**Open Houses &** 

**Ice Cream Social** 

Please join us Thursday,

August 24 from 4-6pm

for open houses at both

buildings. This is a great

opportunity to meet

teachers, locate class-

rooms, check out the

at the high school,

at the offices.

progress of renovations

reconnect with friends

and take care of business

Free ice cream will be

served on the E/JH lawn.

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# Message from the Superintendent

**SUMMER 2017** 

Dear parents, staff and community members:

We have successfully wrapped up another amazing school year at Liberty. Just a few of this year's highlights include seeing 100 percent of our seniors graduate, enjoying outstanding student band and choir performances throughout the year, and

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cheering on the many successes of our athletics teams. Our students and staff have now transitioned to summer mode and are pursuing professional development, enrichment, and well-deserved rest and relaxation.

Gearing up for next year, the renovation and addition projects have begun on campus, and



Members of the Liberty leadership team, school board, booster club, and community broke ground for the addition and renovation projects in a special ceremony on June 8.

many improvements will already be completed by the time we welcome students back in late August. Our enrollment continues to grow as we know of over 20 new students joining us next year in addition to the incoming class of 33 new kindergarteners, we have hired **Ryan VanTine** as an additional elementary teacher who will be teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and we are accepting applications

Photo by Steve Witter

for a high school Special Education teacher.

We continue as a district to look toward next year in respect to finalizing our budgets and schedules. The legislature is currently in its second special session, and we are patiently awaiting a decision to determine our revenues.

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.

# First Day of School

# August 29

(grades 1-12)

September 1 (kindergarten)

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# Graduation

Congratulations to the class of 2017, and thank you to all who came to support our seniors at graduation. All students worked extremely hard at meeting this goal in their lives. Many will continue their education at colleges around the area. This group was awarded over

**\$1.2 million** in scholarship and award

money, \$47,000 of which came from local groups in our community.



The class was led by valedictorian **Abby Karlis** and salutatorian **Kristin Ince**. The following students also graduated with honors: Devin Billington, Elizabeth Brown, Chase Burnham, Kyle DeGon, Matthew DeGon, Christine Denny, Kathryn Fairfield, Madelynne Flaig, Tyler Haas, Jake Harrington, Allysha Hubbard, Jade Keffer, and Patrick Paredes.

Congratulations to all of the graduates. We are proud of you and wish you the best in your futures!



# The Liberty Lancer

The Liberty Lancer is published during the academic year by Liberty School District, emailed to families, and posted on the district website 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 community.

Comments, questions or suggestions should be directed to the Superintendent.

Summer 2017

# DISTRICT MISSION & CIVIL RIGHTS STATEMENT

Liberty School District will provide a safe, nurturing, and rigorous learning environment, maximizing each student's potential today, with tomorrow in mind.

Liberty School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained guide dog or service animal in its programs, employment, and/or activities. The district will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups. District programs will be free of sexual harassment.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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District 5 Position Open

Board member phone numbers are available on the district website.

Superintendent: Kyle Rydell krydell@libertysd.us

# UPCOMING MEETINGS

All meetings are held in the Elementary/Junior High Library

Thursday, June 29, 7:00pm Thursday, July 27, 7:00pm Wednesday, August 30, 7:00pm

### **NEWASA Awards**



The district honored volunteers from the Liberty School District Booster Club at the annual Northeast Washington Association of School Administrators (NEWASA) awards luncheon on April 21.

The LSDBC was chosen for its ongoing support and partnership, fundraising efforts, and countless hours of volunteering.

Pictured above (I-r): Superintendent Kyle Rydell, LHS principal Aaron Fletcher, and Liberty boosters Danica Foland, Rachel Tiegs, Dianna Harrington, and Andy Schenk.

## Open School Board Position—Director District #5

After serving 19 years on the Liberty school board, Mark Bullock has decided to step



down and concentrate his efforts in the construction field. With Mark's leadership on the board, the district has seen an increased enrollment and a focus on the expectation that our students graduate on time. Mark will continue to be an advocate for the Liberty students and community as he provides

expertise on our campus improvements.



Liberty Director Districts

If you are interested in running for the open board position and live within the director district #5

boundaries (depicted in pink on the map at right), please seek additional information by contacting the district office at 509-624-4415 or emailing <a href="mailto:bmccoy@libertysd.us">bmccoy@libertysd.us</a>. We will accept applications until July 13, and the board will hold interviews in late July.

# **Highly Capable Program**



Mrs. Chambers and the HiCap students were busy this

year. The elementary group spent the first half of the year working on art projects and the second half learning about horticulture and filling a greenhouse in the classroom. The junior high/high school group



divided into two sections: Lego robotics and art/photography. The Lego robotics group staged several robot battles

throughout the year and plan for more next year! The art/photography group worked



hard on their art projects and ended the year with lessons from a professional photographer on camera use, photography techniques and photo editing. The HiCap groups are looking forward to another adventurous year with many more exciting opportunities to come!

If you believe your child may qualify for the highly capable program, watch for application materials and information regarding testing in early September.

# LIBERTY ELEMENTARY & JUNIOR HIGH

### **ELEMENTARY CHARACTER AWARDS**



Congratulations to April's elementary citizens of the month, who exemplified the character trait of FAIRNESS:

(I-r) Louis Degenhart, Brianna Soriano, Tyla Tiegs, Aubrey Hofmann, Ayden Anderson, Lillian DeLeon, Karlee Swan, Kendall Denny, Kerry Schultz, Samantha Holling, Ellie Denny



Congratulations to May's elementary citizens of the month, who exemplified the character trait of PERSEVERANCE:

(l-r) Ashton Herrick, Mason Thies, Billie Tipke, Riqee Cervantes, Tim Pyankov, Nathan Plaksin, Owen Johnson, Hunter Carter, Mya Garcia, Savannah Stadden, Hailey Carter

## Junior High Awards—Term 4



#### 8th GRADE - 4.0 GPA

(at left) Logan Kroll, Jacob Biegert, Sara Hartman, Maizy Feltwell, Amelia Bennett, Carson Tee, Olivia Morgan

#### 3.5-3.99 GPA

Hadlee Brown Carson Fisk, Kiahna Floyd, Trace Gale, Madison Greer, Austen Hubbard, Kyle Johnson, Logan Kettner, Jared Kimball, Cole Ottmar, Cole Prince, Austin Roberts,

Jonah Shrode, Logan Smith, Jesse Turner



# 7th GRADE - 4.0 GPA (at left)

Kylena Muller, Kyle Belles, Logan Grumbly, Sarah Burley, Annika Tee, Ella Plaksin, Ben Pritchett, Mekenzie Pestana, Sophia Pyankova, Ava Budde, Ally Karlis, Colton Marsh, London Foland

Not pictured: Amelia Suksdorf

**3.5-3.99 GPA** Justine Barlow, Kasey Branon, Jamie Glorfield, Henry Greer, Vivian

Harader, Matthew Heer, Gage Holling, Lexi Kettner, Mitchell Lencioni, Colton Materne, Ryleigh Medart, Jenna Piersol, Mason Simmons, Anya Soltero, Connor Stitt, Trenton Stoe, Damon Thieren, Dillon Thieren, Logan Wilson

#### Liberty 4-H

Students and parents of Liberty 4-H would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Wilbur-Ellis in Fairfield for their continuing support and commitment to the success of the Liberty 4-H program!



#### **Academic Students of the Quarter**



At left: Logan Kroll Carson Tee Annika Tee Ava Budde

#### **Character Awards: Perseverance**

ts, At right: Noah Sievers Ally Karlis Maizy Feltwell Ryleigh Medart



#### Most Improved GPA



At left: Peter Gust Logan Wilson Logan Kettner

#### **Presidential Physical Fitness Awards**

At right: Maizy Feltwell Sara Hartman



# LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL



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Mr. Reed

#### **Character Counts**

Each month Liberty School District focuses on a character trait of the month. For the month of May the student body focused on PERSEVERANCE. Students and staff recognized the following students for

displaying perseverance in a variety of ways: **Owen Brenton**, **Catherine Brown**, **Ethan Curtis**, **Tyler Haas**, **Jade Keffer**, **Emily Lindquist**, **Trinity Papini**,

and **Patrick Paredes**.
Liberty High School recognized over 64 students for exhibiting the various character traits throughout



**Senior Project** 

Liberty High School continues to require the senior project for graduation. We feel this project holds value and prepares our students for the next step in their educational journeys. The senior project is a streamlined process allowing students to complete all sections in a timely manner. Seniors will present their projects to the community panel on November 21. A letter was mailed home with all seniors along with their 2nd semester report card. For more information about the senior project please contact Mr. Hardie at lhardie@libertysd.us

# Where is the office?

Upon returning from summer break you will notice the

building is under construction and lots of changes are underway.

### Where is everyone?

Construction has required us to relocate some staff and classrooms to accommodate all that is happening. The main office is temporarily located in the library—here you will find Mr. Fletcher, Mrs. Hardie, and Nurse Miranda. Blaze Burnham and Mr. Hammond have moved to the music room, and Mr. Harkness' classroom will start the year in the junior high building in room 206. Mr. VanSickle's and Ms. Whittall's classes will share space in the library.



August 21
Office opens
Open house, 4-6pm

August 29 School starts

September 7: Financial aid info. night, 6pm

#### **Student Government**

Congratulations to our newest elected ASB officers. Thank you to those students who took the time and energy to run for office. Our ASB officers for 2017-18 are: President Austin Rambo, Vice President Brandon Holling, Secretary Jon Denny, Sgt. at Arms Justin King, and Treasurer Brett Watson.

as employee of the quarter.





#### 4.0 GPA **Bailey Anderson** Hayden Anderson Ashlyn Bartels **Devin Billington** Rebecca Benavidez **Kolbey Browning** Matthew Burley Paloma del Cuvillo Cervera Makenzie DeShazer Katelyn Dillon Sheyanne Dubyna Julianne Harvey Auriana Mitchell **Austin Rambo** Dylan Ray Thomas Redder **Brett Watson**

3.5-3.99 GPA Ashley Anderson **Dylan Belles** Logan Billington Chase Burnham Maisie Burnham Marybelle Buck **Ethan Curtis** Kyle DeGon Matthew DeGon **Christine Denny Breydon Doubet** Kathryn Fairfield Carlos Figueroa Madelynne Flaig Alec Fletcher Kendyl Fletcher Spencer Fox

Tyler Haas Breaunna Harader Jacob Harrington James Heer **Brandon Holling** Allysha Hubbard Kristin Ince Justin Jeske Charlie Johnson Glen Johnson McKenna Jones Abigail Karlis Annabelle Karlis Brooke Kaze Jade Keffer Justin King Joshua Larsen-Nowland

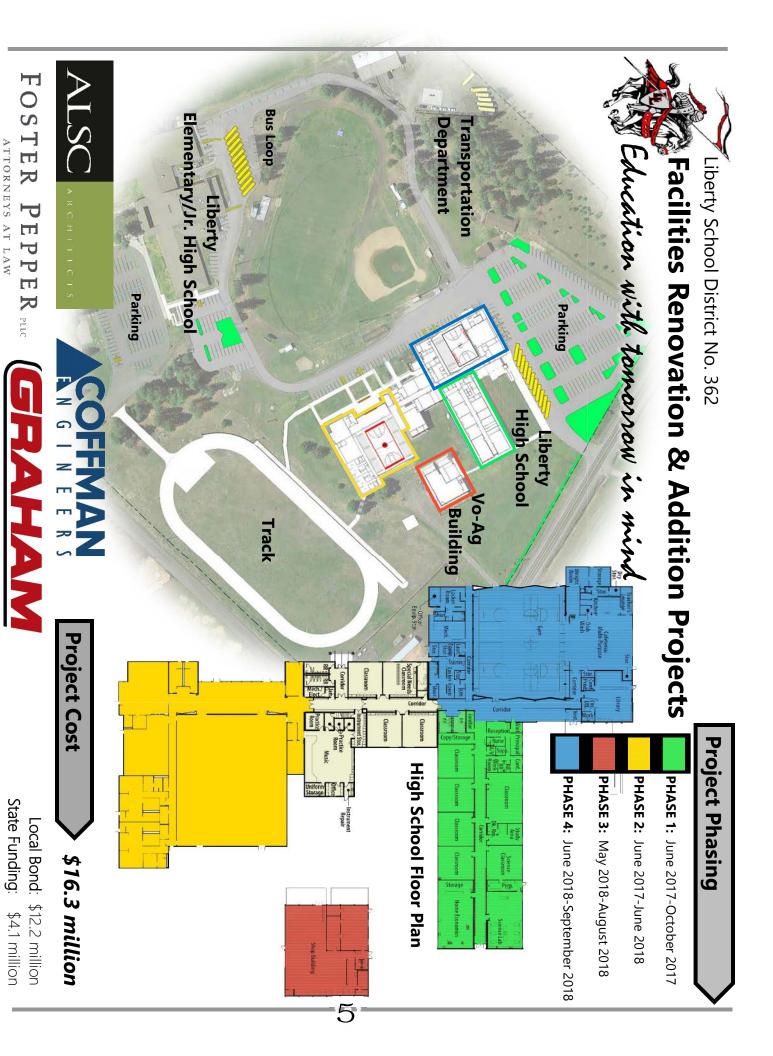
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#### **Garrett Baump** Isaac Branon Jared Brunette Stephen Carr Julia Collins Aleena Cook Jon Denny **Dustin Dumaw** Sean Duncan-Day Miranda Field Korbin Finch Austin Flaig Tristan Foster Jenna Garcia Robyn Garcia Cheyanne Gleave Olivia Grumbly

Andrew Harvey

3.00-3.49 GPA

Emma Holwegner Lilian Kay Paul Kaze Makayla Kent Justin Lehman Haley LeMoine **Emily Lindquist** Seth McBride Samuel Nelson Trinity Papini Kadia Rinehart Jacob Romero **Quentin Rose Kyleigh Shaw** Sydnee Siron **Ariel Skutley Ethan Trower** 



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#### Included in this issue:

- Year-end wrap-up
- Student awards & recognitions
- Semester 2 Honor Roll lists
- School board open position
- ✡ Important dates for next year
- Facilities projects update & phasing flyer

## Have a great summer break!

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# **Office Hours and New Registrations**

The elementary/junior high school and high school offices will open Monday, August 21, for new student registration. The offices will be open daily 8:00am-4:00pm until school starts.

Registration materials are available on our website when you visit the specific school page.

# **School Supplies**

**K-8** School supply lists for kindergarten through 8th grade students are posted on the E/JH webpage at www.libertysd.us/ejh.

High School Although individual teachers may require additional specific supplies, here's a basic list to get you started:



- Spiral notebook
- · Pens and pencils
- 3-ring binder
- Loose notebook paper

# **Addition and Renovation Projects Update**



Construction is underway at Liberty! Look inside for a flyer outlining project phasing, budget and an updated campus layout overview.

# Muddy Gauntlet Obstacle Course

Since running the Spartan Beast race last year, Mr. Jydstrup has worked to create Liberty's own obstacle/ endurance course.

Thanks to generous donations from the Liberty Community Education Foundation and Booster Club, along with construction help from Mr. Braun and his LHS shop students, the course is now a reality!



at www.libertysd.us/ejh!