing the Pend Oreille River. [lionstrainrides.com](http://lionstrainrides.com)