



# The Liberty Lancer

## Message from the Superintendent

January 2016

Dear Parents, Staff and Community members:

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and are looking forward to the new year. This newsletter is being mailed to all of our Liberty community to share the various activities our students are participating in this year.

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## Communication Update

We have fully implemented the Blackboard Connect calling system for parent and staff notifications.



This system allows us the ability to call, email and/or send text messages regarding time-sensitive updates or scheduling changes. We also have the ability to target specific grade-level or activity groups.

Please remember to inform the school office of any changes to your contact information such as new phone numbers or email addresses so we can keep our records up-to-date.

## Online Payments

**Pay** Liberty has partnered with e-Funds for Schools to accept meal account payments\* online via credit, debit, or checking account ACH payment. Follow the link on our [homepage](#) to access or set up your account.

\*Per-use convenience fees apply.

Included on the back of this month's newsletter is information about the bond levy that will run on the February 9<sup>th</sup> election ballots. Our board passed a resolution in early December to re-run the bond after reducing the total project cost by about \$1 million. Our primary focus is remodeling the 1960 portion of the high school and adding the second gymnasium. The cost reduction was made possible by eliminating the relocation of the football stadium and a few other campus revisions.

Our winter activities are in full swing. Our FFA, basketball, and wrestling teams have shown success early in the season. We hope to see you at some of our home games this month. Schedules for all athletics are posted and updated regularly on our website at [www.libertysd.us/athletics](http://www.libertysd.us/athletics).

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. If you should have any questions, please contact me.

## Thank You, Wilbur-Ellis!

Liberty was selected as one of three school district recipients of a floor-to-ceiling retractable flag for its high school gymnasium, donated by Wilbur-Ellis. The flag made its debut at the Liberty Invite wrestling tournament on December 12.

At left: Board member Mark Bullock and Junior Thies complete the installation.



# 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

Thursday, January 28, 6:00pm

Thursday, February 25, 6:00pm

Thursday, March 24, 6:00pm

Thursday, April 28, 7:00pm

## Sheriff's Corner: Happy Holidays!

I hope each and every one of you enjoyed a safe and happy holiday season. Please remember that if you ever need the police, call either Crime Check at (509) 456-2233, or 911. If you are not sure which one to call, here is a good rule of thumb to follow: If something is happening *right now*, regardless of what it is, call 911. If it is after the fact, call Crime Check.

While school is on break, I will be working patrol. If there's anything I can do for you, please leave me a voicemail at (509)477-3174 or send me an email at [rgnye@spokanesherriff.org](mailto:rgnye@spokanesherriff.org).

It's a pleasure working for you!

## 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 hang proudly in the Liberty HS gym, and stop by the concessions stand to say hello and enjoy a great meal.



**The annual "XtheTxt" night will be Feb. 2.**

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 game on Tuesday, February 2, which will be the 5<sup>th</sup> annual "XtheTxt" night, our campaign against texting and driving. It's fun!

Thank you for your support of the Liberty School District

Booster Club and the Liberty community!

## Holiday Fun

A timely dash of snow, some holiday music and a visit from Santa himself helped kick off the holiday break on a festive note!



Thanks to the Spangle Service Club for sponsoring our annual visit from Santa Claus! Assisted by his junior high elves, Santa visited each preschool through sixth grade classroom and passed out an apple to each student.



During the week before break, Mr. Pendon and his traveling jazz band visited both schools to start the day with festive carols.



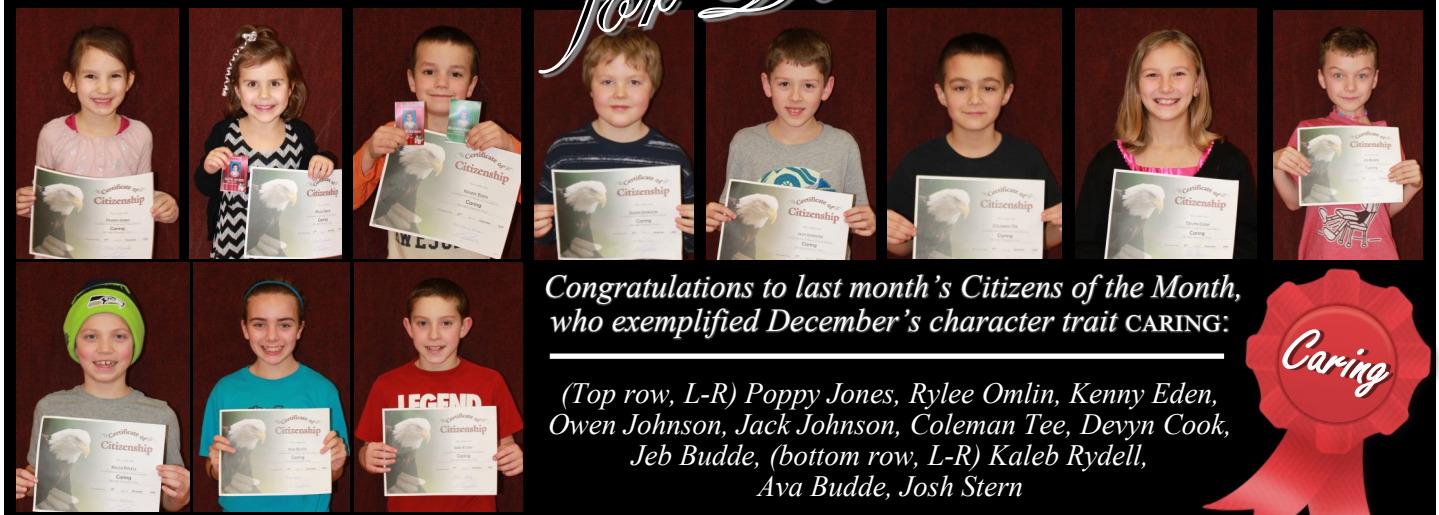
**Deputy Ron Nye &  
LHS Principal  
Aaron Fletcher**



# Liberty Elementary & Junior High

## Elementary Character Awards

for *December*



*Congratulations to last month's Citizens of the Month, who exemplified December's character trait CARING:*

*(Top row, L-R) Poppy Jones, Rylee Omlin, Kenny Eden, Owen Johnson, Jack Johnson, Coleman Tee, Devyn Cook, Jeb Budde, (bottom row, L-R) Kaleb Rydell, Ava Budde, Josh Stern*

*Caring*

## Math is Cool

4th Grade



6th Grade



Once again this year we have teams representing Liberty Elementary in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math Is Cool competitions.

Teams practice one day each week at lunch, and the competitions will begin

in late January and extend to March.

Math Is Cool advisors are Mrs. Buys for 4th grade and Mrs. Fuchs for grades 5 and 6. Students qualified for participation based on their SBAC and MAP test scores from the previous school year.

We wish our student "mathletes" the best as they compete!

## 1:1 JH Chromebook Pilot Program

Junior high students continue to learn and benefit from the features and capabilities of their new 1:1 Chromebook devices. Students are able to view and complete assignments via their Google classroom accounts, and teachers have access to all student activity, including the ability to control individual computers for viewing and classroom presentations.



K-8

Dates to Remember

**JANUARY (RESPECT)**

- 4 School Resumes
- 2-Hour Late Start
- JH Boys' B-ball Begins
- Jr. Cheer Camp After School
- 5 Jr. Cheer Performance, 6pm game
- 6-14 MAP Testing
- 18 NO SCHOOL
- 22 K-6 Awards Assembly, 2:10
- Semester 1 Ends
- 26 JH Awards Assembly
- 28 Board Meeting, 6pm



# Liberty High School

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## Character Counts



*Students and staff recognized the following students for displaying the trait of CARING in a variety of ways: (L-R: Tyler Haas, Chase Burnham, Keith Dumaw, Sam Pritchett, Austin Rambo, Abby Karlis, Maggie Nelson, Bridgette Roll. Not pictured: Jake Pottratz.*

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.

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.

**LHS**  
**Dates to Remember**

JANUARY (RESPECT)	
4	School Resumes 2-Hour Late Start
5	Knowledge Bowl @ Home
11	Order Caps & Gowns
18	NO SCHOOL
19	<b>Finals</b> , Periods 1 & 4 Knowledge Bowl @ Davenport
20	<b>Finals</b> , Periods 2 & 6
21	College Color Day Ag Issues District <b>Finals</b> , Periods 5 & 7
22	Semester 1 Ends <b>Finals</b> , Period 3
26	Math EOC II (make up)
27	Biology EOC (make up)
28	Lancer Pride Assembly

## State Testing

Liberty High School 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 2016 and beyond must pass an English language arts assessment, one math EOC, and a biology EOC. Students will be notified as to which exam they will be taking. Our staff at the high school continues to do an excellent job preparing our students for these exams. For testing dates and times refer to the table below.

Test	When	Time	Who
Math II retake	January 26	8:15	All students who have not passed a math EOC.
Biology retake	January 27	8:15	All students who have not passed the biology EOC.
Math I retake	February 4	8:15	All students who have not passed a math EOC.

## FFA Ag Issues and Job Interview

Congratulations to the Ag Issues teams! **Isaak Ottmar, Matthew Burley, Lindsay Stern, Annie Karlis, Jon Denny, and Brett Watson** (pictured at right, L-R) finished in third place at the sub-district contest. They will compete at the District event in January. Liberty's team #2 of **Ashlyn Bartels, Garrett Baump, Alec Fletcher, Brandi Thieren, and Dustin Dumaw** finished fourth.

**Christine Denny** participated in the Job Interview CDE and placed sixth.



## Graduation?

It's not too early for our seniors to begin thinking about graduation. On Monday, January 11, a representative from Graduate Services NW will be at school giving students an opportunity to order announcements and caps and gowns. If you have questions, contact senior advisor Ms. Whittall at [twhittall@libertysd.us](mailto:twhittall@libertysd.us).

Graduation for the class of 2016 is scheduled for Saturday, June 4, at 1:00 PM.



## Winter Activities

Our students have had a great year so far and are geared up for a busy winter season. Please check our website at [www.libertysd.us](http://www.libertysd.us) for the most current schedules for each particular activity.

Here's a look at just a few of the students' recent stand-out moments in the music and athletics programs:



*Music director Mr. Pendon and all K-12 choir and band students entertained and impressed packed crowds with their holiday programs in December.*

**Grades 7-12 Concert Band**



**Grades K-4**



**Grades 7-12 Choir**



*Lancer football concluded its season among the top 8 teams in the state.*

**Lady Lancers**



*The boys' varsity basketball team has begun the season undefeated in its first 8 games.*



*Lancer wrestlers have their sights set on the Mat Classic at the Tacoma Dome February 19-20.*

*For the second straight year, the Lady Knights basketball team finished its season with a perfect record of 10-0!*



**Knights Wrestling**

Visit [www.libertysd.us/athletics](http://www.libertysd.us/athletics) for more team pictures, information, and up-to-date schedules of upcoming events.





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## School Resumes



Monday, January 4!

This is also our  
2-hour late start  
day for the month.

**Liberty Facilities Bond to Re-Run on February 9 Ballot** We were very encouraged by the positive voter turnout for the facilities bond on the November ballot but fell just short of passing with a final tally of 57 percent yes votes, while 60 percent is required for a bond to pass. The district facilities committee revisited the project and trimmed the overall costs by nearly \$1 million by eliminating the football field relocation and keeping the focus on the high school renovations and addition. Visit [www.libertysd.us/bond](http://www.libertysd.us/bond) for more information, and ***please vote February 9!***

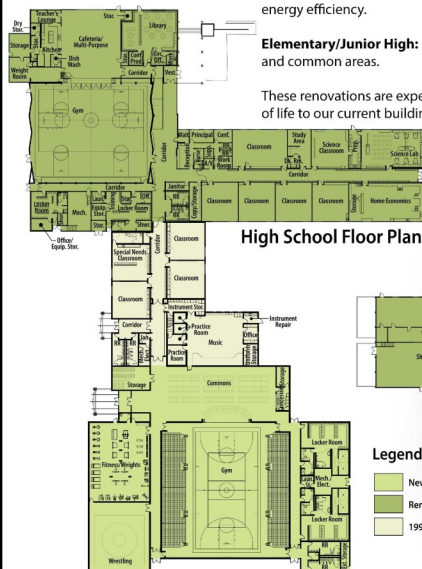
## "Education with Tomorrow in Mind"

### Renovation of Buildings

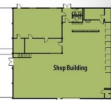
**High School:** Update original 55-year-old portion, including mechanical (plumbing and wiring) and HVAC updates and 21st Century Classroom technological updates with wireless internet capability and updated energy efficiency.

**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.



High School Floor Plan



**Legend**  
New  
Renovation/Remodel  
1999 Construction

### Local Bond Rates 2016 (per thousand)

Rosalia - \$3.61  
Central Valley - \$3.55  
Cheney - \$3.22  
Davenport - \$ 2.74  
Freeman - \$2.72  
Medical Lake - \$2.56  
Spokane Public Schools- \$1.96  
**Liberty - \$1.83**

\* Estimated rate per thousand based on 2015 evaluation and \$12.2 million in project costs.

### Student Safety & Security

Updated facility security features would include:

- revised access to the Elementary/Junior High 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.

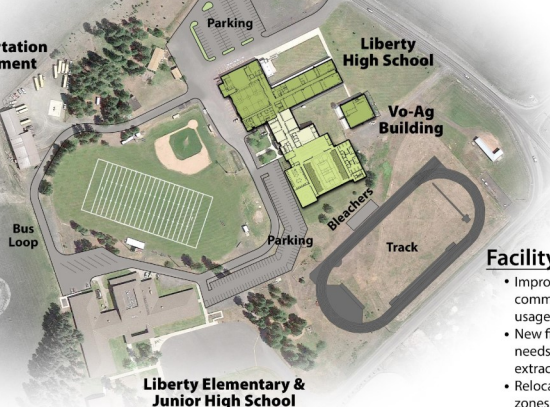
### Community Access

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.

### 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 track, additional paved parking and bus zones, and improvements to the softball and baseball fields.

Transportation  
Department



Liberty Elementary & Junior High School



**LIBERTY  
SCHOOL BOND**  
VOTE FEBRUARY 9, 2016



Visit [www.libertysd.us/bond](http://www.libertysd.us/bond) to view an informational video presentation.

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