



The Liberty Lancer

Message from the Superintendent

August/September 2013

It doesn't seem possible, but this will be year seven as superintendent of the Liberty School District. Two years ago I also accepted the duties as principal of the elementary/junior high school as the result of a significant administrative reconfiguration. The workload has definitely increased, but with amazing secretaries and administrative support staff we have made it work well.

We have some new and familiar faces returning as new staff members to Liberty this fall. **Kaci Tee** will continue as the head volleyball coach at the junior high and will also be teaching Title I reading and the Learning Assistance Program in grades K-8. Kaci is returning to the classroom after several years as a stay-at-home mom and holds a bachelor's degree from Lewis and Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho, where she was a varsity volleyball player.



Tricia Stombaugh will be teaching third grade this year after teaching for seven years in the Portland area. Tricia is a Spokane native and a graduate of Ferris High School. She holds a bachelor's degree from Western Washington University and a master's degree from WSU Vancouver.

Alex Saywers will be returning to Liberty as a sixth grade teacher and junior high baseball coach. Alex is a Liberty graduate and recently earned his bachelor's degree from EWU in elementary education.



Kenny VanSickle (not pictured) was selected for the history and physical education position at Liberty High School. Kenny comes to us with an M.A. in Curriculum and Instruction and a B.A. in Social Studies and Health and Fitness from Eastern Washington University. Mr. VanSickle spent the last two years teaching history at Forks High School in the Quillayute Valley School District.

You will notice some changes at Liberty if you stop by the schools this fall. The elementary/junior high school has a new coat of paint to match the high school and transportation buildings. Also, all of the energy conservation grant projects are now complete including the control systems for our HVAC systems. We are excited to watch our energy costs decrease over time as a result of the 2012 energy grant. Liberty High School's office has received a facelift as well with new counter tops and cabinet doors to match the new color scheme. Maintaining our facilities and grounds is a high priority we take seriously. We thank the Liberty community for supporting its schools, students and families.

Information Nights

Please save the following dates for Liberty's parent information nights. These meetings will help you connect with your child's teacher and get an overview of what will be happening in his or her classroom this year.

K-6: Thurs., Sept. 5, 6:30pm

7-12: Wed., Sept. 11, 6:30pm

The **HIV/AIDS** curriculum will be presented to interested parents at 5:30pm on September 11 just prior to the grades 7-12 parent night. During this presentation Nurse Sarah Beyersdorf will review the state-mandated curriculum that will be used in grades 5-12. This meeting is required for parents considering excluding their child from this instruction.

Special Services and Title I will have open houses on the nights listed above at 5:30pm. Please stop by and get to know the staff.

Liberty Continues Dialog with Rosalia for Possible Academic/Athletic Cooperative

For the past several years the small rural school districts of eastern Washington have been seeking creative methods to provide quality programs for their schools. This can be a difficult task if your classes at the high school are very small and you have a limited number of staff members. Many schools have reached out to their neighbors to form cooperatives that share staff and combine athletic programs to remain robust and competitive.

Last year Rosalia approached Liberty's school board to discuss the possibility of sharing a superintendent with each district funding 50 percent of the salary and benefits. Our board listened and held a community forum to receive feedback on the proposal. Due to the financial constraints of hiring a full-time K-8 principal and desires expressed by many at the forum, the board declined to enter into an agreement to share a superintendent—at least for now. The boards did agree, however, to continue to dialog about joining forces in the future for staffing purposes and possibly combining athletic teams.

Liberty has experienced declining enrollment for the past 18 years. The primary cause of declining enrollment has been fewer families living in the district with school-aged children and the competition of larger surrounding schools with broad programs. At some time in the near future both Rosalia and Liberty, along with numerous other small districts, will need to consider combining with other districts to remain strong and viable. Examples of other districts who have already combined include Garfield-Palouse, Lind-Ritzville-Sprague, Odessa-Harrington, LaCrosse-Washtucna, and Wilbur-Creston.

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.

August/September 2013

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Upcoming Board Meetings

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

Tuesday, August 27

Thursday, September 26

Thursday, October 24

Tuesday, November 26

Monday, December 30 (5pm)

Liberty Elementary & Junior High

Elementary Excellence Awards

for May



Congratulations to last year's elementary citizens of the month for May: (back row, l-r) Gage Holling, Katie Eden, Anabelle Redder, Marisa Johnson, Daniel Adams, (front row, l-r) Jackson Davis, Gus Suksdorf, Jefferson Davis, Taylor Felgenhauer, Danny Yarkovoy, Aaron Bates.

Junior High Term 4 Excellence

Honor Roll

8th Grade: (High Honors—4.0 GPA, pictured at right, l-r, top to bottom) Patrick Paredes, Devin Billington, Jacob Harrington, Madelynne Flaig, Abigail Karlis, Kathryn Fairfield (Honor Roll—3.5-3.99 GPA) Elizabeth Brown, Thomas Canning, Kyle DeGon, Matthew DeGon, Christine Denny, Kristin Ince, Tyler Haas, Allysha Hubbard, Garrett Spurrell, Dustin Dumaw, Chase Burnham, Kayla Massengale, Braden House, Autumn Morse.



7th grade: (High Honors—4.0 GPA, pictured at left, l-r, top to bottom) Breydon Doubet, Austin Rambo, Thomas Redder, Savannah Mather, Tyson Schenk, (Honor Roll—3.5-3.99 GPA) Matthew Burley, Alec Fletcher, Jada Schulken, Lindsay Stern, Brett Watson, Glen Johnson, Michaela Tee, Grace Campbell, Marybelle Buck, Brandon Holling, Emilee Crump, Anastasiya Pyankova, Heaven Schultz, Angel Adams, Isaac Branon, Ashley Kelley.

Academic Students of the Quarter

Congratulations to the following students selected by their teachers as Academic Students of the Quarter for term 4:



8th Grade (pictured at left):
Christine Denny, Jacob Harrington



7th Grade (pictured at right):
Angel Adams (not shown), Brandon Holling, Matthew Burley

New Writing Program for Grades 4-6

Students in grades 4-6 will be using a new writing program from Houghton Mifflin this year called The Write Source. This new instructional program will include technology for classroom instruction as well as online programming that allows students to keep a portfolio of their writing and the ability to submit their work to their teacher electronically. Grades 1-3 will receive the program in the future as funds become available.

School Supplies



Supply lists for grades K-8 are posted on the Elementary/Junior High website (go to www.LibertySD.us, click "Schools" then "Elementary/Junior High"). If you do not have internet access, please call secretary Kim Wrenchey at the school office, 509-245-3211 ext. 2211, any time beginning August 20, and she will forward a copy to you.

JH ASB Fees

All seventh and eighth grade students are required to purchase an Associated Student Body (ASB) card for \$20 in order to participate in the ASB-supported activities that take place throughout the year. Those students participating in extra-curricular sports or band also pay an additional one-time \$20 fee, for a total of \$40. These funds go toward purchasing equipment and uniforms as well as costs for officials and entry to special events. Sixth grade athletes who participate in junior high athletics are also required to pay both fees.

If these costs present a financial burden to your family, please contact the principal by note, email or phone.



**COME TO THE ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL
FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 4:00-6:00 PM...IT'S FREE!**

K-8 Dates to Remember	
August	
20	School Office Opens, 8am-4pm
23	Ice Cream Social, 4-6pm
26	JH Football/Volleyball practices begin
27	First Day of School
September	
2	Labor Day—No School
3	Individual Picture Day
5	K-6 Parent Night, 6:30pm
11	7-8 Parent Night, 6:30pm
16	2-Hour Late Start
18	Grandparents' Breakfast, 8:05am
23	Individual Picture Retakes

Liberty High School

Principal's Welcome

As summer comes to a close, back-to-school shopping kicks into high gear, which means the beginning of another school year. Here at the high school we are looking forward to a great 2013-14 school year. As the Liberty High School Principal I want to say welcome and I am excited to get the year started. As we begin the year, I want to say thank you to all the parents/guardians for allowing Liberty School District to educate your student(s). Our staff will continue to work hard for all students through meaningful and rigorous instruction, clubs, and athletic opportunities. If you have questions, comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to call or send an email.



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First Day of School

The first day of school is August 27. All students will report to the gym for an opening assembly to kick off the school year. Students will then meet with their class advisors to receive schedule information for the rest of the day. School begins each day with the first bell ringing at 8:10 a.m., and the school day concludes at 3:05 p.m. The morning break will continue this year for students from 9:04-9:18 a.m. On late-start days the first bell will ring at 10:08 a.m.



Registration & Office Hours

All continuing students registered for classes last spring and should have a copy of their 2013-14 schedule. The high school office will open August 20 for new student registration. The office will be open daily 8:00-4:00 until school starts. Once school begins, office hours are from 7:30-4:00.

Fall Sports

Football practice begins August 21. Our football program will be led by Coach Mike Dewey, Ron Rogers, and Mark Douglas. The football season begins at home against Tri-Cities Prep on September 6.



Our volleyball program will be led by Jeff Ottmar. The first volleyball practice will be August 26 in the high school gym. The first match will be at home on September 6.

In order to participate in sports, athletes must have all appropriate paperwork turned in, along with a current sports physical. If you need more information about athletics please contact Athletic Director Blaze Burnham at 245-3229 ext. 1221 or bburnham@libertysd.us

Congratulations to the Liberty boys' basketball team for winning its division at the Camp Classic Basketball Tournament this summer! Lancer basketball begins November 18.

Spanish Club Planning Return to Spain in 2015



Spanish teacher Trisha Chambers just completed the first international world language field trip in the history of LHS with ten of her advanced students. The Spanish Club spent the last two years fundraising to defer the cost of the trip for each student. The group worked events for the Spangle Service Club, sold coffee, partnered with Papa Murphy's on the South Hill, and solicited donations from other foundations and service organizations. The Spanish Club has already begun planning and fundraising for its next trip in June of 2015.



Driver's Education

We will offer driver's education through 911 Driving School of Spokane, starting September 9. Students must be 15 years old to enroll. This class will be offered during the zero hour at LHS with student drives completed as a pull-out model during the school day. Eligible students should contact 911 Driving at 324-0911 for registration information.

Curriculum

Liberty High School will be offering some new classes for 2013-14. Spanish 3 and 4 will be offered, and Mrs. Chambers is looking forward to working with these students. Both of these classes will have college credit opportunities through the Concurrent Enrollment program with Eastern Washington University. Mr. Hardie will also be teaching English 101 through EWU's Concurrent Enrollment program. Mr. Kimble will be teaching an advanced computer aided drafting class.

As a small school we strive to provide numerous elective class opportunities to our students.

ASB

The Associated Student Body (ASB) comprises all Liberty High School students. Student government is formulated through the ASB. The Liberty High School ASB card entitles the student to free admission to all home athletic contests (playoffs not included) and allows admittance to games at other Bi-County League schools at a reduced

student rate. In addition, outside organizations may offer discounts for students with ASB cards.

In order to participate in an ASB activity, club, athletics, or band, a student must purchase an ASB card in the amount of \$40. Students who want to be involved in athletics must pay an additional fee of \$20 per sport. Vocational clubs may charge additional fees, and band charges a cleaning fee for band uniforms.

The ASB officers for 2013-14 are:

President: Ryan Thayer

Vice-President: Aly Tee

Secretary: Breanna Thieren

Treasurer: Macy Cornmesser

Sergeant-At-Arms: Austin Sievers

MAP Testing

Measures of Academic Progress™ (MAP), determines your student's instructional level and measures academic growth throughout the school year in the areas of math and reading. This assessment will be administered three times throughout the year. The first round of MAP testing will begin September 3. MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your student's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. With MAP testing, we can administer shorter tests and use less class time while still receiving detailed, accurate information about your student's growth. During the testing week, your student will spend a total of about two hours completing the tests.

Facilities

Upon returning to school you will notice our custodial staff has been busy over the summer. Fresh paint was applied to areas of need, carpets cleaned along with other summer maintenance projects. One large project completed over the summer was the installation of new laminate in the high school office. The custodial staff has worked countless hours in preparation for the first day of school.

I would like to thank Melanie Larsen, Jerry Ottosen, Steve Martensen, Doug DeGon, Connie Anderson, and Xay Xiong for their hard work.

Lancer pride, go Lancers!

Closed Campus Liberty High School maintains a closed campus. Students finding it necessary to leave school during the school day shall check out through the office. The student check-out must be authorized by a parent or guardian. Students wishing to leave campus with another student must have parent/guardian consent from both students' legal guardians. Authorization shall be in the form of a signed parent/guardian note or by parent/guardian personal contact with the office. Failure to check out or provide proper authorization for leaving campus will constitute a violation of school rules even if the absence is valid. These rules are in place to ensure the safety of our students.

Field Trip Permission We will be sending out permission forms, please return these to the office at your earliest convenience. Students will not be allowed to leave on any field trips without these on file, due to liability issues.

Student Handbook Each student will receive a student handbook on the first day of school. Please look through the handbook with your student, as there are a few changes from last year. Also, each student will be required to sign a notice of understanding, which needs to be turned in to the office.

Change of Address We ask that you notify the LHS office if you change your address, email address and/or phone number. It is vital to us that we be able to reach you; we are in the process of updating our records.

Gym Floor The gym floor has been refinished again this summer. It is important to keep our facilities looking neat and clean. Everyone is encouraged to use appropriate shoes on the floor. Also, during athletic contests or other events in the gym, the floor is to be used only by those participating in the events. Please stay off the gym floor before, during, and after each contest or event.

Meal Prices for 2013-14

Liberty uses a computerized meal program for payment and accounting. This program allows parents to pay in advance for school meals, and all students within a family draw from a shared account.

More information about our school lunch program will be sent home after school starts. Regular lunch prices reflect a slight increase from last year to keep pace with costs.

Regular*

Breakfast	K-12.....	\$1.35
Lunch	K-4.....	\$2.40
Lunch	5-8.....	\$2.65
Lunch	9-12.....	\$2.80

Milk Only \$0.40

Adult*

Breakfast \$2.00

Reduced*

Breakfast	K-8	FREE
Lunch	K-3	FREE
Lunch	4-12	\$0.40

*All meal prices include milk.



Adult Lunch..... \$3.75

National School Lunch Program/School Breakfast Program PUBLIC RELEASE FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS 2013-2014

Liberty School District #362 today announced its policy for free and reduced-price lunches/snacks and/or free or reduced-price breakfasts for children who qualify according to the eligibility standards below for meals served under the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Programs. Each school and the school district's central office have a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

Local school officials have adopted the following family size income criteria for determining eligibility:

Eligibility Scale for Free and Reduced-Price Meals July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014										
		FREE				REDUCED-PRICE				
Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Year	Month	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$14,937	\$1,245	\$623	\$575	\$288	\$21,257	\$1,772	\$886	\$818	\$409
2	20,163	1,681	841	776	388	28,694	2,392	1,196	1,104	552
3	25,389	2,116	1,058	977	489	36,131	3,011	1,506	1,390	695
4	30,615	2,552	1,276	1,178	589	43,568	3,631	1,816	1,676	838
5	35,841	2,987	1,494	1,379	690	51,005	4,251	2,126	1,962	981
6	41,067	3,423	1,712	1,580	790	58,442	4,871	2,436	2,248	1,124
7	46,293	3,858	1,929	1,781	891	65,879	5,490	2,745	2,534	1,267
8	51,519	4,294	2,147	1,982	991	73,316	6,110	3,055	2,820	1,410
Each Additional Household Member Add	+ 5,226	+ 436	+ 218	+ 201	+ 101	+ 7,437	+ 620	+ 310	+ 287	+ 144

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Application forms, with a letter to parents or guardians, will be sent to all homes at the beginning of the school year. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at each school office. The information provided on the application will be used to determine eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials.

For school officials to determine eligibility, households must provide the following information listed on the application: the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member received last month and where it came from, the signature of an adult household member, and the last four numbers of that adult's social security number. If the adult signing the application does not have a social security number, check the "I do not have a social security number" box. For a child who is a member of a Basic Food household or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) assistance unit, the household need provide only the child's name, the Basic Food or TANF or FDPIR case number, and printed name and signature of an adult member on the application.

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) will download the names of all children age three to 21 into the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) Comprehensive Education and Data Research System. Information will include the child's first name, last name, middle initial, and date of birth. Upon receipt of this

information, OSPI will match student names against the DSHS file and then make the "match" data available to each district via the Internet. Students will automatically qualify for free meals if their schools participate in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child Nutrition Programs.

Households that do not want their child(ren) to participate in the free meal program should notify the child(ren)'s school.

Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price policy, the designated approving official(s) will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the approving official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to the fair hearing official, Bill Motsenbocker, District Superintendent, for a hearing on the decision.

Foster children are also eligible for free meals regardless of personal use income. If you have questions about applying for meal benefits for foster children, contact the school or district office. The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used only for the purposes of determining eligibility and verifying data.

In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

If you believe you have been treated unfairly, you may file a complaint of discrimination by writing, USDA Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339, or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Liberty School District • 2013-14 Annual Public Notices

A school district is required by federal law to publish annual notification items to its community. Below you will find the official notification for: Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, Nondiscrimination Statement, Family Education Rights to Privacy Act, Dangerous Weapons Policy, Smoking Prohibited, Drug-Free Schools, and Pesticide Notification Policy.

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)

As a result of the 2010 AHERA three-year re-inspection, the following known or assumed asbestos-containing building materials (ACBMS) have been identified in the Liberty High School.

Non-Friable ACBM:

- Floor tile and mastic (closets, beneath built-in cabinets)
- Pipe joints, elbows and tees (above ceilings and behind walls-showers, restrooms, Home Economics classroom, laundry room, custodial closets, science rooms)

Friable ACBM:

- None

All ACBM listed above were found to be in good condition and are being continually maintained in accordance with all Washington State and federal laws.

Note: In compliance with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Act (AHERA), Liberty School District contracted with Educational Service District 101 of Spokane, Washington, to conduct the Three-Year Asbestos Re-inspection of all school buildings. During January 2010, an EPA accredited asbestos Inspector and Management Planner performed the required inspection, reassessed each category of asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM) and noted any significant changes from the previous inspections. Re-inspection will assist the school district in the process of safely managing each ACBM within our district.

The AHERA Re-inspection Report and Management Plans are available to the general public and can be reviewed anytime during normal school hours. As required by AHERA, a designated person is available during regular business hours to answer any questions concerning ACBM in our building. The designated person can be contacted through the district office.

Liberty Sets Childfind

Liberty School District provides many programs for children in our schools at no cost to you! The schools offer programs such as speech therapy, physical and occupational therapy, Title/LAP and special education academic programs, and preschool classes for children three years and older. Developmental screenings and/or comprehensive assessments for children who are suspected of having a disability which could adversely affect their educational development are available at no cost to you. These services are available for persons between the ages of birth through 21 years of age. The screenings are held monthly by appointment only. Liberty will be screening 3-to-5 year olds this fall. To schedule an appointment or for further information, contact Gracie Hodgson at 245-3211 x2215 after August 22.

Student Responsibilities and Rights Policy

Copies of Liberty School District's Student Rights and Rules Governing Student Misconduct Policy are available upon request at all district school buildings. Copies will be distributed to all secondary students at the beginning of the school year.

Student Privacy

The district is prohibited from releasing any personally identifiable records or files about an individual without written parental consent. However, the district may release a list of students belonging to a group (e.g. graduating seniors, etc.). A student's name will be excluded from a listing of students upon written request by a parent. The information on a list may include:

- A. The student's name, address and telephone number;
- B. Date and place of birth;
- C. Major field of study;
- D. Participation in officially recognized activities and sports;
- E. Weight and height of athletic teams;
- F. Dates of attendance;

G. Degrees and awards received; and

H. The most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student.

The district may also release photographs of students for public information purposes.

Parents have the right to request that any or all of these categories of information, including personally-identifiable photographs, not be released without their prior consent. This request must be given in writing to the student's principal.

Pesticide Notification Policy

The state legislature House Bill 1451 requires school districts to notify the public of pest control and herbicide use. Any interested person can register with the school district to receive notification of pesticide application or can contact us for any information on our Integrated Pesticide Management Plan. Our plan is available for review at the district office. The district will post notices at the application sites and notify prior to applying. For more information, contact Rick Brash at 624-4415.

Nondiscrimination/Title IX

The Liberty School District will provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities programs without discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sensory, mental or physical ability, or use of trained guide dog or service animal by a person with a disability. The district will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free of sexual harassment. Gender discrimination issues or other Title IX concerns should be brought to the attention of Superintendent Bill Motsenbocker at (509) 245-3211 x2213 or Title IX Officer Blaze Burnham at (509) 624-4415.

Dangerous Weapons Policy

It is a violation of state law for any person to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon on

school premises, school-provided transportation or areas of other facilities being used for school activities. The law outlines exceptions in certain cases, i.e., security activities, firearm safety lecture/courses, law enforcement officers, etc.

Smoking Prohibited

Smoking or any other use of any tobacco products is prohibited on school district property. This includes all district buildings, grounds and district-owned vehicles.

Drug-Free Schools

Drugs, alcohol and schools do not mix. Schools are required to meet certain guidelines; patrons are hereby notified of Liberty School District's policy. Liberty School District supports abstinence from alcohol and other drugs for all students in order that their development can reach full intellectual, emotional, social, and physical potentials.

Liberty School District Report Card

The Liberty School District Report Card is available online and is located at www.k12.wa.us. Once you reach the website, click on School Report Card, and then select Liberty. Information on test scores and Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) is available for each school.

Guidelines for Children with Life-Threatening Conditions

Washington law defines a life-threatening condition as "a health condition that will put the child in danger of death during the school day if a medication or treatment order and a nursing plan are not in place." Children with life-threatening conditions such as severe bee sting or food allergies, severe asthma, unstable diabetes, severe seizures, etc., are required to have a medication or treatment order and nursing plan in place before they start school. The medication or treatment order must be from the child's licensed healthcare provider.

If a medication or treatment order is not provided, the chief administrator of the school is required to exclude the child until such order has been provided. Our exclusion procedures are in accordance with the rules (WACs) of the State Board of Education. If your child has a life-threatening condition that may require medical services to be performed at

school, you must immediately notify your school's nurse. The necessary forms will be provided, and a time will be arranged for you to meet with your child's school nurse. Please call Sarah Beyersdorf at 245-3211 with questions.

Homeless Assistance

Students who become homeless may receive assistance to remain at their school and receive other assistance. Please contact the school counselor or Cyndi Freeman, Homeless Liaison, at 245-3211 x 2217.

No Child Left Behind Act

The Federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires school districts that receive federal Title I funding to notify parents of their right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct their children. As a recipient of these funds, Liberty School District will provide you with this information in a timely manner upon request.

Specifically, you have the right to request the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the teacher meets the state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency status because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether paraprofessionals provide services to your child, and if so, their qualifications.

Liberty School District is committed to providing quality instruction for all students. It does so by employing the most qualified individuals to teach and support each student in the classroom. If you would like to receive any of the information listed above, please contact Gracie Hodgson at 245-3211 x 2215.

Special Education Public Participation Information

If interested in attending a meeting and/or reviewing the IDA application and related surveys and reports, you may contact Gracie Hodgson at 245-3211 x 2215 for specific information. Please call no later than October 12.

Notice for Directory Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requires that Liberty School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written permission prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Liberty School District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of the directory information is to allow Liberty School District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill showing your student's role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height for team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, federal laws require local education agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories—names, addresses, and telephone listings—unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent. If you do not want Liberty School District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by September 30. Liberty School District has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student's name
 - Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
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2013-14 Annual Public Notices (continued)

- Address
- Telephone listing
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Electronic mail address
- Photograph
- Degrees, honors and awards received
- Major field of study
- Dates of attendance
- Grade level
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended

Notification of Rights for Elementary and Secondary Schools

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education record within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible students may ask the school to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the school has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks to enroll.
4. The right to file a complaint with the US Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA are: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20202-4605.