



## Administrator of the Year



*Congratulations to Aaron Fletcher, selected as 2015-2016 NE 2B*

*District 7 administrator of the year!*

## School Board Opening

*We have an open board position and are looking for interested applicants who reside in District #2. Applications will be accepted until April 18 with interviews taking place on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

*Please call Becky McCoy at (509)624-4415 with questions or for an application.*



Thank you, Marci Green for your many years of service as a Liberty Board member!

# The Liberty Lancer

## Message from the Superintendent

April 2016

Dear parents, staff and community members:

April is here and we have entered the final quarter of the school year. We are focused on finishing strong and making each day a positive learning experience for our students, even as we begin to turn our sights toward planning for next year.

This past month has been busy and successful, as we have seen 30 students qualify for the State FFA competition in May, sent our HS Knowledge Bowl team to state, and watched our choir and band students compete against other area schools—both receiving high marks from the judges. We have also been busy working to secure an architect for our bond projects to get the process underway.

Along with these busy times in our daily work we now are starting to plan for next year. These plans include the complex systems of scheduling, budgeting, and staffing. At this point our planning is going well and we have a fairly firm understanding of where our budget numbers are going to be, so we don't predict any major changes at this point.

*We have built our spring assessment schedule for grades 3-8 and 10-11:*

APRIL 2016				
STATE ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE				
M	T	W	R	F
ELA = English Language Arts				<u>1</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>11</u> Late Start	<u>12</u> 4th ELA	<u>13</u> 4th ELA	<u>14</u> 4th ELA	<u>15</u>
<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> 5th ELA 6th ELA	<u>20</u> 5th ELA 6th ELA	<u>21</u> 5th ELA 6th ELA	<u>22</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> 3rd ELA	<u>27</u> 3rd ELA	<u>28</u> 3rd ELA	<u>29</u>

Thank you for your continued support of our schools and district. We look forward to seeing you at the many events hosted by your Knights and Lancers.

MAY 2016				
STATE ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE				
M	T	W	R	F
ELA = English Language Arts EOC = End of Course Exam MSP = Measurements of Student Progress				
<u>2</u> Late Start	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>9</u> 10th ELA 11th ELA	<u>10</u> 4th Math 7th ELA 8th ELA 10th ELA 11th ELA	<u>11</u> 4th Math 7th ELA 8th ELA 10th ELA 11th ELA	<u>12</u> 7th ELA 8th ELA	<u>13</u>
<u>16</u> 11th Math	<u>17</u> 3rd Math 11th Math	<u>18</u> 3rd Math	<u>19</u> 5th Sci. MSP 8th Sci. MSP 10th Math Math 1 EOC	<u>20</u> 10th Math
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> 5th Math 6th Math 7th Math 8th Math Biology EOC	<u>25</u> 5th Math 6th Math 7th Math 8th Math Math 2 EOC	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>

## BOND UPDATE:

We have interviewed Architects West, ALSC, Design West, and NAC and are in the process of conducting reference checks and site visits.

We will narrow down the firms in the next few weeks and do a final interview prior to the next board meeting on April 28.

# 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 directed to the Superintendent.

April 2016

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## Upcoming Board Meetings

All meetings are held in the  
Elementary/Junior High Library

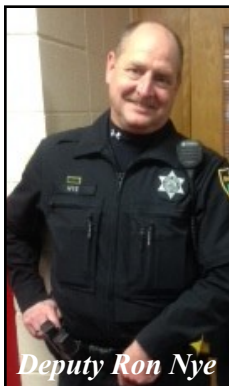
Thursday, April 28, 7:00pm

Thursday, May 26, 7:00pm

Tuesday, June 28, 7:00pm

Thursday, July 28, 7:00pm

## Sheriff's Corner: Warm Weather



Deputy Ron Nye

Spring has finally sprung! With warm weather finally here, there will be more motorcycles and bicyclists on the roads. This is the time of year to remind your young driver to be aware. It's so easy for even the seasoned driver not to see a motorcycle or bicyclist, let alone a younger, less experienced driver.

South Spokane County seems to have its fair share of motorcycles and bicyclists on the back roads. Lots of times, there isn't a shoulder for the bicyclists to ride on. There are hills and blind curves on these roads, making it easy to come upon a bicyclist unexpectedly.

While there are those bicyclists who ride the south county roads frequently and are prepared for traffic and riding without a shoulder available, there are also those who are oblivious to their surroundings and ride in the middle of the road taking in the sights—forgetting that traffic on those roads is traveling at 45MPH-plus.

Please everyone, let's be aware of your driving habits so there are no unfortunate accidents. I hope everyone has an enjoyable Spring Break!

## Janitor of the Year

Liberty School District is proud to announce that Jerry Ottosen has been named a finalist for a nationwide Janitor of the Year contest. Sponsored by Cintas Corporation, the contest aims to recognize the best-of-the-best in school janitors. Jerry is one of 10 finalists competing for a \$5,000 cash prize along with \$5,000 in Cintas and Rubbermaid products and services for his school. The contest is open to janitors of educational facilities of all levels—elementary through college. In its third year, the award shines a spotlight on those who work behind the scenes and often go unnoticed.



Jerry Ottosen

Jerry has been serving the Liberty students, community and staff members for the last 38 years. To cast your vote for Jerry or to read more about the other finalists, please visit [www.cintas.com/JOTY](http://www.cintas.com/JOTY) and click the vote now button. Voting will close Friday, April 15, and you may vote as many times as you like.

## Staff Spotlight: Kristanie Maleng

Miss Maleng joined the Liberty staff this month as secondary special education teacher for grades 7-12. Join us in learning more about her:



**College:** Eastern Washington University

**High School:** Mount Baker High School, Deming, WA

**Favorite School Lunch:** When I was in school it was chicken nuggets and mashed potatoes with gravy. Now it would probably be leftovers from dinner or old-fashioned oatmeal.

**Most interesting thing about you:** I love Disney. I have been to both Disneyland California and Disneyworld multiple times. Two years ago I helped my older sister's boyfriend at the time surprise her at Disneyland for her birthday and a marriage proposal.

**What you love about being a Liberty staff member so far:** How quickly it has become home for me. I grew up in a small town (250 people or so) and attended a small school, so coming to Liberty and being able to know everyone on a first name basis is wonderful.

**Favorite subject to teach:** All of them!



# Liberty Elementary & Junior High

## Elementary Character Awards

*for March*



### APRIL (FAIRNESS)

- 1 Early Release
- 4-8 Spring Break
- 11 2-Hour Late Start
- 12 4th Grade ELA Testing
- 13 4th Grade ELA Testing
- 14 4th Grade ELA Testing
- 15 4th Grade Math Is Cool Meet
- 19 5th & 6th Grade ELA Testing
- 20 5th & 6th Grade ELA Testing
- 21 5th & 6th Grade ELA Testing
- 26 3rd Grade ELA Testing
- 27 3rd Grade ELA Testing
- Spring Sports Pictures
- K-6 Awards Assembly, 2:10
- 28 3rd Grade ELA Testing
- K-8 Science Fair, 4:30-7:30
- Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 29 Kindergarten Roundup, 9:30am
- NO kindergarten class today
- Midterm Grading Day



*Congratulations to last month's Citizens of the Month, who exemplified March's character trait HONESTY:*

*(Top, L-R) Heidi Stout, Emory Moore, Drew Piersol, Stewart Ashmoore, Josie Beck, Shyah Ellis, (bottom, L-R) Izabella Myers, Brady Mitchell, Elizabeth Denny, Kenzie Barta, Logan Grumbly*



## JH Excellence Awards—Term 3

### Honor Roll



**8th Grade 4.0 GPA** (pictured at left, top-to-bottom, L-R): Kendyl Fletcher, Maisie Burnham, Kenzie DeShazer, Katerina Pyankova, Auriana Mitchell, Jacob Holling, Sara Tarbert, Anabelle Redder, Marissa Powers, Faith Shinner.

**8th Grade Honor Roll (3.5-3.99 GPA):** Aleena Cook, Aleesha Dean, Sean Duncan-Day, Robyn Garcia, Charles Harrington, Charlie Johnson, Sam Nelson, Cory Perryman, Taylor Smith, Kellan Watson.

**7th Grade 4.0 GPA** (pictured at lower left, top-to-bottom, L-R): Carson Tee, Sara Hartman, Olivia Morgan.

**7th Grade Honor Roll (3.5-3.99 GPA):** Jacob Biegert, Hadlee Brown, Maizy Feltwell, Carson Fisk, Trace Gale, Kalem Gardiner, Madison Greer, Austen Hubbard, Kylee Hubbard, Kyle Johnson, Logan Kettner, Jared Kimball, Logan Kroll, Mackenzy Lauster, Dylan Nemeth, Cole Ottmar, Tanner Schenk, Jonan Shrode, Logan Smith.

### Character Awards



*At left, Maisie Burnham, Logan Smith, Logan Kettner & Kyle Johnson were*

*recognized for displaying ENCOURAGEMENT*

### Academic Awards

*At right, Jacob Holling, Charlie Johnson, Mackenzy Lauster & Olivia Morgan.*



**Adopt-A-Pilot** For the last six years, students at Liberty Elementary have been fortunate to benefit from the Adopt-A-Pilot program and the expertise of our own local pilot and Liberty parent, Tim Redder.

The Adopt-A-Pilot program was introduced by Southwest Airlines in 1997 as a supplementary way to educate students through aviation-themed activities related to STEM subjects Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. In the spring of each year, Liberty 5th graders “adopt” Mr. Redder and learn the basics of aviation while researching careers and being reminded of the importance of staying in school.

Mr. Redder's career includes 14 years with the Air Force flying KC135s followed by 16 years as a pilot for SWA. Throughout his years of working with the program, he has broadened our students' understanding of science by discussing aviation topics of air, time zones, topography, cultural awareness, utilizing charts to determine distance and rules of pressure and lift. Students also focus on the importance of values to help achieve career goals.

At the end of each session, students compete in a fun paper airplane contest using the principles learned over the previous three sessions.



*Tim Redder*

# Liberty High School

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## 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.



*Tyson Schenk, Trinity Papini, Willow Ashton, Kassie Turner, Darwin Rahim*  
Inset: Nurse Sarah Beyersdorf

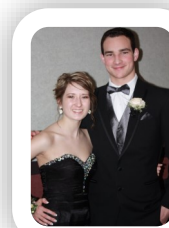
For March, the student body focused on HONESTY. Students and staff recognized the following students for displaying the trait of honesty in a variety of ways: **Tyson Schenk, Darwin Rahim, Kassie Turner, Trinity Papini, Tate Carey, and Willow Ashton.**

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

**LHS**  
**Dates to Remember**

APRIL (FAIRNESS)	
4-8	Spring Break
11	Late Start
12	Driver's Education begins
13	National Honor Society
18	Spokane Scholars Banquet
21	College Color Day
25	ASB Elections
27	Spring Sports Photos
30	Prom

## Prom



The Prom Committee has been actively working on setting up for Prom 2016. This year's Prom will be held with Freeman High School on April 30<sup>th</sup> at

Center Place in Spokane Valley. The theme is "Starry Night." Students planning to attend the Prom must purchase tickets through the high school office for \$25 each. The dance will begin at 8:00 and end at 11:00 PM. Both Freeman and Liberty will provide numerous chaperones along with personnel from the Spokane County Sheriff's Office. For more information about Prom, please contact Mrs. Chambers at ext. 7-1302 or email [tchambers@libertysd.us](mailto:tchambers@libertysd.us).

## Knowledge Bowl

Congratulations to Mr. VanSickle and the Knowledge Bowl team who competed in the Washington State Knowledge Bowl Competition.

**Sam Pritchett, Brett Watson, Caroline Nelson, Thomas Redder, and James Heer** (pictured at right, L-R) represented Liberty High School on March 19 at Arlington High School.



This group qualified for State at the Regional event on March 4 at Whitworth University. Congratulations to the entire Knowledge Bowl team on a fantastic season.



## Liberty High School Spring Assessment Schedules

Grade 10	Who	When
SBA ELA	All	May 9, 10, 11
SBA Math	Students enrolled in Algebra 2	May 19, 20
Biology EOC	All	May 24
Math EOC	Students who have not met the math standard.	Math 1 May 19 Math 2 May 25

Grade 11	Who	When
SBA ELA	Students who have not met Level 3 or Level 4.	May 9, 10, 11
SBA Math	All	May 16, 17
Biology EOC	Students who have not met biology standard.	May 24
Math EOC	Students who have not met the math standard.	Math 1 May 19 Math 2 May 25



## Music and Choir

Congratulations to Mr. Pendon and our students for their performance at the Bi-County Honors Band and Choir concert last month at the INB Performing Arts Center.

The groups also competed at regional contests last month at Lewis & Clark and Ferris high schools. Groups were scored on a scale of 1-5, and the Liberty band and choir both earned scores of 2—excellent.



The Jazz Band will represent Liberty High School at the annual Spokane Scholars Banquet in the Spokane Convention Center Ballroom on April 18.

## FFA



Liberty High School and the FFA hosted the District Leadership Career Development Events (CDEs), on March 23. There were 102 FFA members from around the FFA District who competed in different CDEs. Liberty FFA had a very busy day with 29 FFA members participating or helping at the District 5 leadership event. At this time 30 LHS FFA members will represent LHS at State in Pullman May 11-14.

District Results:

Parliamentary Procedure—1<sup>st</sup>: Chairman **Kaitlyn Rambo**, Secretary **Bridgette Roll**, team members **Nate Burley**, **Christine Denny**, **Abby Karlis**, and **Lillie Marsh**

Novice Parliamentary Procedure team—1<sup>st</sup>: Chairman **Annie Karlis**,

Secretary **Jon Denny**, team members **Emma Holwegner**, **Racheal Ince**, **Haley Marsh**, and **Aleah Rydell**

Creed Speaking—1<sup>st</sup>: **Isaak Ottmar**

First Year Member Test: **Ashlyn Bartels**, **Jon Denny**, **Emma Holwegner**, **Racheal Ince**, **Annie Karlis**, **Levi Kettner**, **Haley Marsh**, **Isaak Ottmar**, and **Aleah Rydell**

Washington State FFA Degree: **Christine Denny**, **Abby Karlis**

Ag Issues I: **Matthew Burley**, **Jon Denny**, **Annie Karlis**, **Isaak Ottmar**, **Lindsay Stern**, **Brett Watson**

Ag Issues II: **Ashlyn Bartels**, **Garrett Baump**, **Dustin Dumaw**, **Alec Fletcher**, **Brandi Thieren**

Ag Marketing I: **Christine Denny**, **Madelynne Flaig**, **Allysha Hubbard**

Ag Marketing II: **Ashlyn Bartels**, **Devin Billington**, **Jake Pottratz**

Meats: **Kyle DeGon**, **Matt DeGon**, **Dustin Dumaw**, **Tyler Haas**, **Patrick Paredes**

## Student Archers Compete for State Championship

Archers from around Washington State converged on CWU in Ellensburg on March 22 to compete in the Washington NASP State Championship. 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 in May in Louisville, Kentucky. Liberty team members included: **Kolbey Browning**, **Bud Hahnlen**, **Justin King**, **Aleah Rydell**, **Evan Smith**, **Ethan Trower**, and **Trevor Westphal**.



## 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 Monday, April 11.

Elections for President, Vice President, Secretary, Sgt. at Arms, and Treasurer will be held on Monday the 25th.

**www.LibertySD.us**

A reminder to all, you can access the most current information on our website [www.libertysd.us](http://www.libertysd.us). If you visit the High School page you will find an updated schedule of events along with a brief synopsis of what is taking place at the high school. This is updated weekly—usually on Friday morning. If you have questions about this link or would like something added to the schedule, please contact Mr. Fletcher.