



Holiday Concerts

Liberty families and community members are invited to join Mr. Cox and the grades 5-12 band, 7-12 choir, and K-4 music classes for their winter series of concerts.



On Tuesday, December 3, the band boosters will host the semiannual "Dessert First" fundraiser in the high school cafeteria beginning at 6pm, followed by the band concert at 7pm in the high school gym.

The following week on Wednesday, December 10, the choir will sing beginning at 7pm in the high school band room.

The K-4 students will wrap things up with their presentation of An Old-Fashioned Christmas on Wednesday, December 17, at 2pm in the elementary gym.

All programs are free, and community members are welcome and encouraged to attend.



The Liberty Lancer

December 2014

Message from the Superintendent

December is here! November felt like a blur, but it was a busy and productive month with conferences, Veterans Day, assessments, and the wrapping up of all of the fall activities and beginning of winter activities.

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We continue to teach character education as a K-12 school district to emphasize the importance of character and are focusing on a new trait each month. December's trait will be *caring*. Be sure to ask your student what traits a caring person shows.

At its last meeting the board approved renewing our Maintenance and Operation Levy along with our Technology Levy. Both of these levies will be on the February ballot, due the 10th of that month. We will be mailing out more information in the coming months with more details about these two replacement levies, but please contact me if you should have any questions in the meantime.

Once again, 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

Truancy, Skipping, or Failing

Parents, does your child seem to be out of control and not wanting to do the things they're supposed to do? Does your child have difficulty getting out of bed to go to school? Do you find that once your child does go to school, he or she doesn't try to do their best or even try at all? Do you feel like you don't know what to do? As a parent, I've asked myself a couple of these questions before. Sometimes we don't know what to do. We do know however, that it's important for our kids to graduate and get their diplomas, especially in today's world. Did you know that under title 28A of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), there is a law stating your child must attend school and they must do their best at their studies? If you browse through [Title 28A](#), you may be surprised at some of the laws that exist just for schools. For those parents who have tried everything they can think of to get their child to school and to get them to do their work, there is help. You can petition the courts for help. There are such things as an At Risk Youth Petition or a Child In Need of Services Petition (CHINS). There are many other resources for parents with these types of issues with their child. I recently learned that these resources may be just a phone call away. Tracey Crook, who is the Becca Court Facilitator for the Juvenile Courts, has access to numerous resources for parents seeking help. Her phone number is (509) 477-2459. She can give direction to those resources.



Deputy Ron Nye

Remember, we as parents along with Liberty School District want our children to graduate and become successful, responsible adults. If you need help, just ask.



Have you changed your telephone number or email address recently?

Please be sure to let the school office know so we can keep our contact records up-to-date. Parents will be contacted via phone and email in the event of weather-related closures or delays.

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.

December 2014

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Upcoming Board Meetings

All meetings are held at 7:00 PM
in the Elementary/Junior High Library

Tuesday, November 25

Monday, December 29 (5pm)

Thursday, January 29

Thursday, February 26

Thursday, March 26

MAP Testing

Measures of Academic Progress™ (MAP) tests determine your student's instructional level and measure academic growth throughout the school year in the areas of math and reading.

These assessments will be administered three times throughout the year, with the second round beginning December 15 for the high school and in January for grades 1-8. During the testing week, students will spend a total of about two hours completing the reading and math assessments.

Booster Club News

Thank you for making our 2014-2015 LSDBC Membership Drive a big success! As our drive winds to a close, we would like to give anyone interested one last opportunity to become a Friends of Liberty (FOL) sponsor and have a sign hang in the Liberty High School gymnasium this year. For more details, contact Blaze Burnham, FOL chair, at 509-245-3211 x1221 or email bburnham@libertysd.us. FOL sponsorship options currently available include your customized sign displayed in the gym, home game acknowledgement, and your name on the "Booster Board."

If you would like to be a Liberty School District Booster Club member but are not interested in a Friends of Liberty sponsorship this year, contact the booster club at libertyboosters@libertysd.us. We have had a great response to our membership drive so far. Thank you for your support of the Liberty School District Booster Club!

Staff Spotlight: Amber Marsh



Mrs. Amber Marsh joined the Liberty teaching family this year in the kindergarten classroom. She comes to us as a Cheney High School graduate who went on to earn her bachelor's degree locally at EWU, followed by completing her master's work at Gonzaga University.

Mrs. Marsh answered the following questions to help us get to know her a little bit better:

What do you like most about Liberty? I love the supportive staff, friendly families, and my new team teacher - "Team Kindergarten!"

What is your favorite subject to teach? I love teaching every subject of kindergarten. I enjoy the challenge of designing lessons that are fun for kids and leave them smiling. School should be fun and exciting, and it is my job to make sure it is.

What are some interesting things about you? I love running, home decorating projects, traveling, and watching football and basketball.

Introduce us to your family: I married my high school sweetheart in 1998 and have two great kids who now attend Liberty in fifth and eighth grade. My husband and I love watching our kids play basketball, football, and volleyball. We are excited to be part of the Knight family!

Liberty Elementary & Junior High

Elementary Excellence Awards

November



Congratulations to our elementary citizens of the month who exemplified November's "Character Counts" trait—citizenship: (top row, l-r) Allison Hanegan, Drew Piersol, Jack Johnson, Austyn Myers, Karley Tiegs, Ellie Fisk, (bottom row, l-r) Maddie Haas, Ellie Denny, Ryleigh Medart, Amelia Suksdorf, Austen Hubbard.

K-8
Dates to Remember

December (Caring)	
2	K-8 YoYo assembly, 2pm
3	Grades 5-12 band concert, 7 pm
5	Midterm ends
10	Grades 7-12 choir concert, 7pm
11	Last day for 4-H food drive
17	Grades K-4 holiday concert, 2pm
18	Elementary holiday parties JH ASB activity to Roller Valley
19	12:25 dismissal for winter break
21	1st day of winter
22-January 2	Winter break
29	Board meeting, 5pm

January (Respect)	
5	School resumes

Junior High Excellence Awards—Term 1

4.0 GPA



8th grade 4.0 GPA (pictured at left, l-r, top to bottom): Isaak Ottmar, Simon Vincini, Haley Marsh (inset), Aleah Rydell, Lily Kay.

7th grade 4.0 GPA (pictured at right, l-r, top to bottom): Kolbey Browning, Charlie Johnson, Katerina Pyankova, Faith Shinner, Anabelle Redder, Auriana Mitchell.

Honor Roll, 3.5-3.99 GPA

8th grade: Garrett Baump, Annabelle Bennett, Logan Billington, Catherine Brown, Julia Collins, Ethan Curtis, Jon Denny, Olivia Grumbly, Emma Holwegner, Racheal Ince, Annie Karlis, Levi Kettner, Justin King, Emily Lindquist, Bowe Rojas, Evan Smith, Johnathan Stitt, Jacqueline Turner, Brandon Young

7th grade: Maisie Burnham, Aleena Cook, Makenzie DeShazer, Sean Duncan-Day, Kendyl Fletcher, Robyn Garcia, Josh Haas, Charles Harrington, Julianne Harvey, Jacob Holling, Erin Kelley, Samuel Nelson, Cory Perryman, Marissa Powers, Sara Tarbert, Kellan Watson

Academic & Character Awards

The junior high teachers selected Catherine Brown and Sam Nelson (pictured at right) to be honored as Academic Students of the Quarter for working hard and showing dedication and responsibility in their work.

Levi Kettner, Charles Harrington, Lily Kay and Haley Marsh (pictured at far right) were chosen as Character Students of the Quarter for being good examples in displaying the traits of the quarter: empathy and/or responsibility.



Liberty High School

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Character Counts

Each month Liberty School District focuses on a character trait of the month. For November the student body focused on citizenship: respecting authority, cooperating with others, and doing more than is expected. Students and staff recognized the following students for displaying citizenship in a variety of ways (*pictured at right, l-r*): Emilee Shinkle, Meagan Bennett, Match Burnham, Jack Simmons, Garrett VanSlyke, Braden House, and Quentin Rose.

For the month of December students will be focusing on caring: showing kindness with words and actions, thinking about other people's feelings, helping others.

The ASB also recognized Mr. Reedy as employee of the quarter for Liberty High School, and John St. Pierre won the Lancer Pride award for the first quarter (*pictured at right*).



LHS
Dates to Remember

December	
3	Band Concert, 7pm
5	Midterm Ends
10	Choir Concert, 7pm FFA @ Cheney
11	Financial Aid Night
13	Wrestling @ Home
18	College Color Day
19	Early Release, Office Closes @ 2:00
22-January 2	Winter Break

January	
5	School Resumes

LHS in Spain 2015

This upcoming June, our Spanish teacher Trisha Chambers will once again lead students on an international trip to Spain. This year she will be accompanied by Mr. Degenhart, 19 high school students and four other parents. They will travel to Spain for a 12-day cultural program where students will explore Madrid, Bilbao and Barcelona. They will visit several museums and cathedrals and be able to experience firsthand the art and history they have been studying for nearly three years. In order to earn their trip, the group has been working hard to fundraise, both individually and through several group efforts. They often can be found volunteering and working in our community, most recently at the Spangle Service Club's Turkey Carnival. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Chambers for more details on their trip or how your student can participate in the future.



FFA: Tractor Driving

Liberty's FFA sponsored two tractor driving teams who competed at the State event in Moses Lake. Students were split into teams of three then completed a written exam, labeled parts of the tractor, and drove through an obstacle course.



Tractor Driving team members: Tyson Schenk, Justin Flaig, Matt DeGon, Jake Harrington, Kyle DeGon, Devin Billington

Financial Aid Night

Mr. Hammond would like to invite all parents and guardians to his annual financial aid night on Thursday, December 11, at 7pm. Information will be available on how to apply for scholarships and financial aid, and college admissions information will be available as well. Anyone thinking about attending some type of higher education after high school is encouraged to attend this event. If you would like more information, please contact Mr. Hammond at ext. 1104.



Ag Issues

Members of the Liberty FFA Chapter in Washington compiled one of 37 teams participating in the National FFA Agricultural Issues Forum Career Development Event (CDE). The event was held in conjunction with the 87th National FFA Convention & Expo in Louisville, Kentucky. Devin Billington, Nathan Burley, Christine Denny, Meghan Grumbly, Abby Karlis, Kaitlyn Rambo, and Bridgette Roll presented their topic: "Are Drones in Agriculture: Harmless Helpers or Mindless Monsters?" and competed with 206 other members from across the country.

The team, led by advisor Kyle Kimble, was awarded a Silver emblem. The National FFA Agricultural Issues Forum CDE is a competitive event that tests students' knowledge of agricultural issues and evaluates how well they can apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations.



Fall Sports Wrap-up



Congratulations to Eric Erickson who competed at the State Cross Country Meet on November 8, in Pasco, finishing the 5k course with a time of 17:31. This is Eric's third consecutive trip to State. He competes for Liberty High School while practicing with the Cheney High School program. He had a fantastic season and represented Liberty in a positive manner.

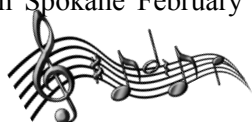


James Heer

All-State Choir

Congratulations to James Heer on earning All-State choir honors.

The All-State choir event will be held in Spokane February 13-15, 2015.



Congratulations to Clay Fleming for his all-league selection to the first team as an offensive wide receiver following the football season.

Tyler Haas and Maxwell Johnson were also selected to the second team as linebacker and offensive line, respectively.



Clay Fleming



Maxwell Johnson



Tyler Haas

Congratulations to Christine Denny on her selection to the first team as a middle hitter for volleyball.



Christine Denny

Lancer pride,

go Lancers!