Message from the Superintendent

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 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 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 5th grade, and we are accepting applications 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.

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
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**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

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**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.

**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.

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 bmarkoy@libertysd.us. 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 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.
Elementary Character Awards

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

(1-10) Louis Degenhart, Brianna Soriano, Tyla Tieg, Aubrey Hofmann, Ayden Anderson, Lillian DeLeon, Karlee Swan, Kendall Denny, Kerry Schultz, Samantha Holling, Ellie Denny

May

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

(1-10) Ashton Herrick, Mason Thies, Billie Tipek, 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 Bronan, Jamie Glorfield, Henry Greer, Vivian Harader, Matthew Heer, Gage Holling, Lexi Kettner, Mitchell Lencioni, Colton Materne, Ryleigh Medart, Jenna Piersoi, 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!
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 allowing students to complete all sections in a timely manner 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

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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 the year.

The ASB also recognized Mr. Reedy as employee of the quarter.

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.

Semester 2

4.0 GPA

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

3.5-3.99 GPA

Ashley Anderson
Dylan Belles
Logan Billington
Chase Burnham
Maisy Burnham
Marybelle Buck
Ethan Curtis
Kyle DeGon
Matthew DeGon
Christine Denny
Breydon Doubet
Kathryn Fairfield
Carlos Figueroa
Madelyne Flaig
Alex Fletcher
Kendyl Fletcher
Spencer Fox

Tyler Haas
Breaunna Harader
Jacob Harrington
James Heer
Brandon Hoving
Allsyha Hubbard
Kristin Ince
Justin Jeske
Charlie Johnson
Glen Johnson
Mckenna Jones
Abigail Karsl
Annabelle Karsl
Brooke Kaze
Jade Keffer
Joshua Larsen-Nowland

Haley Marsh
Sarahi Mendoza
Iaak Ottmar
Patrick Paredes
Samuel Pritchett
Morgan Pomerinke
Aleah Rydell
Tyson Schenk
Jada Schulken
Heaven Schultz
Faith Shinner
Garrett Spurrell
Lindsay Stern
Beau St. John
Sara Tarbert
Michaela Tee

3.00-3.49 GPA

Garrett Baump
Isaac Branon
Jared Brunette
Stephen Carr
Julia Collins
Aleenka Cook
Jon Denny
Dustin Dumaw
Sean Duncan-Day
Miranda Field
Korbin Finch
Auston Flagg
Tristan Foster
Jenna Garcia
Robyn Garcia
Cheyanne Gleave
Olivia Grumley
Andrew Harvey

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.

Dates to Remember

August 21
Office opens

August 24
Open house, 4-6pm

August 29
School starts

September 7: Financial aid info. night, 6pm
Project Phasing

PHASE 1: June 2017 - October 2017

PHASE 2: June 2017 - June 2018

PHASE 3: May 2018 - August 2018

PHASE 4: June 2018 - September 2018

Project Cost
$16.3 million

Local Bond: $12.2 million
State Funding: $4.1 million

Facilities Renovation & Addition Projects

Education with tomorrow in mind

Liberty School District No. 362
Construction is underway at Liberty! Look inside for a flyer outlining project phasing, budget and an updated campus layout overview.

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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!

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

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!