



The Liberty Lancer

February 2012

Message from the Superintendent

Positive Learning Environments

The foundation in promoting strong student achievement can be narrowed down to three areas: a safe learning environment, solid relationships between students and staff, and high-quality classroom instruction. When any one of these components is removed, students suffer the consequences. Citizens with strong academic skills generally live more productive and happier lives compared to those who struggle in reading, writing, mathematics and science. As a society it is our paramount responsibility to ensure we give our children the opportunities to grow academically in a safe and nurturing environment including excellent instruction from a qualified and successful teacher. Their futures depend on it.

Liberty School District is committed to providing a quality education in a safe and nurturing environment. Through community support we hire additional paraeducators to ensure focused supervision while students are at recess or lunch as well as additional teachers to keep our class sizes low—especially in the primary grades. Harassment and bullying behaviors are not tolerated, and a system is in place for staff, parents, or students to report cases anonymously to the principal. I personally guarantee each report will be investigated completely and the results and/or actions conveyed back to the person reporting the incident.




Fortunately our district does not have many incidents of this nature. We are small enough to be able to be proactive and stop issues before they become major concerns. Liberty's children enjoy a close family atmosphere and highly qualified teachers.

Read-A-Thon Kick-off Set for February 17

The Liberty Read-A-Thon will kick off with an all-school assembly Friday, February 17, at 2:10pm, and parents are always welcome at our assemblies. This year's theme is "Race to Read" and will feature three dress-up theme days:

- February 24 – Choose Your Race Day (car, hydros, motorcycle, cycling, skiing, etc.)
- March 1 – Pit Crew/Team Day (dress-alike day with your team)
- March 9 – Race Under the Lights (pajama day)

Students will be recording reading minutes in hopes of earning a free Silverwood pass for reaching 10 total hours of documented reading. Other awards will include a book giveaway and bronze, silver, and gold banner ribbons for students in grades K-6.

	Grades K-1	Grades 2-3	Grades 4-6
Gold 	20 min./day (7h00m)	30 min./day (10h30m)	45 min./day (15h45m)
Silver 	15 min./day (5h15m)	20 min./day (7h00m)	30 min./day (10h30m)
Bronze 	10 min./day (3h30m)	15 min./day (5h15m)	20 min./day (7h00m)

READ, READ, READ!

WRC Adds Two

The Washington Reading Corps (WRC) is a branch of Americorps providing reading tutors to public schools in Washington State. Liberty has a total of three reading tutors working with students to increase their reading fluency, comprehension, and phonics.



Liberty's WRC volunteers (l-r) are Amy Tremblay, Cynthia Casillas and Natalie Beasley.

XtheTXT

Friday, February 3, the Liberty Booster Club along with Hodgson & Associates sponsored XtheTXT to raise awareness of the dangers of texting while driving. Students, staff, parents, and community members were encouraged to take the XtheTXT pledge; those who did received a thumb band.

Paper airplanes were thrown during halftime of the boys' varsity basketball game for a chance to win prizes; grand prize went to Gregg Wernz.



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, February 23

Thursday, March 22

Thursday, April 26

Thursday, May 24

Thursday, June 28

Liberty Elementary & Junior High

Elementary Excellence Awards

for January



Congratulations to our Citizens of the Month for January: (top, l-r) Jordan Wanberg, Mya Garcia, Jayden Peterson, Elizabeth Denny, Amelia Suksdorf, Maizy Feltwell, Anabelle Redder

(bottom, l-r) Bowe Rojas, Annabelle Bennett, Anastasiya Pyankova, Angel Adams

Junior High Term 2 Excellence Awards

Academic Students of the Quarter



Congratulations to the following students selected by their teachers as Academic Students of the Quarter for term 2: (pictured at left, l-r) Kristin Ince, Jodi Carrell, Daniel Hircock & Kathryn Fairfield.

High Honors—4.0 GPA



(l-r) Madelynne Flaig, Maggie Nelson, Nathan Burley & Daniel Hircock

Most Improved GPA



The students pictured above showed the most improvement in grades over their term 1 GPA: (l-r) Austin James, Jordan Szep, Justin Poindexter & Elizabeth Brown

Honor Roll (3.5-3.99 GPA)

8th grade: Jodi Carrell, Keith Dumaw, Garrett Green, Meghan Grumbly, Moriah Hughes, Maxwell Johnson, Killian Knecht, Marin Ottmar, Jake Pottratz, Kaitlyn Rambo, Bridgette Roll, Justice Schuman, Jessica Trotter, Cassie Trower, Kassie Turner

7th grade: Bailey Anderson, Devin Billington, Elizabeth Brown, Chase Burnham, Thomas Canning, Christine Denny, Kathryn Fairfield, Tyler Haas, Jacob Harrington, Allysha Hubbard, Kristin Ince, Abby Karlis, Josh Larsen-Nowland, Haley LeMoine, Justess Neihart, Patrick Paredes, Lyndzi Rich, Kiah Schilling, Garrett Spurrell



Liberty High School

Second Semester

We have concluded our first semester for the 2011-12 school year. All students have done an outstanding job of learning throughout the first two quarters. The March newsletter will contain the first semester honor roll, Lancer Pride winner, and students of the second quarter.

High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE)

All sophomores across Washington State will take part in the High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) test for reading and writing in March. The writing test is a two-day test that will take place March 13 and 14. The reading test will be administered March 15. The Science and Math tests have moved to an End of Course Exam (EOC). These EOCs will be taken the last three weeks of the second semester. Students will be notified as to which math exam they will be taking. The staff at the high school continues to do an excellent job preparing our students for these exams. In August, a retake date will be set for students who were absent or need to retake the reading or writing HSPE.

Lancer Wrestling

February brings out the best for our wrestlers. Cody Erickson, Eric Erickson, Jacob Schmauch and Kain Feltwell make up the Lancer wrestling team led by Head Coach Darrin Mason and Assistant Rick Mumby. Managers Jesse Baird, Harmony Duke and Emily Mumby are also an important part of the team.

Cody is looking to return to the Mat Classic again this year, which takes place February 17 and 18 at the Tacoma Dome. Kain is currently ranked #3 in Washington State in his weight class. The regional wrestling tournament will be held February 10 and 11 in Kittitas. We wish the best of luck to our wrestlers.



Lancer wrestlers, managers & coaches pictured above: (l-r) Harmony Duke, Emily Mumby, Cody Erickson, Jesse Baird, Jacob Schmauch, Kain Feltwell, Eric Erickson, Coach Rick Mumby and Coach Darrin Mason

Prom



As we head into spring, that means Prom is right around the corner. Once again this year the Prom will be held at Fairchild Air Force Base on

March 17. If you are planning on attending the prom, please pick up the paperwork from Ms. Whittall. Prom tickets are currently on sale at the high school office. The paperwork must be filled out and turned in when you purchase the tickets. There will be no late sales for Prom tickets, and all tickets and paperwork must be turned in by February 16.

Financial Aid for College

Last month Mr. Hammond, Mr. Hardie and Mr. Harkness helped seniors set up their Federal Financial Aid Accounts online.

Students will use these for the next several years, as they have to apply each year for Federal Financial Aid. Seniors should be sending in applications for admission to the colleges they are considering now. By completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online now and applying to the colleges, they will be able to learn about acceptance into college and receive financial aid award offers later this spring. If you wait too long, you may miss out on some money to help pay for college. If you need further assistance, please contact Duke Hammond at the school, 245-3229 ext. 1104.



Website

A reminder to all: you can access the most current information on our website at www.libertysd.us. If you follow the High School link, you will find an updated schedule of events along with a brief synopsis of information as to what is taking place for the week. This is updated weekly—usually on Friday morning. If you have questions about this link or would like something added to the schedule, please contact Mr. Fletcher.