



Band & Choir Program



Our first concert of the 2015-2016 year is upon us! The Liberty Music Program would like to welcome you to our winter concert, "Let It Snow!" featuring all of our concert bands and our concert choir in the High School Gym at 7:00pm on Wednesday, December 2!

Come early to enjoy "Dessert First" in the cafeteria beginning at 6:30 to raise funds for future band projects and trips. (NOTE: There will not be a separate choir concert on December 9 as published in the red calendar.)

Please contact band director Morgan Pendon with any questions at 509-245-3229 ext. 7-1306 or mpendon@libertysd.us.

See you there!

The Liberty Lancer

Message from the Superintendent

December 2015

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November passed like a blur, but we had much to be thankful for with conferences, Veterans' Day, assessments, and all of the fall activities wrapping up and winter activities starting. We are extremely proud of our HS football team and their success in the playoffs and top eight finish in 2B which hasn't happened since the 1998 season. I am also extremely thankful for our staff, students, parents, and community. Education is truly a team effort, and we appreciate all of our community's support.

BOND As you are likely aware, Liberty's bond failed by a very slim margin of just 51 votes during the November election. Timing is everything, and interest rates and construction costs have already seen an increase of about 2-to-3 percent over the last few months. The facilities committee held a meeting to discuss steps for moving forward and has made a recommendation to the school board to revise certain aspects of the project and run the bond again on the February 9 ballot. Total projected costs would be reduced by approximately \$1 million compared to the original plan. The cost reduction reflects changes to the scope of the project including cutting the relocation of the football field and track and instead updating the football field in its current location with the possibility of relocating the baseball diamond instead. The primary focus of this project remains the renovation of the 1960's portion of the high school and updates to the aging HVAC and mechanical systems.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools and district!

Booster Club News Thank you for making our 2015-2016 LSDBC Membership Drive a big success! As our drive winds to a close, we would like to give anyone interested one last opportunity to have a customized Friends of Liberty (FOL) sponsor sign hang in the LHS gymnasium this year along with home game acknowledgement and inclusion of your name on the "Booster Board." For more details contact FOL Chair Blaze Burnham at 509-245-3211 x7-1221 or email bburnham@libertysd.us.

If you would like to be a Liberty School District Booster Club member but are not interested in a FOL sponsorship this year, contact the booster club at libertyboosters@libertysd.us.

Liberty Represented at Western International Band Clinic



Marybelle Buck

LHS band student **Marybelle Buck** attended the Western International Band Clinic (WIBC) in Seattle November 20-23. Marybelle and **James Heer** were selected based on their submitted auditions from a pool of students from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Canada and Australia; however, James was unable to attend due to the football playoffs that weekend. In all, 600 students were chosen to form large 150-piece ensembles that performed on Monday the 23rd.

While attending, Marybelle worked with world-class professional musicians, composers, and college band directors. She was able to perform on stage with the professional brass ensemble, The Canadian Brass. This is the first time a Liberty student has attended this prestigious clinic.

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.

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Upcoming Board Meetings

All meetings are held in the
Elementary/Junior High Library

Tuesday, December 29, 5:00pm

Thursday, January 28, 6:00pm

Thursday, February 25, 6:00pm

Thursday, March 24, 6:00pm

Sheriff's Corner: Winter Driving

Winter driving season is here. We've had our first snowfall with slick conditions. If you have kids with a driver's license, it becomes a little nerve-racking when they are out and about. Hopefully your son or daughter has been well prepared.

I know they've taken Driver's Education and probably think they know it all and you know nothing. You've obviously been driving a whole lot longer than they have and have driven in a variety of conditions. Yet teens feel like they are invincible and being involved in a collision is the furthest thing from their minds.

Make sure the vehicle they are driving is ready for cold winter conditions. Check the battery, antifreeze, wipers, heater/defroster, and finally, make sure the car has good winter tires. These few things can make a huge difference.

Have a conversation with your young driver about their driving habits. Remind them to always wear their seatbelt, give themselves plenty of time to get where they are going, keep their distance between themselves and the car in front of them, never text and drive or talk on their cellphones while driving, and finally, SLOW DOWN! Just because the speed limit sign says 55MPH does not mean that's how fast you are supposed to drive when the road conditions dictate otherwise.

I know we can't control other drivers, but hopefully by taking the necessary precautions, you won't get a call from your teen saying they're in the ditch or have been involved in a collision.

I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday season!



Deputy Ron Nye &
LHS Principal
Aaron Fletcher

Congratulations to our very own Deputy Nye. On November 13, the Spokane County Sheriff's Office presented Deputy Nye with the Sheriff's Star Award, designated to recognize those who exceed all standards as a law officer.

Deputy Nye has served as Liberty's school resource deputy for ten years. We are thankful for his service to our staff, students, and community.

Liberty Elementary & Junior High Elementary Character Awards for November



Congratulations to last month's Citizens of the Month, who exemplified November's character trait THANKFULNESS:

*(Top row, L-R) Morgan Green, Wayland Holmberg, Noah Fuchs, Kamryn Tee, Alicia Kimball, Mitchell Hanegan
(bottom row, L-R) Gunnar Lenon, Marlon Powers, Jezi Pluff, Logan Wilson, Connor Stitt.*

K-8

Dates to Remember

DECEMBER (CARING)

- 2 Band & Choir Concert, 7PM
- 4 Midterm Ends
- 7 2 Hour Late Start
- 17 K-6 Awards Assembly, 1:00
- Elem. Holiday Parties (PM)
- K-4 Holiday Program 6PM
- 18 Early Release for Winter Break
- 21 First Day of Winter
- Winter Break Begins (-Jan. 1)**
- 25 Merry Christmas
- 29 Board Meeting, 5PM

E for Excellence Awards

Congratulations to our students nominated by staff for going the extra mile last month. **Connor Stitt** was recognized for spearheading his class's effort to appreciate service men and women on active duty during the holidays with "Operation Gratitude."



Connor Stitt



Gunner Stephens & Jackson Wilson



Kaden Gardiner



Gunner Stephens and **Jackson Wilson** were noticed doing the right thing in a tricky situation.

Kaden Gardiner was spotted being kind to a classmate who needed some extra encouragement.

1:1 JH Chromebook Pilot Program

Last spring the district technology committee made a recommendation to the school board to join many other schools using 1:1 (one-to-one) devices to support technology, and they decided to implement the new program in our junior high classrooms. Plans for the pilot program were finalized this fall, and the seventh and eighth grade students received their individual Google Chromebook devices on November 23.

As part of the pilot plan, each student was assigned his or her own Chromebook to use while on campus along with a Google account to use throughout the year. Students are able to view and complete assignments via their Google accounts, and teachers have access to all student activity, including the ability to control individual computers for viewing and classroom presentations. One useful feature allows teachers and students to interact online in a virtual (paperless) classroom. The students have had several days to get used to the new program, and so far we're hearing great feedback from students and teachers alike.



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Character Counts Each month Liberty School District focuses on a character trait of the month. For November the student body focused on **THANKFULNESS**: saying thank you, appreciating the good things in life, and looking for the positive side of all situations. Students and staff recognized the following students and staff for displaying thankfulness in a variety of ways (*pictured at left, L-R*): **John Stitt, Keith Dumaw, Christine Denny, McKenna Jones, Blake Cooper, Aleah Rydell, (inset) Harley Rhoads, and Mr. Reedy.**



For the month of December students will be focusing on **CARING**: I show kindness with words and actions, I think about others people's feelings, I help others.

The LHS ASB also recognized **Mr. Pendon** (*at right*) as the employee of the quarter.

Josh Larsen-Nowland (*pictured at far right*) won the Lancer Pride award for the first quarter.

Congratulations!





DECEMBER (CARING)

- 1 Knowledge Bowl @ Creston
- 2 Band & Choir Concert, 7PM
- 7 Late Start
- 9 ASVAB Exam
- 10 Financial Aid Night, 7PM
- 18 Early Release
Offices Close @ 2PM

Seahawks Athlete of the Week: *Katelyn Dillon*



The Seattle Seahawks, CenturyLink, Inc, Q13 FOX, and Sports Authority announced Katelyn Dillon as the week nine CenturyLink High School Athlete of the Week.

Katelyn was at CenturyLink Field during the November 22 game against the San Francisco 49ers. Katelyn, a sophomore at Liberty High School, was selected as Athlete of the Week based on her dedication to academics, community involvement, leadership, and athletic performance. Katelyn has earned a perfect 4.0 GPA while being enrolled in pre-AP and Honors courses. She is a member of the "Change to World" peer organization which aims to initiate community service in high school students. Katelyn has helped to eliminate deficiencies in newborn babies through Project Eliminate and has also organized a toy drive for childhood cancer patients at Sacred Heart Hospital. Katelyn served as captain of Liberty's High School JV volleyball team.

Financial Aid Night

Mr. Hammond would like to invite all parents and guardians to the annual financial aid night on December 10 at 7:00. Information will be available regarding how to apply for scholarships and financial aid along with college admissions information. Anyone who is thinking about attending some type of higher education after high school is encouraged to attend this event. If you would like more information please contact Mr. Hammond at (509) 245-3229, ext. 7-1104.



NE2B/Bi-County All-League Selections



Congratulations to the following athletes for their 1st and 2nd team selections for fall athletics:

Pictured at left, L-R:

Thomas Canning (football):
1st Team, Defensive Line
2nd Team, Offensive Line

Keith Dumaw (football):
2nd Team, Defensive Line

Christine Denny (volleyball):
1st Team

Chase Burnham (football):
1st Team, Wide Receiver
1st Team, Defensive Back

Maggie Nelson (volleyball):
1st Team

Lancer Football

Congratulations to the Lancer football team who competed in the WIAA State football tournament last month. This was the team's first trip to the State playoffs since 2005, and the first time since 1998 to qualify for the second round.



The Lancers defeated Toledo High School 16-6 in the first round matchup. In the second round the Lancers lost to the Napavine Tigers 34-7. The team had a fantastic season and represented Liberty in a positive manner.


Winter Break is
December 21-January 1
School resumes with a 2 hour late start on Jan. 4.
