Message from the Superintendent

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:

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

APRIL 2016 STATE ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

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ELA = English Language Arts

May 2016 State Assessment Schedule

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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.
Sheriff’s Corner:  **Warm Weather**

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 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!
Dates to Remember

Liberty Elementary & Junior High

Spring Break

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

Board Meeting, 7:00pm

28 Kindergarten Roundup, 9:30am
NO kindergarten class today
Midterm Grading Day

3rd Grade ELA Testing
3rd Grade ELA Testing

K-6 Science Fair, 4:30-7:30

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

Adopt-A-Pilot

At left, Maisie Burnham, Logan Smith, Logan Kettner & Kyle Johnson were recognized for displaying Encouragement.

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

At left, Tim Redder

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.
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.

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.

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.

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 30th 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.

Prom 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

Liberty High School Spring Assessment Schedules

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