



## Bi-County Principal of the Year



*Congratulations to Liberty High School principal Aaron Fletcher for being selected as Bi-County Principal of the Year. This honor also places Mr. Fletcher in the running for Washington State Principal of the Year, to be announced later in March.*



## Holiday Programs

*Mr. Cox and the grades K-4 music classes, 5-12 band and 7-12 choir are gearing up for their winter concerts. On Dec. 5, the band boosters will hold their annual "Dessert First" fundraiser in the high school cafeteria beginning at 5:45pm. The band concert will follow at 7pm in the gym. The following Monday on December 10, the choir will perform at 7pm in the high school band room, and the K-4 students will wrap things up with their presentation of "Mrs. Claus and the Great Elf Rebellion" on December 19 at 2pm in the elementary gym.*

*Come support our young and talented musicians this year. It's a great way to kick off the holiday season!*



# The Liberty Lancer

## Message from the Superintendent

December 2012

## Liberty Receives \$25,000 Incentive from Inland Power



*Bill Motsenbocker and Sharon Mix accept a check from Inland Power and Light presented by Kristen Florez (center).*

Last spring Liberty received a \$250,000 state grant to upgrade energy systems in our schools. The primary goal of this project was to install modern technology that uses less energy without compromising efficiency or quality. As a result the district has upgraded all lighting systems in classrooms, hallways, gyms, and athletic fields with equipment that produces brighter light while using up to 50 percent less energy. Each school has also received new control systems that are web-based and can be adjusted from any computer with a login and password.

Kristen Florez from Inland Power and Light presented Liberty with an incentive check for \$25,000 in November. This money will be placed in the capital projects fund for future facility retrofits or repairs.

## School Board Reviewing Human Sexuality Curriculum

The Liberty School District Board of Directors is studying the possibility of increasing the level of human sexuality instruction provided for students in grades 5–12. Currently the district only provides instruction that is mandated for all public schools in the state including HIV/AIDS and blood borne pathogens. Liberty also provides basic instruction in the anatomy and physiology of the human reproductive system and information regarding sexually transmitted diseases but stops short of any instruction on contraception or gender identity.

A committee has been established by the superintendent to study current national standards and curricular materials that are well aligned with state requirements. Members of the committee will include health and fitness staff, administrators, and counseling personnel. The committee will make recommendations to the school board at the February and March meetings with time being set aside for public comment. The board is expected to make a decision regarding any changes by its April meeting.

## Computer-Aided Drafting

With the passage of the technology levy last spring, Liberty High School was able to fund a computer-aided drafting (CAD) lab. Twenty-two new computer stations were purchased, along with furniture and a large LCD projector screen to create the newest computer lab in the district. Students have the ability to learn how to create 3-dimensional drawings using the new computer software. This STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) course is the wave of the future for career and technical education courses. The high school is offering two sections of CAD and one section of ag technology.



*The new CAD lab at the high school has 22 new computer stations for student use.*

# 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.

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## Upcoming Board Meetings

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

Thursday, December 27

Thursday, January 24

Tuesday, February 26

Thursday, March 28

Thursday, April 25

## Security Camera System Goes Digital



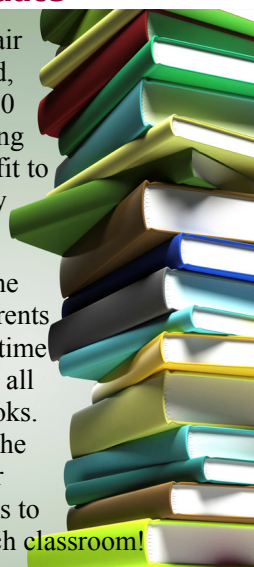
The security system used at Liberty will be updated this month to move from an analog system to digital.

The district has over 20 cameras used for surveillance inside the two school buildings. By the first of the year a new digital server will be installed, and three new exterior cameras will be added to increase the level of security. Over the next year, all of the old cameras will be replaced with digital technology to increase the level of detail and acuity.

## Book Fair Update

This year's book fair was well-supported, totaling over \$4,000 in sales and resulting in over \$2,000 profit to Liberty Elementary and Junior High.

Thanks go out to the parents & grandparents who donated their time to volunteer and to all who purchased books. Thanks as well to the Junior Boosters for donating free books to two students in each classroom!



## Liberty Elementary & Junior High

### Junior High Term 1 Awards

#### 4.0 GPA—8th Grade



8th grade 4.0 GPA recipients for first quarter pictured to the left: (back row, l-r), Patrick Paredes, Jacob Harrington, Devin Billington, Lyndzi Rich, Christine Denny, (front row, l-r) Kyle DeGon, Abby Karlis, Madelynne Flaig, Allysha Hubbard

#### 4.0 GPA—7th Grade



7th grade 4.0 GPA recipients for first quarter pictured to the right: (back row, l-r), Breydon Doubet, Tyson Schenk, Michaela Tee, Lindsay Stern, Alec Fletcher, (front row, l-r) Thomas Redder, Matthew Burley, Savannah Mather

### Honor Roll, 3.5-3.99 GPA

**8th Grade:** Damin Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Chase Burnham, Thomas Canning, Matthew DeGon, Dustin Dumaw, Kathryn Fairfield, Braden House, Kristin Ince, Tyler Haas, Carson Holwegner, Haley LeMoine, Kayla Massengale, Garrett Spurrell

**7th Grade:** Angel Adams, Isaac Branon, Marybelle Buck, Grace Campbell, Emilee Crump, Daysia Feltwell, Brandon Holling, Glen Johnson, Jawuan Nave, Caroline Nelson, Taz Porter, Anastasiya Pyankova, Austin Rambo, Jada Schulken, Heaven Schultz, Kyleigh Shaw, Brandi Thieren, Brett Watson

### Academic Students of the Quarter



Kayla Massengale, Elizabeth Brown, Savannah Mather and Breydon Doubet were selected by their teachers as academic students of the quarter.



## Elementary Excellence Awards

for November



*Congratulations to our November citizens of the month: (top row, l-r) Kendall Denny, London Rice, Madison Conrad, Lexi Ludlam, (middle) Carter Tremblay, Kasey Branon, Eyzekiel*

*Ellis, Austen Hubbard, (bottom) Faith Shinner, Kenzie DeShazer, Skylar Gemmell*

### Kindergarten Staff Join Professional Learning Community

Kindergarten teachers Brandi Mather and Sarah Brown have joined the Whitman County Kindergarten Professional Learning Community. This professional development group is comprised of small school kindergarten teachers throughout Whitman County for the purpose of collaboration and improvement of instruction. Kindergarten teachers in small schools are generally the only teacher of this curriculum, and it becomes difficult to run any type of staff development program due to small numbers. The group meets one afternoon per month in Colfax and is led by Rosalia kindergarten teacher Amber Marsh.

### Mrs. Fletcher's Class Launches iPad Lab



Liberty Elementary has launched its first iPad lab in Mrs. Fletcher's 3rd/4th grade combination classroom. The lab opened after many weeks of preparation by tech director Reedy and coordination with ESD 101. The lab a lockable cart that includes charging stations, student in the classroom has a device assigned specifically to him or her. Mrs. Fletcher is using the tablet computers to integrate technology into reading, writing, math, science and social studies. The lab was purchased with technology levy funds through a grant application process.



### DECEMBER

- 5 Grades 5-12 Band Concert, 7pm  
"Dessert First" fundraiser, 5:45pm
- 10 Grades 7-12 Choir Concert, 7pm
- 19 K-4 Holiday Concert, 2pm
- 20 Winter Workshop/Holiday Parties  
JH ASB Activity/Movie
- 21 12:25 Dismissal for Winter Break  
First Day of Winter
- 24 -January 2, Winter Break

### Junior High Photographer Earns National Geographic Award

A photograph taken by 7th grader Savannah Mather of a robin's nest



*Savannah Mather*  
with three eggs

was selected as part of a group of photos included on the National Geographic for Kids website for 2012. The nest was found in an oak tree along Spangle-Waverly Road last spring, and the photo was submitted to National Geographic in July. Savannah used a Nikon Coolpix camera to capture the image.



# Liberty High School

## 1st Quarter Honors



Recently teachers at the high school nominated the following students for student of the quarter. Freshmen: Keith Dumaw, Meghan Grumbly, Maxwell Johnson, Justice Schuman, Jessica Trotter and Kevin Winder. Sophomores: Match Burnham, Jacki Carrell, Kassie Fields and Madison Sullivan. Juniors: Dyllian Flaig, Derek Green, Katelyn Marcure and Cory Szep. Seniors: Jesse Baird, Kristin Butler, Holly Cockle, Gage Hughes, Alberto Kimball, Zack Kunkel and Matt Marcure. Congratulations to Maxwell, Match, Derek and Alberto for being selected as the outstanding students of the first quarter.

*Students of the quarter pictured at left (l-r): Alberto Kimball, Derek Green, Match Burnham, Maxwell Johnson*



The ASB also recognized **Mr. Rick Johnson** (pictured at left) as the employee of the quarter at Liberty High School.

Congratulations to **Matt Marcure** (pictured at right), who earned his academic letter at the high school. Matt has worked hard in the classroom and completed ten hours of service for our community.



Congratulations to **Stephanie Schilling** (pictured at right) who has qualified to sing in the all-state choir in February of 2013.



## Friends of Rachel (FOR) Club



A chain reaction continues in the halls of Liberty High School. Students participating in the FOR Club are meeting twice a month during lunch. This group is led by parent volunteer Julie Grumbly, who has graciously donated her time to make the program a success. So far this year students have provided staff with teacher appreciation posters, participated in high-five Fridays, and put on a fall photo shoot in the main foyer. "Our Finest Gifts We Bring To Liberty" will be the next project for the group. This will include a tree with ornaments listing something interesting each student brings to Liberty, a fun fact, or accomplishments the students take pride in. Rachel's Challenge exists to equip and inspire individuals to replace acts of bullying, violence, and negativity with acts of respect and kindness through a powerful, impactful and intense program.

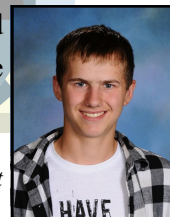
## Blood Drive

On Wednesday, December 5, from 1:45-4:00pm, the National Honor Society will be hosting a blood drive through the Inland Northwest Blood Center. This is a semi-annual event which occurs in the High School parking lot in the Blood Center's mobile blood donation bus.

The Inland Northwest Blood Center saves lives by providing blood and services to support transfusion and transplantation medicine in the Inland Northwest. For more information or to sign up to donate, contact Mrs. Chambers at 245-3211 x1302 or [tchambers@libertysd.us](mailto:tchambers@libertysd.us).

## FFA: Tractor Driving

Liberty's FFA sponsored a tractor driving team who competed at the State level event. The team members included Dyllian Flaig, Austin Sievers, and Derek Green. Participants completed a written exam, labeled parts of the tractor, and drove through an obstacle course. The team finished second in the state as a group, and Dyllian had the 5<sup>th</sup> fastest obstacle course time in Washington State.



*Dyllian Flaig (at right) had the 5th fastest obstacle course time in Washington State.*

# Liberty High School

## Fall Sports




Congratulations to **Erik Erickson** (pictured at left), who finished 32<sup>nd</sup> at the State cross-country meet on November 3 in Pasco. Erik competes for Liberty High School while practicing with the Cheney High School program. Erik had a fantastic season and represented Liberty in a positive manner.

The Liberty Lancer football team has been honored as the weekly winner of the Inland Empire Football Officials Association Sportsmanship Award. This award was based on the team's game played at Ritzville on October 26. Great job to coach Mike Dewey and the entire Liberty coaching staff for setting high standards on sportsmanship.



↓↓↓ **Help support the LHS Spanish Club!** ↓↓↓



**TAKE 'N' BAKE PIZZA**  
and Liberty High School Spanish Club

INVITE YOU TO

## PIZZA NIGHT


**December 5, 2012**

Papa Murphy's will donate 15% of all food sales for this date to help raise funds for the program. Just go to the cash register marked Fundraiser.

Sorry, not valid with any coupons or specials.

Valid only at: 2522 E. 29th Avenue  
Spokane, WA  
(509) 535-5885

Papa Murphy's gladly accepts cash, credit card and EBT as payment. Sorry, no checks accepted.



## Upcoming Events

### DECEMBER

- 4 Knowledge Bowl @ Davenport**
- 5 Blood Drive 1:45-4:00**  
**Band Concert 7:00**
- 7 Last day for yearbook sales**
- 8 Lancer Home Wrestling**
- 10 Choir Concert, 7:00**
- 13 Financial Aid Night, 7:00**
- 21 Early Release & office closes @ 2:00 PM**



### JANUARY

- 3 School resumes**

## Lancer Basketball Schedule - 2012-13

Updated 12-3-12, subject to change.

Check the Liberty Athletics webpage for updates!

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	GAME ORDER	GAME TIMES	DEPART TIME
Mon Nov 12	<u>First Practice</u>	LHS	-	-	-
Tue Nov 27	<u>Jamboree</u> (girls only)	Medical Lake	TBA	5:30 pm	3:30 p
Fri Nov 30	<u>Rosalia</u>	Liberty (LY-Volleyball)	BJV, GV, BV	4:30, 6:00, 7:30 pm	-
Sat Dec 1	<u>W/C</u>	Liberty (LY-Baseball)	BJV, GV, BV	4:30, 6:00, 7:30 pm	-
Tue Dec 4	Valley Christian	Old U-High	BJV, GV, BV	4:30, 6:00, 7:30 pm	BJV 2:45p GV, BV 4:15p
Fri Dec 7	*NWC	NWC	GJV, BJV, GV, BV	3, 4:30, 6:00, 7:30 pm	GJV, BJV 1:15p GV, BV 4:15p
Tue Dec 11	*SGS	Liberty (LY-Football)	GJV, BJV, GV, BV	3, 4:30, 5:45, 7:30 pm	-
Fri Dec 14	*L/R-S	Ritzville	GJV, BJV, GV, BV	3, 4:30, 6:00, 7:30 pm	GJV, BJV 12:50p GV, BV 3:50p
Sat Dec 15	*Davenport	Liberty (LY-Wrestling)	GJV, BJV, GV, BV	3, 4:30, 6:00, 7:30 pm	-
Tue Dec 18	*Springdale	Springdale	GJV, BJV, GV, BV	3, 4:30, 6:00, 7:30 pm	GJV, BJV 12:45p GV, BV 3:45p
Thur Dec 20	O/H	Harrington	GJV, BJV, GV, BV	3, 4:30, 6:00, 7:30 pm	GJV, BJV 12:30p GV, BV 3:30p
Fri Dec 21	St. Maries	St. Maries, ID	GJV, BJV, GV, BV	3, 4:30, 6:00, 7:30 pm	GJV, BJV 1:15p GV, BV 4:00p
Sat Dec 29	SJE	Liberty	GJV, BJV, GV, BV	1, 2:30, 4:00, 5:30 pm	-
Fri Jan 4	*Reardan	Liberty (LY-Girls Basketball)	GJV, BJV, GV, BV	3, 4:30, 6:00, 7:30 pm	-