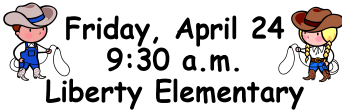




## Kindergarten Roundup



Liberty's Kindergarten Roundup is for incoming kindergartners and their parents.

Join us for some fun activities and tips for getting ready for school!

Please leave younger siblings at home, and be on time so you don't miss the bus ride! If you would like to stay for lunch, the cost is \$3.75 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

Kindergarten registration\* is now open. Children must be 5 years of age by August 31 to enroll for next year.

*\*Current immunization records and a copy of your child's state-certified birth certificate are required for registration.*

**Spring  
April 6-10  
Break**

Wishing our students and staff a safe and refreshing spring break! We'll see you Monday, April 13, which is our 2-hour late start day.

# The Liberty Lancer

## Message from the Superintendent

April 2015

Dear Parents, Staff and Community members:

This past month we have seen our high school boys' basketball team come home with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy in the State 2B tournament, celebrated the successes of our 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students at the Bi-County Academic Contest and enjoyed Liberty students performing at the Bi-County Honors Band. Along with these accomplishments, we had over 45 students perform in this year's Missoula Children's Theatre musical production of "The Little Mermaid."

Our staff is preparing and gearing up for the last quarter of the year. We are focused on finishing strong and making each day a positive learning experience for our students.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools and district. We look forward to seeing you at some of the many events featuring your Knights and Lancers. Your partnership and dedication to our students is vital to the success of our community. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

## SBAC Testing

We have built our spring assessment schedule for the new SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) for grades 3-8 and 10-11.

While we don't want to put undue pressure on our students, we do want them to know the tests are important and encourage them to do their best. We also want parents to know this testing is new, takes a lot of time to administer, and is difficult to make up if students miss portions of the testing. Please make every effort to ensure your child is at school during his or her testing days. Also, in order to help our students do their best, please make sure your child eats breakfast (either at home or at school) and gets enough sleep to attend and sustain peak performance.

Thank you for your support. Please contact your child's teacher or the school office if you have additional questions.

Our students are ready and we know they will do great!



**Kyle Rydell**

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### APRIL 2015 STATE ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

M	T	W	R	F
ELA = English Language Arts		<u>1</u> 3rd ELA	<u>2</u> 3rd ELA	<u>3</u> 3rd ELA
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
Spring Break				
<u>13</u> Late Start 5th ELA 7th ELA	<u>14</u> 4th ELA 5th ELA 7th ELA	<u>15</u> 4th ELA 5th ELA 7th ELA	<u>16</u> 4th ELA 5th ELA 7th ELA	<u>17</u> 4th ELA 5th ELA
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<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> 5th Math 11th Math	<u>30</u> 5th Math 11th Math	

### MAY 2015 STATE ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

M	T	W	R	F
ELA = English Language Arts EOC = End of Course Exam MSP = Measurements of Student Progress				<u>1</u> 5th Math 11th Math
<u>4</u> Late Start	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
Junior Livestock Show – no state testing				
<u>11</u> 3rd Math 4th Math 6th ELA 10th ELA	<u>12</u> 3rd Math 4th Math 5th Sci. MSP 6th ELA 8th Sci. MSP 10th ELA	<u>13</u> 3rd Math 4th Math 6th ELA 10th ELA	<u>14</u> 3rd Math 4th Math 6th ELA 10th ELA	<u>15</u> 11th ELA
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<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> 8th Math	<u>27</u> 8th Math Algebra I EOC	<u>28</u> 8th Math Biology EOC	<u>29</u>

# Liberty Lancer

The Liberty Lancer is published during the academic year by Liberty School District. The Lancer is published to provide current information about school district sponsored and co-sponsored events, student and educator recognition, as well as other news of interest to our school community.

Comments, questions or suggestions should be sent to the Superintendent.

April 2015

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## Upcoming Board Meetings

All meetings are held at 7:00 PM  
in the Elementary/Junior High Library

Thursday, April 23

Thursday, May 28

Thursday, June 25

Tuesday, July 28

## Sheriff's Corner

### Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (e-cigarettes)

Being a parent is the most difficult job there is. As parents, we have to be a "jack of all trades." We worry about everything when it comes to our kids. We want the best for them and want them to make good choices. We hope they make good choices when we aren't around.

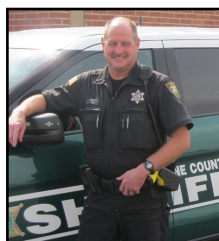
It's so much harder being a kid today than when we grew up. Our kids get bombarded from all directions—TV, social media, smart phones, bullying, drugs, alcohol, and peer pressure to name a few. The latest trend among middle and high school aged kids is e-cigarettes.



E-cigarettes, electronic nicotine delivery systems, or hookah pens are delivery systems designed to mimic smoking a cigarette. They produce an odorless vapor that resembles smoke. I'm concerned that e-cigarettes may encourage young people to start smoking, particularly because of their novelty value and the common assumption that they are safe.

E-cigarettes differ from regular cigarettes in several ways. They often come in flavors marketed to young people such as strawberry, watermelon, cherry, or apple, have colorful packaging, and look like a "pen." They are sold individually at convenience stores, smoke shops and online.

E-cigarettes contain liquid nicotine and not tobacco. The issue surrounding liquid nicotine is that the FDA has not approved its use. The short- and long-term effects are not yet known. Also, e-cigarettes are not being regulated, so some of the brands have been found to contain more nicotine than advertised. Young people who start using e-cigarettes could easily and quickly become addicted to nicotine and progress to smoking cigarettes as well as—or instead of—e-cigarettes.



Deputy Ron Nye

I want our school community to know that possessing e-cigarettes or any other smoking device or implement on campus is strictly prohibited. Please talk to your child and reinforce the dangers and potential consequences of e-cigarettes. If you are worried about your child or have additional questions or concerns about e-cigarettes or other substance-related issues, feel free to contact me at Liberty: (509) 245-3229 ext. 1.

## Staff Spotlight: Kim Burley

Mrs. Burley joined the Liberty staff this year as a paraeducator working primarily with elementary LAP reading groups. Join us in learning more about her:

**Background:** I was born and raised in Kansas City and graduated from WSU. My husband & I have been married for 21 years and have three children—all future Liberty grads! Seven years ago, we moved from the Seattle area so that we could raise our kids in a small community environment. It was the best decision we ever made!

**Hobbies:** I enjoy anything outdoors—gardening, hiking, camping, and road trips!

**What do you like most about working at Liberty?** I'm lucky because I get to read with kids all day! It's a joy to see that spark in their eyes when they understand something or accomplish a goal. I encourage my students to 'read to learn.' One of my favorite quotes about reading is by Dr. Seuss, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."



My coworkers are not only fun to work with (not a day goes by that I don't laugh out loud) but also just a good group of people. We work well together which makes it a good environment for everyone. Working at Liberty is a perfect fit for me. I love kids of all ages and try to make a difference in their lives, but often they make a difference in mine.

**Favorite school lunch:** Chili and cinnamon roll day is my all-time favorite!



# Liberty Elementary & Junior High

## Elementary Excellence Awards

March



Congratulations to our elementary citizens of the month who exemplified March's "Character Counts" trait—trustworthiness: (top, l-r) Lillie Felgenhauer, Sam Cook, Ben Colgan, Zander Lilienthal-Stentz, Riley Kelley, Madison Lewis, Jezi Pluff, Hailey Carter, (bottom, l-r) Logan Grumbly, Samson Vinci, Carson Tee.

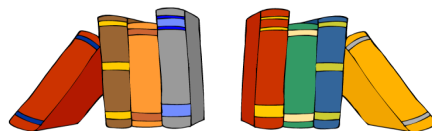
## Read-a-Thon 2015



Another successful Read-a-Thon is in the books! Silverwood tickets for those students who read 600+ minutes will arrive toward the end of the school year.

Congratulations to our top readers from each grade level:

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|------------------------|------------------|
| K—Christiana Cervantes | 7—Robyn Garcia   |
| 1—Elijah Bentley       | 8—Olivia Grumbly |
| 2—Karley Tiegs         |                  |
| 3—Viliami Finau        |                  |
| 4—Shaley Tiegs         |                  |
| 5—Mason Hymas          |                  |
| 6—Tanner Schenk        |                  |



### April (Fairness)

- 2 Class Picture Day
- 3 JH ASB activity—FAFB Fun Spot
- 6-10 NO SCHOOL—Spring Break
- 13 2-Hour Late Start
- 14 Grades 6-8 Title IX Survey
- Jr. Boosters Meeting, 5pm
- 15 Spring Sports Picture Day
- 16 Jr. Boosters Skate Night, 6-8pm
- 22 4th Grade Band Preview
- Grade 1-2 Trip to Cat Tales
- 23 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 24 Kindergarten Roundup 9:30am
- 27 K-6 Awards Assembly, 2:10
- 30 Science Fair, 4:30-7:30pm
- Fundraiser Dinner, 5-7pm

## Junior High Excellence Awards—Term 3



**8th Grade 4.0 GPA** (pictured at left, l-r): Simon Vincini, Olivia Grumbly, Aleah Rydell, (front) Isaak Ottmar

**8th Grade Honor Roll (3.5-3.99 GPA):** Garrett Baump, Annabelle Bennett, Logan Billington, Catherine Brown, Julia Collins, Jon Denny, Emma Holwegner, Racheal Ince, Annabelle Karlis, Lilian Kay, Levi Kettner, Justin King, Emily Lindquist, Haley Marsh, Bowe Rojas, Evan Smith, Johnathan Stitt



**7th Grade 4.0 GPA** (pictured at right, l-r, top to bottom): Yekaterina Pyankova, Kolbey Browning, Anabelle Redder, Makenzie DeShazer, Auriana Mitchell, Faith Shinner

**7th Grade Honor Roll (3.5-3.99 GPA):** Maisie Burnham, Aleena Cook, Sean Duncan-Day, Finchika Finau, Kendyl Fletcher, Robyn Garcia, Joshua Haas, Charles Harrington, Jacob Holling, Charlie Johnson, Samuel Nelson, Marissa Powers, Sara Tarbert, Kellan Watson

## Students of the Quarter



Sean Duncan-Day  
Annabelle Bennett



Makenzie DeShazer, Maisie Burnham,  
Isaak Ottmar, Simon Vincini



Seth McBride, Stacia Johnson,  
Ethan Trower, Ayden Eyre,  
Jenna Garcia, Skylar Gemmell



Lily Kay, Annabelle Bennett and Emma Holwegner represented Liberty Jr. High School at the Bi-County Music concert last month. The girls performed at the INB Performing Arts Center with many other students from area schools.



## Character Counts



Each month Liberty School District focuses on a character trait of the month. For the month of April students will be focusing on fairness. The March trait was trustworthiness. Students and staff recognized the following students for displaying the trait of trustworthiness in a variety of ways: Kristin Ince, Kathryn Fairfield, Braden House, Jacki Carrell, and Maxwell Johnson.

Also, congratulations to Ms. Whittall who was selected as Employee of the Quarter by our ASB officers.

March Character Students shown at left: (back row) Braden House, Kathryn Fairfield, Kristin Ince, (inset) Maxwell Johnson, Jacki Carrell



Ms. Whittall,  
Employee of the  
Quarter

## State 2B Tournament

The Liberty Lancers boys' basketball team qualified for the State 2B Tournament for the second year in a row. The Lancers finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the NE 2B League and at Regionals.

The Lancers defeated Life Christian and Brewster before falling to Morton-White Pass in the championship game.



## Bi-County Music



Congratulations to Mr. Cox and our students for their performance at the Bi-County Honor Band concert last month. The following students represented LHS (pictured at left, l-r): Marybelle Buck,

Allysha Hubbard, Kathryn Fairfield, Kristin Ince, Braden House, and James Heer. This group performed at the Inland Northwest Performing Arts Center with other musicians from around the area.

## Student Government

Associated Student Body elections will take place during the month of April. Any current ASB member that is interested in being part of the executive ASB board is encouraged to pick up a packet at the high school office beginning on April 13. Elections for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Treasurer will be held on Monday, April 27.



## LHS Dates to Remember

### April

- 6-10 Spring Break
- 13 Late Start
- 15 FBLA State
- Spring sports photos
- 16 FBLA State
- College Color Day
- 17 FBLA State
- 24 FFA @ Asotin
- MAP testing
- 27 MAP testing
- 28 MAP testing
- 29 Grade 11 SBA math
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## FFA

Congratulations to our FFA teams for their performances at the Sub-District and District meets held March 11 and 25 at Liberty High School. **Jada Schulken** took 3<sup>rd</sup> place at Sub-District in public speaking. The Advanced Parliamentary Procedure team earned 1<sup>st</sup> place at Sub-District and 2<sup>nd</sup> place at District. Team members include: **Kaitlyn Rambo, Bridgette Roll, Christine Denny, Abby Karlis, Nathan Burley, and Lillie Marsh.**

The Novice Parliamentary Procedure team earned 3<sup>rd</sup> at Sub-District and 2<sup>nd</sup> place at District. Team members include **Lindsay Stern, Alec Fletcher, Matthew Burley, Beau St. John, and Tyson Schenk.** Both Parliamentary Procedure teams qualified for FFA State, which will be held in Pullman on May 14-16. Good luck to Mr. Kimble and the entire FFA team!



## Liberty Robotics 2015



(l-r) Devin Billington, Matthew Burley, Braden House, Nathan Burley, Austin Rambo, Tyson Schenk, Alec Fletcher, (front) Frank James

The Liberty High School robotics program is in its sixth season competing in the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC). "The Mechanics of Mayhem" competed at two different competitions during the month of March. Liberty had approximately 20 students work on the robot in some fashion during the build season, and seven qualified to attend the regional events.

The team competed at the Auburn Mt. View District competition on February 28, and on March 7 the team competed at the West Valley High School District event and finished 4<sup>th</sup>. The team was eliminated in the quarterfinal rounds of competition.

## Student Archers Compete for State Championship

Archers from around Washington State converged on Ellensburg on March 27 to compete in the Washington NASP State Championship. The event was held at Central Washington University in the Nicholson Pavilion Gym. This year's event included over 900 students representing 35 schools from across the state, including Liberty High School.

Students shot for individual awards for both boys and girls as well as for school team trophies. The high-scoring teams and individuals received trophies and awards, and one team qualified to participate in the National Championship to be held May 7-9 in Louisville, Kentucky. Team members include: Josh Larsen-Nowland, Tyson Schenk, Alec Fletcher, Eric Erickson, Quentin Rose, and Marcus Hammond. Thank you to all the groups that made archery possible for our students!



Liberty archery team members pictured above (l-r): Tyson Schenk, Alec Fletcher, Marcus Hammond, Quentin Rose, Josh Larsen-Nowland, Eric Erickson, and advisor Ladin Langeman

## Driver's Education

911 Driving School will be offering a spring semester class at Liberty High School. Classes will be held at Liberty in the mornings prior to school from April 14 through May 15. For more information about this program, please contact 911 Driving School at (509) 324-0911.

