**The Liberty Lancer**

**Message from the Superintendent**

**April 2014**

**Liberty Board Calls for Task Force on Bullying & Harassment**

Following the March board meeting a decision was made to create a task force to study and make recommendations regarding bullying and harassment issues within the district. Several parents attended the meeting to voice concerns regarding experiences their children have brought home, primarily from the junior high and high school.

Members of the task force will include school administrators, counselors, board members, and interested parents. The school board will appoint the parent representatives to provide a diverse group representing all grade bands within the district. Parents interested in being part of the task force may email Kim Wrenchey at kwrenchey@libertysd.us. The specific charge and members of the group will be named at the April 29 board meeting.

**Liberty School District Booster Club Wins Regional Leadership Award**

Scott Simmons and Jani Miller will accept a community leadership award on behalf of the Liberty Boosters at a ceremony luncheon on April 18. The NE Washington School Administrators Association honors local school district lay leaders for their efforts to provide support for students in their public schools.

The booster club was close to collapse five years ago with waning membership and lack of funds. Thanks to leaders like Scott, Jani and many others, the boosters now provide over $16,000 annually to student athletics, clubs, activities, and teacher projects. Finances for this effort come from concessions, donations and the Friends of Liberty sponsorship placards found on the walls of the high school gym. Congratulations, Scott & Jani.

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**MSP Testing, Grades 3-8**

Students in grades 3-8 will begin the mandatory state testing known as the Measurement of Student Progress (MSP) on April 23. All students in these grades will be tested in reading and mathematics. Students in grades 4 and 7 will also test in writing and grades 5 and 8 in science. Testing results will be available in September.

This is the last year we will be using the MSP test due to the implementation of the new Common Core State Standards next fall. The new assessment system is called the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) and will assess the new learning standards. Liberty students in grades K-2 have been using the Common Core learning objectives for the past three years.

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

Tuesday, April 29
Thursday, May 22
Thursday, June 26
Thursday, July 24

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

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Academic Students of the Quarter
Michaela Tee, Thomas Redder, Catherine Brown and Daniel Adams (l-r) were selected by their teachers as academic students of the quarter.

Liberty Elementary & Junior High for March

Elementary Excellence Awards

Congratulations to our citizens of the month for March, who exemplified the “Character Counts” trait of the month—Caring: (top row, l-r) Addilee Buys, Ben Colgan, Shaylynne Rose, Devyn Cook, Grant Ashmore, Randa Hafner, (bottom row, l-r) Devin Holling, Amelia Suksdorf, Austin Roberts, Wyatt Armstrong, Ayden Eyre.

Junior High Excellence Awards—Term 3

4.0 GPA

8th Grade: (pictured at left, l-r, top to bottom): Glen Johnson, Beau St. John, Thomas Redder, Breydon Doubet, Alec Fletcher, Matthew Burley, Tyson Schenk, Brett Watson. Not pictured: Austin Rambo.

Honor Roll, 3.5-3.99 GPA


7th Grade: Daniel Adams, Garrett Baump, Catherine Brown, Julia Collins, Jon Denny, Olivia Grumbly, Emma Holwegner, Racheal Ince, Annabelle Karlis, Lilian Kay, Justin King, Bowe Rojas, Evan Smith, Jacqueline Turner, Simon Vincini.

- 7-11  Spring Break
- 14  School Resumes/2-Hour Late Start
- 23  MSP Testing
- 24  MSP Testing
- 25  Kindergarten Roundup, 9:30am
- 29  Board Meeting, 7pm
- 29-30  MSP Testing
National Honor Society

Congratulations to our newest members of the National Honor Society. Students were honored at an induction ceremony that took place March 27.

NHS inductees pictured above (back row, l-r) Killian Knecht, Justice Schuman, Jacob Potratz, Kaleb Hafner, Nathan Burley, Keith Dumaw, Maxwell Johnson, Daniel Hircok, (front row, l-r) Katelyn Marcure, Alysha Thomas, Jodi Carrell, Margaret Nelson, Emily Lehman, Kaitlyn Rambo, Jack Simmons, Tucker Carey.

Liberty Robotics 2014

The robotics program is in its fifth 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 35 students work on the robot in some fashion during the build season, and seven of those qualified to attend the regional events.

The team competed at the Auburn Mt. View district competition on February 28 finishing 8th overall, which was their highest placing ever in FRC competition. On March 14, the team competed at the Eastern Washington University district event and finished 11th. The team was eliminated in the quarterfinal rounds of competition at both events. The team is currently ranked 27th out of 150 teams, hoping to finish in the top 64 which would qualify them for the Regional Championships in Portland, Oregon, on April 12. Team members (pictured above, l-r) include: Garrett Green, Nate Burley, Austin Rambo, Justin Flaig, Blake Marsh, Devin Billington, Dyllian Flaig (center). Not pictured: Austin Sievers, Derek Green and Frank James.

FFA

Congratulations to our FFA teams for their performances at the Sub-District and District meets held March 5 and 27 at Liberty High School. Shareena McGregor finished first in Public Speaking at Sub-District and 5th at District. The Advanced Parliamentary Procedure team earned 2nd place at Sub-District and 1st place at District; team members include: Kaitlyn Rambo, Bridgette Roll, Macy Connemser, Blake Marsh, Aly Tee, and Kelsey Weeks. The Novice Parliamentary Procedure team earned 3rd at Sub-District and 2nd place at District; team members include: Patrick Parades, Abby Karlis, Christine Denny, Kyle DeGon, Matt DeGon, and Devin Billington. Both Parliamentary Procedure teams qualified for FFA State, to be held in Pullman May 14-17. Good luck to Mr. Kimble and the entire FFA team.

Website

You can access the most current information on our website at www.libertysd.us. If you follow the High School link you will find an updated schedule of events along with a brief synopsis of information as to what is taking place. This information 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.

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APRIL

7-11 Spring Break
14 Late Start/School Resumes
15 Driver’s Ed Begins
17 College Color Day
FBLA State
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19 FBLA State
23 Spring Sports Photos
28 ASB Elections

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