



The Liberty Lancer

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Message from the Superintendent

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016

Parent Info Night

Save the date for our parent information night for grades 1-12:

Thursday, Sept. 1
6:00 &/or 6:30

The evening will begin with a brief opening meeting in the gym—at 6:00 at the High School, and at 6:30 at the E/JH. All teachers will then provide information in an open house format in their classrooms until 7:30. These meetings are designed to help you connect with your child's teachers and get an overview of the year.

Special Services & Title 1

Open house on Thursday, September 1, beginning at 5:30pm.

Financial Aid Night

Thursday, Sept. 8, 6pm with Mr. Hammond.

Dear Parents, Staff and Community Members:

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and took some time to enjoy our beautiful area. Summer is a great time for reflection, relaxation and an opportunity for our staff to prepare for the new school year. As we gear up to welcome students back at the end of August, we continue to focus our efforts on supporting students in their learning, and staff in their work. As a district we continue to grow and reach for our goal to provide our students with the best education possible by equipping them with the tools they will need to be successful beyond high school. This year we will continue to focus on improving safety, meeting each student's potential, and creating nurturing and rigorous learning environments, with tomorrow in mind.

Our staff took time for relaxation along with learning throughout the summer and attended various trainings including continued education courses, career and technical education, curriculum development, and environmental education. Our teachers continue to stay up-to-date with new adoptions and staff development.

Staffing changes for this year include Miranda Holling stepping into the district nurse position following Sarah Beyersdorf's retirement. School psychologist Ashlie Ball accepted a full-time position closer to her home with District 81, and the search for a qualified replacement is underway. In addition, two para educator jobs will be filled prior to the start of school—one to replace Miranda Holling's vacated spot and one new position added for this school year.

Since the successful passage of our bond in February, we have been busy going through the education specifications phase and will begin the design phase in early September. We hope to begin construction early next summer to capitalize on a vacant campus for the renovation work at the high school. Each month please watch for the bond update portion of the newsletter (at left) for an update on our progress. Also, throughout the year we will display posters in the high school depicting design and campus improvement options.

Visitors to the Elementary/Junior High will notice enhancements already, as the facilities project fund provided for the replacement of all windows and entry doors throughout the building over the summer.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools and district. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

1:1 Chromebooks for Grades 7-12



JH students successfully piloted 1:1 Chromebooks last year.

Last year we piloted 1:1 Chromebooks with our junior high students and were encouraged by the program's success as students and staff learned the new Google Platform.

This fall all students and staff in grades 7-12 will be implementing a 1:1 Chromebook program for use during the school day. Chromebooks enable the ability to enhance student learning, provide technology in all classes, and prepare our students for life beyond high school. More information about the program will be available as the equipment and usage contracts are distributed to the students this fall.



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Nurse Miranda

BOND UPDATE

ARCHITECT:

ALSC Architects (Spokane)

PROJECTED TIMELINE:

Education Specifications:

In process

Design Phase:

Early Fall, 2016

Bid:

Mid-Winter/Spring, 2017

Build:

Summer 2017

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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.

August/September 2016

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.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

All meetings are held in the Elementary/Junior High Library

Thursday, August 25, 7:00pm
Thursday, September 29, 7:00pm

LHS Awarded for Overall Excellence



Superintendent Kyle Rydell, HS Principal Aaron Fletcher, and HS math teacher Parrish Reedy accept the award.

Liberty High School is a recipient of the 2015 Washington Achievement Award for Overall Excellence. This is an extraordinary accomplishment and is a direct reflection of the hard work of our students, dedication of our teachers, and support and guidance of our parents.

Liberty's award is well deserved. The Washington Achievement Awards are sponsored by the State Board of Education and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. They celebrate the top-performing schools and recognize achievement in many categories. This highly selective award is based on our school's performance on the Washington State Achievement Index. The selection process is very rigorous, and we take great pride in this accomplishment.

Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB)

Liberty School District is committed to providing a positive and productive environment free from discrimination including harassment or sexual harassment, intimidation, and bullying. The district prohibits harassment of students, employees and others involved in school district activities.

Bullying occurs when a student or students are exposed, repeatedly over time, to negative actions on the part of one or more students. Bullying exists when there is intentional harm-doing through a repeated negative action over time and there is a perceived imbalance of power.

State law RCW 28A.300.285 defines Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying as an intentional electronic, written, verbal, or physical act that:

- Physically harms a student or damages the student's property;
- Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education;
- Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment;
- Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

Ways to report an incident:

- Verbally inform a staff member;
- Complete a Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying complaint form;
- Follow directions on the district website;
- Any other method the student deems necessary



Students, staff, guardians, and community members have the ability to report harassment or bullying issues via the Safe Schools reporting tool located on our homepage, or you can go directly to <https://liberty-wa.safeschoolsalert.com> for a variety of reporting options.

Online Payments

Payments can now be made online using credit &/or debit cards for family meal accounts. Follow the link on our homepage to access e~Funds for Schools (a per-use convenience fee applies). In order to align with our fiscal year, online payments will be accepted starting September 1.

As always, meal account payments in the forms of cash or check are accepted at either school office for no additional fee.



LIBERTY ELEMENTARY & JUNIOR HIGH

School Supplies Supply lists for grades K-8 are posted on the district website at www.LibertySD.us. You may also call secretary Kim Wrenchey at the school office (509-245-3211 ext. 2) any time beginning August 22 to have a copy forwarded to you if needed.



JH ASB Fees All seventh and eighth grade students are required to purchase an Associated Student Body (ASB) card for \$20 in order to participate in the ASB-supported activities that take place throughout the year. Those students participating in extra-curricular sports or band also pay an additional one-time \$20 fee, for a total of \$40.

These funds go toward purchasing equipment and uniforms as well as costs for officials and entry to special events. Sixth grade athletes who participate in junior high athletics are also required to pay both fees.

If these costs present a financial burden to your family, please contact the principal by note, email or phone.



Back-to-School Ice Cream Social

Join us **Thursday, August 25**, anytime between 4pm-6pm on the Elementary/JH lawn for our annual *free* ice cream social.

This is a great opportunity to meet the teachers, take care of business at the office, and connect with friends prior to the start of school. See you there!

Character Traits

Each month during the school year, our students focus on a specific character trait. We will start by learning the importance of **DEPENDABILITY** for the month of September. Elementary and junior high students are recognized by their teachers for being good examples of the trait of the month. Character counts!

K-8 Upcoming Events

AUGUST

- 22 School Office Opens, 8am-4pm
- 25 Ice Cream Social, 4-6pm
Board Meeting, 7pm
- 30 **First Day of School** (Gr. 1-12)
- 31 Band Instrument Rental Night,
6-7:30pm, HS Band Room

SEPTEMBER (*Dependability*)

- 1 Individual Picture Day
First Day for Kindergarten
Grades 1-12 Parent Open House,
6-7:30pm
- 5 Labor Day—No School
- 9 Sports-A-Thon Fundraiser Kickoff
- 12 2-Hour Late Start
- 16 Grandparents' Breakfast, 7:45am
- 19 Picture Retakes
- 23 Sports-A-Thon Event Day
- 26 K-6 Awards Assembly
- 29 K-8 Curriculum Night, 6pm
Board Meeting, 7pm
- 30 Midterm Grading Day

LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL

Principal's Welcome

As summer comes to a close, back-to-school shopping kicks into high gear, which means the beginning of another school year. Here at the high school we are looking forward to a great 2016-17 school year. As Liberty High School Principal I want to say welcome, and I am excited to get the year started. As we begin the year, I want to thank all the parents and guardians for allowing Liberty School District to educate your students. Our staff will continue to work hard for all students through meaningful and rigorous instruction, clubs, and athletic opportunities.

If you have questions, comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to call or send an email.

Registration & Office Hours

All continuing students registered for classes last spring and should have a copy of their 2016-17 schedule. The office will open August 22 for new student registration from 8:00-4:00 daily until school starts. Once school begins, office hours are 7:30-4:00.

First Day of School

The first day of school is Tuesday, August 30. All students will report to the gym for an opening assembly to kick off the school year. Students will then meet with their class advisors to receive schedule information for the rest of the day.

School begins each day with the first bell ringing at 8:10 a.m., and the school day concludes at 3:05 p.m. The morning break will continue this year for students from 9:04-9:18 a.m. On late-start days, the first bell will ring at 10:08 a.m.



www.LibertySD.us

You can access the most current Liberty information at www.LibertySD.us. Follow the High School link for the schedule of events, updated weekly.

If you have questions or would like an event added to the schedule, please contact Mr. Fletcher.

Facilities

Our custodial and grounds staff has been busy over the summer with maintenance and repair projects. They have worked many hours in preparation for the first day of school. Big thanks go out to groundskeeper Melanie Larsen and custodians Jesse Aguilar, Connie Anderson, Steve Martensen, Jerry Ottosen, and Xay Xiong for their hard work.

ASB

The Associated Student Body (ASB) comprises all Liberty High School students. Student government is formulated through the ASB. The Liberty High School ASB card entitles the student to free admission to all home athletic contests (playoffs not included) and allows admittance to games at other Bi-County League schools at a reduced student rate. In addition, outside organizations may offer discounts for students with ASB cards. In order to participate in an ASB activity, club, athletics, or band, a student must purchase an ASB card in the amount of \$40. Students who choose to be involved in athletics must pay an additional fee of \$20 per sport. Vocational clubs may charge additional fees, and band charges a uniform cleaning fee.

Senior Project

The senior project will continue to be a requirement for graduation at LHS. We feel this project holds value and prepares our students for the next step in their educational journeys. The 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 17.

For more information about the senior project, please contact Mr. Hardie at 245-3229 ext. 7-1310 or lhardie@libertysd.us.

MAP Testing

Measures of Academic Progress™ (MAP), determines your student's instructional level and measures academic growth throughout the school year in the areas of math and reading. This assessment will be administered two times during the year for freshmen and sophomores in English, and for those students who are taking Algebra I, Integrated Algebra, and Integrated Geometry. The first round of MAP testing will begin on September 26. MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward

testing. With MAP testing, we can administer shorter tests and use less class time while still receiving detailed, accurate information about your student's growth. During the testing week, your student will spend a total of about two hours completing the reading and math tests.

LHS Upcoming Events

August

- 22 School Office Opens
Cheer & Volleyball Begin
- 25 Ice Cream Social, 4-6p (E/JH Lawn)
- 30 First Day of School
- 31 Band Instrument Rental Night, 6p

September

- 1 Individual Picture Day
Parent Information Open House, 6p
- 5 Labor Day—No School
- 8 Financial Aid Night, 6p
- 12 2-Hour Late Start
- 19 Picture Retakes
- 26 MAP Testing Begins
- 30 Midterm Grading Day

LIBERTY PRIDE  GO LANCERS!

Change of Address Please notify the LHS office if you change your address, email address, and/or phone number as soon as possible. It is vital to us that we be able to reach you; this information is regularly uploaded into our emergency contact system.

Closed Campus Liberty High School maintains a closed campus. Students finding it necessary to leave school during the school day shall check out through the office. The student checkout must be authorized by a parent or guardian. Students wishing to leave campus with another student must have parent/guardian consent from both students' legal guardians. Authorization shall be in the form of a signed parent/guardian note or by parent/guardian personal contact with the office. Failure to check out or provide proper authorization for leaving campus will constitute a violation of school rules even if the absence is valid. These rules are in place to ensure the safety of our students.

Field Trip Permission Each student will receive permission forms—please return these to the office at your earliest convenience. Students will not be allowed to leave on any field trips without these on file due to liability issues.

Gym Floor The gym floor has been refinished again this summer. It is important to keep our facilities looking neat and clean. Everyone is encouraged to use appropriate shoes on the floor. Also, during athletic contests or other events in the gym, the floor is to be used only by those participating in the events. Please stay off the gym floor before, during, and after each contest or event.


Student Handbook Each student will receive a student handbook on the first day of school. Please look through the handbook with your student. The activities code is located at the end and will be distributed by each coach or advisor at the beginning of each activity season. Each student will be required to sign and return a notice of understanding for the student handbook and activities code, regardless of their participation intentions.

LIBERTY FOOD SERVICE

Meal Prices for 2016-17

Liberty uses a computerized meal program for payment and accounting. This allows parents to pay in advance for school meals, and all students within a family draw from a shared account.

More information about our school lunch program, including Free & Reduced-Price Meal applications and menus, will be sent home at the start of school.

Regular*			Reduced*		
Breakfast	K-12	\$1.35	Breakfast	K-12	FREE
Lunch	K-4	\$2.55	Lunch	K-3	FREE
Lunch	5-8	\$2.80	Lunch	4-12	\$0.40
Lunch	9-12	\$2.95	 *All meal prices include milk.		
Milk Only		\$0.45			
Adult*					
Breakfast		\$2.00	Adult Lunch		\$3.75

National School Lunch Program/School Breakfast Program PUBLIC RELEASE FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS 2016-2017

Liberty School District #362 today announced its policy for free and reduced-price lunches/snacks and/or free or reduced-price breakfasts for children who qualify according to the eligibility standards below for meals served under the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Programs. Each school and the school district's central office have a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

Local school officials have adopted the following family size income criteria for determining eligibility:

Household Size	FREE					REDUCED-PRICE				
	* Annual	** Monthly	*** 2x Per Mo.	**** Every 2 Weeks	***** Weekly	* Annual	** Monthly	*** 2x Per Mo.	**** Every 2 Weeks	***** Weekly
1	\$ 15,444	\$ 1,287	\$ 644	\$ 594	\$ 297	\$ 21,978	\$ 1,832	\$ 916	\$ 846	\$ 423
2	\$ 20,826	\$ 1,736	\$ 868	\$ 801	\$ 401	\$ 29,637	\$ 2,470	\$ 1,235	\$ 1,140	\$ 570
3	\$ 26,208	\$ 2,184	\$ 1,092	\$ 1,008	\$ 504	\$ 37,296	\$ 3,108	\$ 1,554	\$ 1,435	\$ 718
4	\$ 31,590	\$ 2,633	\$ 1,317	\$ 1,215	\$ 608	\$ 44,955	\$ 3,747	\$ 1,874	\$ 1,730	\$ 865
5	\$ 36,972	\$ 3,081	\$ 1,541	\$ 1,422	\$ 711	\$ 52,614	\$ 4,385	\$ 2,193	\$ 2,024	\$ 1,012
6	\$ 42,354	\$ 3,530	\$ 1,765	\$ 1,629	\$ 815	\$ 60,273	\$ 5,023	\$ 2,512	\$ 2,319	\$ 1,160
7	\$ 47,749	\$ 3,980	\$ 1,990	\$ 1,837	\$ 919	\$ 67,951	\$ 5,663	\$ 2,832	\$ 2,614	\$ 1,307
8	\$ 53,157	\$ 4,430	\$ 2,215	\$ 2,045	\$ 1,023	\$ 75,647	\$ 6,304	\$ 3,152	\$ 2,910	\$ 1,455
Each add'l household member add	+\$ 5,408	+\$ 451	+\$ 226	+\$ 208	+\$ 104	+\$ 7,696	+\$ 642	+\$ 321	+\$ 296	+\$ 148

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Application forms, with a letter to households, are being distributed to all homes. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Only one application per household is needed. Additional copies are available at the office in each school or on the district website. The information provided on the application will be used to determine eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials.

For school officials to determine eligibility, households must provide the following information listed on the application: the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member currently receives, where it came from, and how often income is received; the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number. If the adult signing the application does not have a social security number, check the "I do not have a social security number" box. For a child who is a member of a Basic Food household or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) assistance unit, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the household need provide only the child's name, the Basic Food, TANF, or FDPIR case number, and printed name and signature of an adult member on the application. An adult in the household with a case number may also qualify students also living in the household.

Public School Districts receive student data matched with the Department of Social and Health Services data and automatically qualify children receiving Basic Food and TANF assistance. No application is required. All children living in the household and attending the school are eligible for free meals. If a child was not listed on the eligibility notice, contact the school or district office.

Children certified as homeless by the school McKinney-Vento homeless liaison, designated as migrant by the school migrant coordinator as well as children in Head Start classrooms may be eligible for free meals. Contact the school or district office if more information is needed.

Households that do not want their child(ren) to participate in the free meal program should notify the child(ren)'s school.

Foster children, under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals. An application may be submitted. The foster child may be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children in the family. If you have questions about applying for foster children, contact the school or district office.

Children residing in households participating in Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced price meals and may complete a meal application.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price policy, the designated approving official(s) will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the approving official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request, either orally or in writing, to the fair hearing official, Kyle Rydell, for a hearing on the decision. The information provided by households is confidential.

Meal benefits from the previous school year apply for the first 30 school days of the new school year or until a new application is submitted. After this time, children must pay full price for meals.

You may apply for meal benefits if you become unemployed or your economic situation changes at any time during the school year.

Contact the school or district office if assistance is needed with application materials in different languages.





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School Starts



Tuesday, August 30!

Stronger Together



Liberty staff purchased "Stronger Together" shirts and contributed to a local cancer organization in support of coworker and friend, Bonnie VanTine (second from left at bottom). Mrs. VanTine was diagnosed with breast cancer last fall and continued to serve Liberty students throughout her treatment. Thanks to very early detection at a routine mammogram, her prognosis is excellent.

Mrs. VanTine encourages all women to have their annual mammogram.

Liberty School District Booster Club

We are excited once again to partner with the Liberty School District Booster Club (LSDBC). This is a parent-led group that is always looking for new members and volunteers at its various events.

Over the last few years the LSDBC has given back to our students and community in many amazing ways, including supporting the new football field sound system, FFA, cheer, InvestEd, Liberty athletics, uniforms, archery equipment, the new junior high scoreboard, X the Txt, State wrestlers, and State basketball.

In addition, the LSDBC provided greatly appreciated concessions feeding hungry Lancer fans at every high school football, volleyball, and basketball home contest.



The LSDBC runs the Friends of Liberty and Booster boards (pictured at left).

If you are interested in joining the Booster Club or would like to be a sponsor for Friends of Liberty, please contact the Booster Club at:

libertyboosters@libertysd.us