



LSDBC Update

This year the Liberty School District Booster Club has been pleased to support a number of Liberty organizations. We'll see you at the next Lancer basketball game... be sure to check out the Booster Board and Friends of Liberty sponsor signs that proudly hang in the Liberty HS gym, and stop by the concessions stand to say hello and enjoy a hot Arby's sandwich.

We are looking forward to the second half of the year and finding more ways to make Liberty even better! Mark your calendar for the Lancer basketball games on January 13th, which will be the 4th annual "XtheTxt" night, our campaign against texting and driving. It's fun!



XtheTxt will be January 13.

Thank you for your support of the Liberty School District Booster Club and the Liberty Community!

The Liberty Lancer

January 2015

Message from the Superintendent

Dear parents, staff and community members:

I hope you have all enjoyed your December and are looking forward to the new year!

January marks our fifth month learning about the "Character Counts" traits. This month students and staff will focus on respect.

Our winter activities are in full swing. Mr. Cox and the K-4 music, 5-12 band and 7-12 choir programs put on three great holiday programs in December, and FFA, Knowledge Bowl, cheerleading, basketball, and wrestling teams are keeping busy and have experienced success early in their seasons. We hope to see you out supporting these students at their many competitions this month.



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Included in this issue is a fact sheet about the upcoming levies. The district will run two replacement levies on the February 10th ballot to renew expiring funding for maintenance and operations as well as technology. If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our schools and district. Your partnership and dedication to our students is vital to the success of our community.

Sheriff's Corner

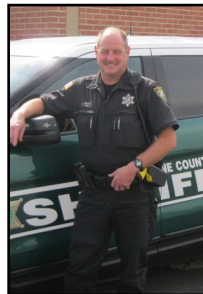
Cyberstalking: *What is cyberstalking? What is cyberbullying? Are they the same?*

Cyberstalking (RCW 9.61.260) is when a person intentionally uses electronic means to harass, intimidate, torment, or embarrass a person, a third party, or threatens to inflict injury on a person or property. Cyberstalking is a gross misdemeanor unless a person makes threats to kill. Then cyberstalking becomes a felony.

Cyberbullying is willful and repeated harm inflicted upon another person using mean statements or images through the use of a computer or other electronic means. So basically, cyberstalking and cyberbullying are the same thing.

As a parent myself, I continually remind my kids about using their electronics appropriately. I periodically check my child's cell phone to see what's on there; it's my phone since I pay the bill. Remember, it's a privilege for your child to have a cell phone. You as the parent and owner of the phone should look at the contents periodically to ensure your child is using it properly.

That also goes for any type of social media your child may use. Know that your child is using social media properly. It is all too easy for children to get into trouble with the law by posting or texting the wrong thing. Remind your kids that the police have the technology to retrieve any item sent or received on phones or social media accounts. Even if it gets erased, the police can retrieve it.



Deputy Ron Nye

As parents, it's hard enough just raising a child let alone worrying about all the electronic and social media traffic your child is exposed to. Remember too that being a child in today's world isn't easy either because of the technology. It's 24/7 and hard to escape. If you discover your child is having a problem with cyberbullying or bullying, please report it by using the "Safe Schools" icon on the Liberty School District website. If the problem is outside of school, I'm happy to help. Either leave me a voicemail at 509-477-3174 or send me an e-mail at rgnye@spokanesherriff.org.

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.

January 2015

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Upcoming Board Meetings

All meetings are held at **6:00 PM**
in the Elementary/Junior High Library

Thursday, January 29

Thursday, February 26

Thursday, March 26

Thursday, April 23

Thursday, May 28

Liberty Elementary & Junior High Elementary Excellence Awards

December



Congratulations to our elementary citizens of the month who exemplified December's "Character Counts" trait—caring: (top row, l-r) Ella Vanwert, Waylon Tellessen, Leah Kelley, Zoë Omlin, Maren Hymas, Brooke Redder, (bottom row, l-r) Trevin Kimble, Shaley Tiegs, Josh Stern, Jenna Piersol, Jared Kimball.

Coach Sacrifices Hair for Perfect Season

It started as a motivational tactic. Junior high girls' varsity basketball coach Miranda Holling opened the first practice with an irresistible offer: in return for an undefeated season, she would allow the team to cut her long blonde hair and donate it to charity. Coach Holling had made the offer to other teams in previous seasons, but none had managed to prevail as undefeated league champs...yet.

It wasn't always a sure thing—the girls had their work cut out for them against tough opponents and barely pulled off one win with a one-point victory. But after their tenth and final game, they remained undefeated.

Coach Holling was true to her word. At the end-of-season celebration, the girls took turns cutting through several 12" braids, which were then donated to Locks of Love to make wigs for children dealing with hair loss.

Congratulations to the team on a great season!



K-8 Dates to Remember

January (Respect)	
5	School resumes
12	2-hour late start MAP testing
13	MAP testing Jr. Boosters Meeting, 7pm
14	MAP testing
15	MAP testing
16	MAP testing
19	NO SCHOOL—M.L.K. Jr. Day
22	College Color Day
23	End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester
29	Board meeting, 6pm



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Character Counts

Each month Liberty School District focuses on a character trait of the month. For December the student body focused on caring: I show kindness with words and actions, I think about others people's feelings, I help others respecting authority, cooperating with others, and doing more than is expected.



Students and staff recognized the following students and staff member for displaying the Caring trait in a variety of ways (*pictured at left, l-r*): Thomas Canning, Justin Poindexter, Jodi Carrell, Ms. Whittall.

For the month of January students will be focusing on Respect: I am courteous and use good manners, I treat others as they would want to be treated, I express my opinion politely, I solve disagreements peacefully.

Finals Week and Winter Spirit



The ASB will be sponsoring a winter spirit day on Friday, January 16. Students are encouraged to dress up like a crazy sports fan, and the day will conclude with a dance after the basketball game that night.

Finals have also been scheduled for the week of January 20. The schedule will be as follows: Tuesday—periods 1 & 4, Wednesday—periods 5 & 7, Thursday—periods 3 & 6, Friday—period 2.

January

- 5 School resumes
- 12 Late start
- 19 NO SCHOOL—M.L.K. Jr. Day
- 20 Finals, periods 1 & 4
- 21 FFA @ Cheney
- Finals, periods 5 & 7
- 22 College color day
- Finals, periods 3 & 6
- 23 Finals, period 2
- End of 1st semester
- 28 Math II EOC
- 29 Biology EOC (grades 11 & 12)
- 30 Lancer Pride Assembly

State Testing

LHS will begin the first round of State Testing with the Math and Biology End of Course Exam (EOC) retakes beginning the last week of January. Students graduating in 2015 must pass the HSPE in reading, and writing, math EOC and Biology EOC. Students will be notified as to which exam they will be taking.

Graduation

It's not too early for our seniors to begin to think about graduation. On Monday, January 12, a representative from Graduate Services NW will be at school. At this time students will have the opportunity to order their announcements and caps and gowns. If you have questions, please contact senior advisor Mrs. Malone. Graduation for the class of 2015 will take place on Saturday, June 6, at 1:00 PM.



Shop News

The Liberty Agriculture Program would like to thank Flaig family for their help over the past year. Their farm has donated a small parcel of land that is being used to help fund new equipment for the shop. To-date the revenue from the donated



ground has been used to update the air compressor and add some portable oxy-acetylene units to the shop. In addition, donations were collected last spring to add a MIG welder to the program to better help our students work with more industry-standard equipment. Thank you to the following companies for providing support as well: The McGregor Company, AG Enterprise, St. John Hardware, and Boone Electric. Devin and Darren Flaig have also donated time and money to fix items in the shop, as well as clean out the storage area adjacent to it. Some future plans include adding air tools, improving student work stations, and constructing a metal rack for metal storage.

The high school staff continues to do an excellent job preparing our students for these exams.

Test	When	Time	Who
Math II Retake	January 28	8:15	All students who have not passed a Math EOC.
Biology Retake	January 29	8:15	All students who have not passed the Biology EOC.
Math I Retake	February 5	8:15	All students who have not passed a Math EOC.
HSPE Writing	March 17 and 18	8:30-11:30	All 11 th and 12 th students who have not passed writing.
HSPE Reading	March 19	8:30-11:30	All 11 th and 12 th students who have not passed reading.



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LEVY FACT SHEET

Every three years we run replacement levies, which represent about 28 percent of our district's total budget. These funds fill the gap between what we receive in state funding and what is necessary to provide a well-rounded educational program for our students. We are grateful for your ongoing support.

Please vote! Mail-in ballots are due by Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

Renewal

Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Levy

- ☑ The M&O Levy is a REPLACEMENT of the expiring three-year levy.
It is NOT a new tax.
- ☑ The M&O Levy helps maintain current educational programs, smaller class sizes, maintenance of facilities and grounds, and student activities not funded by state or federal dollars.
- ☑ The M&O Levy will provide approximately 28 percent of Liberty School District's total budget:
 - ⇒ \$1,550,000 in 2016 (based on an estimated tax rate of \$3.05 per \$1,000 of assessed property value)
 - ⇒ \$1,580,000 in 2017 (tax rate=\$3.08/\$1,000)
 - ⇒ \$1,620,000 in 2018 (tax rate=\$3.10/\$1,000)

Liberty's M&O Levy Supports:

- ☑ Maintaining smaller class sizes
- ☑ Extra-curricular activities, music & art programs, activity buses
- ☑ Full-day kindergarten
- ☑ School nurse
- ☑ Nutritional services program
- ☑ Music, art, Spanish, & vocational electives
- ☑ Highly Capable & Special Education
- ☑ Textbooks and instructional materials
- ☑ Transportation services
- ☑ Equipment, utilities, and fuel
- ☑ Custodial, maintenance & grounds upkeep



How does Liberty's M&O Levy rate compare with other districts?

District	Levy Rate*
Tekoa	\$4.20
Davenport.....	\$4.17
Spokane	\$4.08
Colfax.....	\$3.31
Cheney.....	\$3.20
Freeman.....	\$3.08
Liberty.....	\$3.05
Rosalia.....	\$2.93
Reardan.....	\$2.87

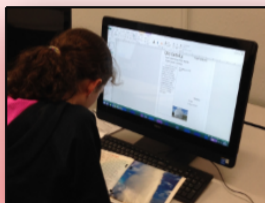
*Amount charged per \$1,000 of assessed property value.



Renewal

Technology Levy

- ☑ The Technology Levy is a REPLACEMENT of the expiring three-year levy.
It is NOT a new tax.
- ☑ The Technology Levy is used to:
 - ⇒ Maintain district servers and networks
 - ⇒ Supply classrooms and labs with up-to-date equipment
 - ⇒ Pay for annual software licenses and internet connection fees
 - ⇒ Train instructional staff
- ☑ The Technology Levy will provide \$125,000 per year, taxed at an approximate rate of \$0.25 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.



Levy Facts

Please vote February 10, 2015

Fact #1

On February 10, Liberty School District voters will be asked to renew the Maintenance & Operations Levy and Technology Levy, both of which expire in 2015.

Approximately 28% of the total school district budget is funded by our local community.

These are NOT new taxes.

Fact #2

Approximately 400 students and 100 staff members are directly affected by the levy.

Class sizes, counselors, nurses, leadership, textbooks, school and teacher supplies, sports, transportation, vocational programs, special education, nutrition services program, highly capable education, software, computer replacement and repair, substitute teachers, and facilities maintenance are all supported in whole or part by local levy funds.

Fact #3

The co-curricular, extra-curricular and activities programs are dependent on levy dollars. Clubs, art, athletics, music, band, equipment, event expenses and field trips throughout the district are supported by levy funds.

Fact #4

Levy tax exemptions are available.

Additional information and applications for exemption are available from the Spokane County Assessor's office, (509) 477-5754.

How will the replacement levies affect my monthly property taxes?

Cost Based on Sample

Levy & Rate	Assessed Value
M&O	\$100,000 = \$25
\$3.05/\$1,000	\$300,000 = \$76
Technology	\$100,000 = \$2
\$0.25/\$1,000	\$300,000 = \$6

Questions?

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