



Ice Cream Social

Please join us **Tuesday, August 25**, from 4pm-6pm on the Elementary/JH lawn for our annual free ice cream social.

This is a great opportunity to meet the teachers, take care of business at the office and connect with friends prior to the start of school on Thursday the 27th!



Information Nights

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. 3, 6:30pm

7-12: Wed., Sept. 9, 6:30pm

The **HIV/AIDS curriculum** will be presented to interested parents at 5:30pm on September 9 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 1 will have open houses on the nights listed above at 5:30pm. Please stop by and get to know the staff.

The Liberty Lancer

Message from the Superintendent

August/September 2015

School Starts



**Thursday,
August 27!**

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed some of the many activities our beautiful area has to offer. Summer is a great time for reflection, relaxation and a chance for our staff to prepare for the new school year. As we gear up for the months ahead, our focus will remain centered on supporting students in their learning and staff in their work. As a district we continue to grow and work toward our goal of providing our students with the best education possible by equipping them with the tools necessary for success beyond high school.

We spent most of last year focused on our new mission statement and district beliefs. This year we will continue to focus on attaining our goals of safety, developing each student's potential, and creating nurturing and rigorous learning environments for today, with tomorrow in mind.

We have been busy hiring new staff over the last few months and are excited about the talents and experiences our newest additions will bring to Liberty.

Steve Braun is replacing Kyle Kimble as the new Ag Instructor and FFA Advisor. Mr. Braun comes to us with a M.S. in Agriculture Education and a B.S. in Agriculture Education, both from the University of Idaho. Mr. Braun brings 20 years of experience from Troy High School in Idaho. The FFA program was highly successful during his time at Troy, and he looks forward to continuing that success with our students in the years to come at Liberty.



Molly Carr will be heading up the High School science program as well as coaching the Lancer volleyball team. Mrs. Carr comes to us with an M.A. in Education from Regent University in Alexandria, Virginia, and a B.A. in Education and B.S. in Biology, both from Eastern Washington University. Mrs. Carr has taught science and coached volleyball at both Robert Service High School in Anchorage, Alaska, and Dunbar Sr. High School in Washington DC.

Kellie DeRuwe is replacing Perry Bresnahan in the fifth grade classroom. Ms. DeRuwe is a recent graduate of Washington State University with a K-8 Elementary Education certificate. She graduated from Connell High School where she was an FFA chapter president, ASB secretary, a member of the FBPA and honor society and played varsity volleyball. Ms. DeRuwe is excited to be part of Liberty and has great energy and passion for teaching her new students.



Morgan Pendon will replace Lee Cox as the new K-12 Music Director. Mr. Pendon comes to us with a B.A. in Music Education from Central Washington University and was previously the District Music Director for Mount Adams School District in White Swan, Washington.

New to the transportation department for this year are **Charis Bair** as a regular route driver and **Rob Bergland** as a mechanic. The high school Special Education teacher position remains open at this time. Please join us in welcoming our newest additions to the Liberty team!

BOND ISSUE

Over the past nine months a team of parents and community members has met to focus on Liberty's facilities. This committee made a recommendation late last spring to the school board to run a bond to update our building and grounds. On November 3, this bond resolution will appear on the ballot. This project would include renovating the original 1960 portion of the high school, adding an additional gym and commons area, and updating athletic fields and campus safety. There is more information about the bond on the last page of this newsletter. **Please VOTE November 3!**

As always, thank you for your continued support of our schools and district. Your partnership and dedication to our students and schools are vital for our success as a team. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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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.

August/September 2015

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Upcoming Board Meetings

All meetings are held in the
Elementary/Junior High Library

Thursday, August 27, 7:00pm

Thursday, September 24, 7:00pm

Thursday, October 29, 6:00pm

Tuesday, November 24, 6:00pm

Tuesday, December 29, 5:00pm

Washington State Learning Standards

Continuing this year our instructional learning standards and assessments are aligned with the Washington State Learning Standards (WSLS) and the Smarter Balanced Assessments. Washington State adopted the standards, which are a national set of learning expectations for college and career success. These adopted standards provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn in K-12 math and language arts. Over the past three years our schools have been transitioning to the new standards, and we are ready for full implementation. The Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) are aligned with the WSLS and will be administered in the spring of 2016.

The following table outlines the different assessments for each grade level by subject:

Grade	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Grade	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science
3	SBA	SBA	—	7	SBA	SBA	—
4	SBA	SBA	—	8	SBA	SBA	MSP*
5	SBA	SBA	MSP*	10	SBA	EOC**	EOC**
6	SBA	SBA	—	11	SBA	SBA	—

*MSP = Measurements of Student Progress

**EOC (End of Course Exam) administered at end of course for Algebra I, Geometry, and Biology.

The adoption of the WSLS means that your student will be better prepared to meet the demands of college and/or the workplace in the 21st century. Today's global economy means that our students need to possess academic standards by the completion of twelfth grade to ensure their success in college and/or the workforce.

For additional information on the WSLS, please go to <http://www.readywa.org/>. In addition, OSPI has provided information at <http://www.k12.wa.us/Communications/HotTopics/HotTopic-CommonCore.pdf>. If you are interested in learning about the SBA assessment, you can find more information at <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>. If you have additional questions as to how this might impact your student's education, please feel free to contact either school office.

Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB)

Liberty School District is committed to providing a positive and productive environment free from discrimination including harassment or sexual harassment, intimidation, and bullying. The district prohibits harassment of students, employees and others involved in school district activities.

Bullying occurs when a student or students are exposed, repeatedly over time, to negative actions on the part of one or more students. Bullying exists when there is intentional harm-doing through a repeated negative action over time and there is a perceived imbalance of power.

State law RCW 28A.300.285 defines Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying as an intentional electronic, written, verbal, or physical act that:

- Physically harms a student or damages the student's property; or
- Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education; or
- Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment; or
- Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

Ways to report an incident:

- Verbally inform a staff member; or
- Complete a Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying complaint form; or
- Follow directions on the district website; or
- Any other method the student deems necessary

Students, staff, guardians, and community members have the ability to report harassment or bullying issues via the Safe Schools reporting tool located on our homepage, or you can go directly to <https://liberty-wa.safeschoolsalert.com> for a variety of reporting options.



Liberty Elementary & Junior High

6th Grade Vaccination Requirement

As of July 1, 2007, children attending 6th grade are **required** to show proof of Tdap vaccination if it has been five years or more since receiving a DTaP or Td vaccine. In addition, state law now requires all students to have a Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine, have physician documented proof of the disease, or show evidence of immunity through serological testing before entering 6th grade.

All incoming 6th graders need to have these shots completed and reported to the school office or Nurse Sarah prior to boarding the bus or attending the first day of school on August 27. The elementary office will open on Wednesday, August 19. You may call (509) 245-3211 x2 or email the shot dates to Nurse Sarah at sbeyersdorf@libertysd.us.

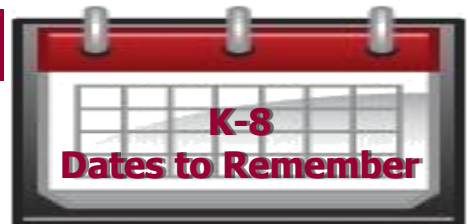
JH ASB Fees All seventh and eighth grade students are required to purchase an Associated Student Body (ASB) card for \$20 in order to participate in the ASB-supported activities that take place throughout the year. Those students participating in extra-curricular sports or band also pay an additional 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.



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. 2) any time beginning August 19 to have a copy forwarded to you.



August

- 19 School Office Opens, 8am-4pm
- 24 JH Football/Volleyball Practices Begin
- 25 Ice Cream Social, 4-6pm
- 27 First Day of School
Board Meeting, 7pm
- 31 First Day of Kindergarten
Band Instrument Rental Night, 6pm

September

- 2 Individual Picture Day
- 3 K-6 Parent Night, 6:30pm
- 7 Labor Day—No School
- 11 7-8 Parent Night, 6:30pm
- 16 Grandparents' Breakfast, 7:45am
- 21 Picture Retakes
- 24 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 28 K-6 Awards Assembly

Elementary Excellence Awards

for May



Congratulations to last year's Citizens of the Month, who exemplified May's Character Counts trait—perseverance: (top row, l-r) Parker Myers, Ayden Anderson, Lopeti Finau, Hunter Carter, Layton Kettner, Kerry Schultz, Nadya Eyre, Randa Hafner, Sophia Pyankova, (bottom row, l-r) Madeline Colgan, Carson Fisk.

Junior High Term 4 Excellence Awards JH Students of the Quarter

Honor Roll
8th Grade: (*High Honors—4.0 GPA, pictured at right, l-r, top to bottom*) Isaak Ottmar, Simon Vincini, (*Honor Roll—3.5-3.99 GPA*) Garrett Baump, Logan Billington, Catherine Brown, Julia Collins, Jon Denny, Olivia Grumbly, Racheal Ince, Annabelle Karlis, Lilian Kay, Levi Kettner, Justin King, Emily Lindquist, Haley Marsh, Aleah Rydell.

7th grade: (*High Honors—4.0 GPA, pictured at left, l-r, top to bottom*) Kolbey Browning, Auriana Mitchell, Katerina Pyankova, Anabelle Redder, (*Honor Roll—3.5-3.99 GPA*) Maisie Burnham, Aleena Cook, Makenzie DeShazer, Sean Duncan-Day, Finehika Finau, Kendyl Fletcher, Robyn Garcia, Charles Harrington, Jacob Holling, Charlie Johnson, Samuel Nelson, Marissa Powers, Faith Shinner, Sara Tarbert, Kellan Watson.



Character & Academic Students of term 4 pictured above (top-to-bottom, l-r): Kendyl Fletcher, Haley Marsh, Isaak Ottmar, Jacob Holling, Skylar Gemmell, Justin King, Aleah Rydell, Anabelle Redder. Not pictured: Katerina Pyankova.

Congratulations to Anabelle Redder, Skylar Gemmell, Justin King, and Aleah Rydell, selected by their teachers as Character Students of the Quarter for displaying May's trait of Perseverance.

Teachers also selected Kendyl Fletcher, Jacob Holling, Haley Marsh, Isaak Ottmar, and Katerina Pyankova as Academic Students of the Quarter for term 4.

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 2015-16 school year. As 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 and guardians for allowing Liberty School District to educate your students. 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.



Aaron Fletcher

LHS Principal

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First Day of School

The first day of school is Thursday, 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

Registration & Office Hours

All continuing students registered for classes last spring and should have a copy of their 2015-16 schedule. The office will open August 19 for new student registration from 8:00-4:00 daily until school starts. Once school begins, office hours are 7:30-4:00.

MAP Testing

Measures of Academic Progress™ (MAP) determines your student's instructional level and measures academic growth for math and reading throughout the school year. This assessment will be administered three times throughout the year. The first round of MAP testing will begin September 8. 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, students will spend a total of about two hours completing the tests.

www.LibertySD.us

You can access the most current Liberty information at www.LibertySD.us. Follow the High School link for the schedule of events, updated weekly. If you have questions or would like an event added to the schedule, please contact Mr. Fletcher.

LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL, SEMESTER 2, 2015

Below you will find the second semester honor roll from the 2014-15 school year. Congratulations to all!

3.00-3.49 GPA

Eric Erickson, Clay Fleming, Jordan Foster, Vincent Fowler, Trishia McTaggart, Emilee Shinkle, Kaleb Hafner, Marcus Hammond, Matthew DeGon, Tyler Haas, Joshua Larsen-Nowland, Haley Lemoine, Kayla Massengale, Autumn Morse, Quentin Rose, Garrett Spurrell, Isaac Branon, Marybelle Buck, Emilee Crump, Brandon Holling, Heaven Schultz, Sydnee Siron

3.50-3.99 GPA

Meagan Bennett, Match Burnham, Kain Feltwell, Kyle King, Alyssa Rhoads, Jack Simmons, Alysha Thomas, Nathaniel Burley, Jodi Carrell, Keith Dumaw, Spencer Fox, Maxwell Johnson, Margaret Nelson, Jacob Pottratz, Kaitlyn Rambo, Bridgette Roll, Justice Schuman, Devin Billington, Elizabeth Brown, Chase Burnham, Thomas Canning, Kyle DeGon, Christine Denny, Kathryn Fairfield, Justin Flaig, Jacob Harrington, Braden House, Allysha Hubbard, Kristin Ince, Abigail Karlis, Patrick Paredes, James Heer, Glen Johnson, Jada Schulken, Beau St. John, Lindsay Stern, Michaela Tee

4.0 GPA

Daniel Hircok, Madelynne Flaig, Matthew Burley, Alec Fletcher, Austin Rambo, Thomas Redder, Tyson Schenk, Brett Watson





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 choose to be involved in athletics must pay an additional fee of \$20 per sport. Vocational clubs may charge additional fees, and band charges a uniform cleaning fee.

Senior Project

The senior project will continue to be a requirement for graduation at LHS. We feel this project holds value and prepares our students for the next step in their educational journeys. The project is a streamlined process, allowing students to complete all sections in a timely manner. The presentation date has also been moved from the spring to the fall. Seniors will present their projects to the community panel on November 19. For more information about the senior project please contact Mr. Hardie at 245-3229 ext. 7-1310 or lhhardie@libertysd.us.

Liberty School District Booster Club

We are excited to once again partner with the Liberty School District Booster Club (LSDBC). This is a parent-led group that is always looking for members and volunteers at its various events. Over the last couple of years the LSDBC has given back to our students and community by supporting the football field sound system, FFA, cheer, InvestEd, athletics, uniforms, archery equipment, Junior High scoreboard, X the Txt, State wrestlers, and State basketball.

In addition, the LSDBC provides excellent concessions feeding hungry Lancer fans at every High School football, basketball and volleyball

home game.



The LSDBC also runs the Friends of Liberty board. If you are interested in joining the booster club or would like to

be a sponsor for Friends of Liberty, please contact the booster club at libertyboosters@libertysd.us.

Facilities

Our custodial staff has been busy over the summer applying fresh paint to areas of need and cleaning carpets along with other summer maintenance projects. They have worked countless hours in preparation for the first day of school. Big thanks go out to Melanie Larsen, Jerry Ottosen, Steve Martensen, Connie Anderson, Xay Xiong and Jesse Aguilar for their hard work.

Lancer pride, go Lancers!

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.

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.



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.

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. Two committees met at the end of last year to review the HIB and Activities Code procedures, resulting in positive changes for all Liberty students. The activities code is located at the end of the handbook and will be distributed by each coach or advisor at the beginning of each activity season. Each student will be required to sign a notice of understanding for the student handbook and activities code, regardless of their participation intentions. Signed notices should be turned in to the office.

Meal Prices for 2015-16

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\$2.55
Lunch	5-8\$2.80
Lunch	9-12\$2.95
Milk Only	\$0.45

Adult*

Breakfast\$2.00
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Reduced*

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

*All meal prices include milk.



Adult Lunch\$3.75
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National School Lunch Program/School Breakfast Program PUBLIC RELEASE FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS 2015-2016

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, 2015 to June 30, 2016										
FREE						REDUCED-PRICE				
Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Year	Month	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$15,301	\$1,276	\$638	\$589	\$295	\$21,775	\$1,815	\$908	\$838	\$419
2	20,709	1,726	863	797	399	29,471	2,456	1,228	1,134	567
3	26,117	2,177	1,089	1,005	503	37,167	3,098	1,549	1,430	715
4	31,525	2,628	1,314	1,213	607	44,863	3,739	1,870	1,726	863
5	36,933	3,078	1,539	1,421	711	52,559	4,380	2,190	2,022	1,011
6	42,341	3,529	1,765	1,629	815	60,255	5,022	2,511	2,318	1,159
7	47,749	3,980	1,990	1,837	919	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307
8	53,157	4,430	2,215	2,045	1,023	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455
Each Additional Household Member Add	+ 5,408	+ 451	+ 226	+ 208	+104	+ 7,696	+ 642	+ 321	+ 296	+ 148

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 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. Students will automatically qualify for free meals if their schools participate in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child Nutrition Programs. All children in these households are eligible for free meals, and if any child was not listed on the eligibility notice, contact the school office. 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, Kyle Rydell, District Superintendent, for a hearing on the decision.

Foster children under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are also eligible for free meals. If you have questions about applying for meal benefits for foster children, contact the school office. The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used only for the purposes of determining eligibility and verifying data.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Liberty School District • 2015-2016 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 2013 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)
- Black mastic (shop classroom beneath non-asbestos floor tiles)

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 July 2013, 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 x7-2215 after August 25.

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 Kyle Rydell 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.

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 the 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 x2215 for specific information. Please call no later than October 9.

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
- 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 & Secondary Schools

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age (“eligible students”) cer-

tain rights with respect to the student’s education records. These rights are:

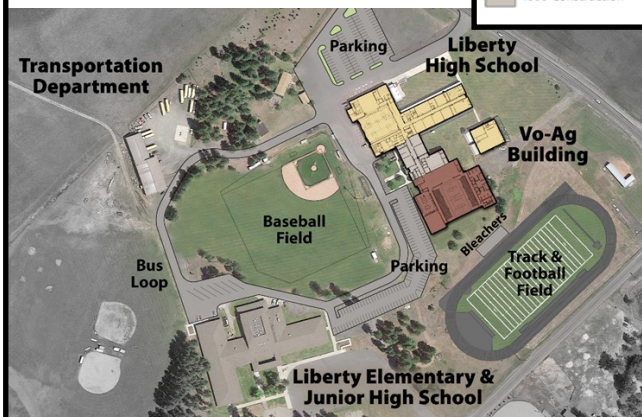
1. The right to inspect and review the student’s education record within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make 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.

LIBERTY SCHOOL BOND ~ Please VOTE November 3!

Local Bond Rates 2015 (per \$1,000)

Rosalia-\$3.61	Davenport-\$2.74	Liberty-\$1.91 *
Central Valley-\$3.55	Freeman-\$2.72	<i>*An increase of \$1.17 per \$1,000 to current rate.</i>
Cheney-\$3.22	Medical Lake-\$2.56	

Legend	
	New
	Renovation/Remodel
	1999 Construction



Liberty Future Facilities Bond Projects:

- Student Safety and Security:** Updated facility security. Including: revised access to Elementary/Junior High front entry parking lot, additional planned parking, revised visitor and student entry, addition of security cameras, separation of baseball field from track, upgraded access doors with lockdown ability.
- Renovation of Buildings:** Update original portion of high school (built in 1960). Including: mechanical/HVAC update, 21st century classroom updates with wireless internet capability, energy efficiency updates. Elementary/Junior High building update windows, renovate bathrooms and locker rooms. Update building with wireless internet capability. *Qualifies for up to \$1.8 M in Washington state matching funds.
- Facility Improvement:** Improved stage area. Additional gymnasium and commons area specially designed to address current usage and spectator capacity issues. Including: fitness, wrestling and cardio facilities added to meet the capacity challenges encountered over the last decade. These improvements will allow students to reach a reasonable academic and extracurricular balance. *The current facility is used 7 days a week with student-athlete scheduled usage until 9 PM during peak season.
- Grounds Improvement:** Upgrades to: softball and baseball fields, Elementary playground and Junior High playfields. Football and track relocation and upgrade to meet minimum safety and competitive requirements.
- Community Access:** Planned community access to the Liberty Fitness Center will be implemented for community members at times before and after school, as well as over weekends.

2015 LIBERTY BOND FAQ

On November 3, 2015, the voters within Liberty School District will be asked to vote on a ballot proposition that would authorize the District to issue \$12,900,000 in bonds to pay costs to: (a) make district-wide student safety and security improvements; (b) renovate the 1960 portion of Liberty High School; (c) construct an additional gymnasium and commons area at Liberty High School; and (d) complete minor renovations to Liberty Elementary/Junior High School. Listed below are answers to frequently asked questions that help further explain the District's proposed projects and the bonds.

If you have additional questions or comments about the bond issue, please contact Superintendent Kyle Rydell at krydell@libertysd.us or (509) 245-6213.

PROJECTS

If approved, how will the money from the Liberty School District bonds be used?

Student Safety & Security

Updated facility security features would include:

- ◆ revised access to the Elementary/JH entry and parking lot;
- ◆ additional paved parking;
- ◆ additional campus lighting;
- ◆ enhanced entrance security;
- ◆ lockdown security;
- ◆ added cameras;
- ◆ updates to the on-campus bus loops;
- ◆ separation of the baseball field and running track.

Implementation of these security features would result in:

- ◆ increased student safety when walking between buildings for classes;
- ◆ reduced need to schedule student facility use time into evening hours on weekdays due to current capacity restrictions.

Renovation of Buildings

High School: Update original portion built in 1960, including mechanical (plumbing and wiring) and HVAC updates and 21st Century Classroom technological updates with wireless internet capability and updated energy efficiency.

Elementary/Junior High: Update windows, bathrooms, locker rooms, and common areas.

These renovations are expected to provide an additional 20-30 years of life to our current buildings.

Facility & Grounds Improvements

- ◆ Improved stage area and additional gymnasium and commons area specially designed to address the current usage and spectator capacity issues.
- ◆ New fitness, wrestling, and cardio facilities added to meet the needs of our health and fitness classes as well as extracurricular programs.
- ◆ Relocation of the football field and track, additional paved parking and bus zones, and improvements to the softball and baseball fields.

Community Access

Planned community access to the fitness/weight room and running track before and after school. The additional gym and commons area will allow community groups more access to facilities during prime hours.

COST TO TAXPAYERS

What will passage of the bonds cost taxpayers?

The bonds will be repaid from annual property taxes on all taxable property within the Liberty School District tax base. (Senior citizen exemptions may be available through the County Assessor's Office.)

If approved, taxes to repay the proposed bonds will be collected beginning in 2016. The exact amount of annual levies depends on interest rates at the time the bonds are sold.

The estimated cost to taxpayers will be \$1.91 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Currently Liberty taxpayers pay \$0.74 per \$1,000 for the District's bond that is set to be paid-in-full on December 1, 2017. Tax rates are expected to increase \$1.17 per \$1,000 of property value over what each taxpayer currently pays.

How much will my taxes increase each month if the bond passes?

Assessed Property Value	Monthly Cost
\$150,000	\$14.63
\$200,000	\$19.50
\$250,000	\$24.38
\$300,000	\$29.25
\$350,000	\$34.13
\$400,000	\$39.00



With the passage of the bonds, how will Liberty School District's tax rates compare to neighboring school districts?

District	Levy	Bond	TOTAL
Spokane	\$4.05	\$1.96	\$6.01
Rosalia	\$2.27	\$3.61	\$5.88
Freeman	\$2.99	\$2.72	\$5.71
Central Valley	\$1.88	\$3.55	\$5.43
Cheney	\$1.87	\$3.22	\$5.09
Medical Lake	\$2.19	\$2.56	\$4.75
*Liberty	\$2.77	\$1.91	\$4.68

(rates per \$1,000 of assessed property value)

*Bond figure is based on the passage of this bond. Liberty taxpayers are currently paying \$0.74 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, which would increase to \$1.91 in 2016.

PROJECT TIMELINE AND DISTRICT BENEFIT

What is the anticipated project timeline?

Phase 1: Elementary/Junior High improvements and construction of the High School gym and commons facility (6-9 months of construction beginning summer of 2016)

Phase 2: High School renovation (6 month project timeline)

Phase 3: Campus improvements (4-6 month project timeline)

Total Project Completion: Fall/winter of 2017

Why now?

The current construction bidding market is very competitive. Labor prices are holding, bond interest rates are low, and the District is eligible to seek up to \$1.8 million in state construction matching funds.

In the fall of 2014 we completed a study and survey for all District buildings including the mechanical and electrical systems. Several HVAC and mechanical components are reaching the end of their expected lifespans and have been recommended for replacement within the next 5-10 years.

Although our custodial and maintenance crews work diligently to maintain our aging systems, we believe it is time for replacement to ensure increased effectiveness and efficiency for many years to come.

BONDS vs. MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS LEVIES

What is the difference between bonds and the M&O levy?

Washington State pays each school district a per-student amount set by the Legislature. School districts rely on M&O levies to fund the difference between the cost of school operations and the amount allocated by the state. M&O levies focus on funding critical school programs, as well as the daily operations of schools, while bonds are used to fund specific building projects and long-term capital improvements.

In short, bonds are for buildings and levies are for learning.

SENIOR OR DISABLED CITIZEN EXEMPTIONS

Qualified homeowners may be eligible to apply for a senior or disabled tax exemption. Please contact the Spokane County Assessor Office at (509)477-3698 for more information.