



The Liberty Lancer

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Message from the Superintendent

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Driver's Education

911 Driving School will be offering a spring class at Liberty High School.

Classes are held at Liberty in the morning prior to school starting. This year's session will begin April 9 and run through May 10.

For more information about this program please contact 911 Driving School at 509-324-0911 or 911drivingschool.com.



Congratulations to Liberty Junior High:

2018 School of Distinction

3-time School of Distinction honoree.

Visit <https://effectiveness.org/school-of-distinction> for details.

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Dear Liberty community:

Welcome to the start of a new year and the second half of the 2018-19 school year! As we turn our focus to what's to come in 2019, it's also a great time to remember some recent successes:

- Students, staff and visitors are enjoying the benefits of the upgraded high school facilities after all aspects of the bond projects were completed earlier this fall.
- After years of gradual decrease, our districtwide enrollment has shown growth over the last three years, exceeding a 500 FTE enrollment this year for the second consecutive time since the 2005-06 school year.
- The Junior High team earned the 2018 School Of Distinction award for their five-year growth in ELA and math as measured on the state assessments. This is the team's second consecutive SOD award and third overall.
- Our junior high athletics program started off with a great fall finishing undefeated in girls' basketball for the second consecutive year, with great successes for volleyball, wrestling and a solid start to the boys basketball season as well. The inaugural year for the combined JH/HS cross-country season went well, and we look forward to watching the program grow.
- Congratulations to Coaches Kaci Tee and RaChelle Kettner and our Lancer volleyball team on their 3rd place finish at State. This is the Lancers' highest-ever State volleyball finish.

Our winter activities are in full swing. The high school Knowledge Bowl and FFA teams have shown success early in their seasons, and the Lancer basketball and wrestling teams are heading into post-season play. We hope to see you at some of our upcoming home contests and programs.

Included in this month's newsletter you'll find an overview of our campus safety and security upgrades, information about our K-6 science curriculum pilot program, a summary of the Social and Emotional Learning curriculum Mrs. Freeman uses with our primary students, student awards and recognitions from the first semester, and much more.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools and district. If you should have any questions, please contact me in the district office at 245-6213.

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Sheriff's Corner—Deputy Bratton's Beat

Keep Liberty Safe:

"If you see something, say something."

If you're not sure if what you saw or heard could be a threat to yourself or others... **say something!**

If you bring something to our attention and we find that it isn't a threat, that's ok, it's better to be safe than sorry. Often after a tragedy there are people that regret not saying something!

Who can you tell?

- ✓ Trusted adult ✓ School staff ✓ Deputy D. Bratton
- ✓ Safe Schools Alert (<https://liberty-wa.safeschoolsalert.com>) or TXT **509.850.9017**



Liberty fourth graders with Dep. Bratton.

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.

February 2019

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

Tuesday, February 26, 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 27, 6:00pm

Wednesday, April 24, 6:00pm

Liberty Science Curriculum Pilot

In order to adhere to the Next Generation Science Standards adopted by Washington State, Liberty—in partnership with Dr. Gus Nollmeyer from Eastern Washington University—has undertaken a science pilot program this year in grades K-6 to update our current offerings.

We are piloting three science curricula that are designed around the Next-Gen Science Standards: *STEMscopes*, *Carolina Biological*, and *Amplify Science*. For each of these programs, our K-6 classrooms are exploring hands-on units and learning about new ways to teach science in the classroom, along with incorporating science and technology together using our 1:1 Chromebooks in grades 3-6. At the end of the pilot program, our teachers will advise the curriculum adoption committee on their findings to help select a new science curriculum. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Mr. Alex Saywers at asaywers@libertysd.us or phone extension 7-2114.



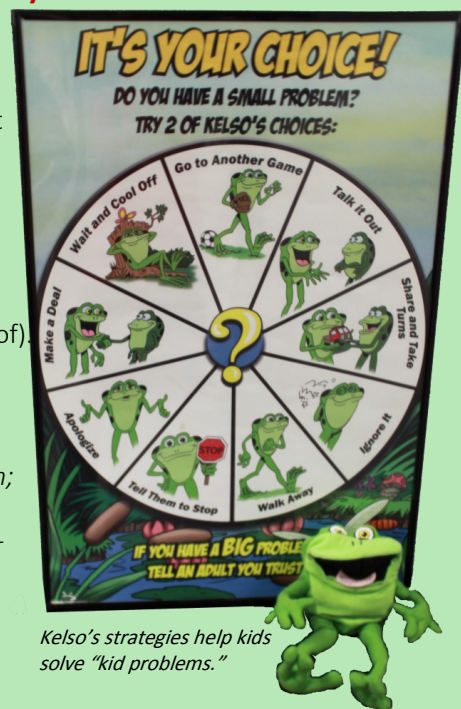
Sixth grade students **Mia** and **Kyla** work together on a *STEMscopes* lab about mixtures.

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

If your kindergarten, first, or second grade student comes home singing a little chant about “go to another game...talk it out... share and take turns...” they are sharing what they have learned from weekly class lessons with our school counselor Mrs. Freeman.

In the fall, Kelso the Frog taught students the difference between “kid problems” (that kids can and should solve) and “grown-up problems” (that grown-ups should take care of). Then they heard about and practiced nine different ideas for handling kid problems:

- ✂ **Go to another game-** especially helpful at recess, because recess is supposed to be fun;
- ✂ **Talk it out-** tell someone how you feel, but only people who care about your feelings—never someone bullying you;
- ✂ **Share and take turns;**
- ✂ **Ignore it-** distractions and people who are being mean on purpose;
- ✂ **Walk away;**
- ✂ **Tell them to stop-** usually with a polite “would you please stop that,” but with a strong voice if you’ve already asked them to stop and they keep doing it;
- ✂ **Apologize-** using four steps: I’m sorry for stepping on your coat. I’ll be more careful next time. I’ll clean it off for you;
- ✂ **Make a deal-** that both people are happy with;
- ✂ **Wait and cool off-** if you need some time to help you think clearly.



Kelso's strategies help kids solve “kid problems.”

Kids know that they can always ask an adult for help if they have tried some of these Kelso strategies but haven't been able to solve the problem. They also know that some strategies are appropriate at school with peers, but not with adults.

Watch for future articles with information on SEL strategies targeted toward youth in the upper grade levels.

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY & JUNIOR HIGH

ELEMENTARY CHARACTER AWARDS

November

Congratulations to the elementary citizens of the month for November, who exemplified the character trait of **THANKFULNESS**: (L-R, top then bottom)

Brandalynn Pluff, Londynn Gore, Paige Holling, Talyn Rosebrook, Meric Riley, Peter Bethel, Cora Fignani, Bryce Braun, Taylor Clark, Jack Johnson, Israella Zetchov, Claire Bartels



December

The following students were recognized for **RESPECT**: (below, L-R) Remy Stombaugh, Westin Engle, Bret Smith, Emmett McFadgen, Brody Ross, Emily Collinson, Chloe Ostrander, Linus Bair, Colin Degenhart, Broc Braun, Karlee Swan



JUNIOR HIGH AWARDS—TERM 2



8th GRADE - 4.0 GPA

(Pictured at left, l-r, back-to-front)

Isabelle Murphy, Michaela Leno, Angelina Widman, Shaley Tiegs, Annah Schulken, Lucas Paul, Chase Hartman, Kenzie Barta, Hailey Carter, Anna Pittmann

3.5-3.99 GPA Christian Barlow, Reid Bartels, Elizabeth Denny, Taylor Felgenhauer, Eli Gilkey, Dylan Goodwin, Randa Hafner, Kiersten Heritage, Devin Holling, Jezera Pluff, Janine Priestly, Owen Prince, Faith Rice, Kaleb Rydell, Savannah Stadden, Tyler Stitt, Ashton Strobel, Sage Suenkel, Mark Watson, Meaghan Williams

7th GRADE - 4.0 GPA (at left, l-r, back-to-front) Grace Grumbly, Brooke Redder, Madison Lewis, Mischa Leno, Madison Haas, Samantha Holling, Teagan Colvin, Aylah Fife, Quinn Morgan, Ellie Fisk

3.5-3.99 GPA Zayne Braun, Jeb Budde, Sophia DeLeon, Krystal Embry, Katelund Finley, Lincoln Foland, Scarlett Harader, Kalli Hill, Clae Holling, Lucy Jones, Abel McBride, Izabella Myers, Caleb Nollmeyer, Julia Plaksin, Marlon Powers, Cooper Thomas, Griffin Turner, Isaac Ward, Kariyah Ward, Trianna Widick, Jackson Wilson



Academic Students of the Quarter



Isabelle Murphy, Reid Bartels, Grace Grumbly, Caleb Nollmeyer

Character Awards: Caring/Respect



Angelina Widman, Kenzie Barta, Ellie Denny, Ashton Strobel

Most Improved GPA



Reid Bartels, Aaron Roberts, Griffin Turner, Marlon Powers



LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL



Aaron Fletcher, Principal

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Character Counts

Each month Liberty School District focuses on a character trait of the month. For the month of February we will be focusing on *encouragement*.

In November we focused on *thankfulness*. Students and staff recognized the following students for their thankful attitudes:

Emma Kate Bartels, Dylan Belles, Kendyl Fletcher, Madison Greer, Sara Hartman, Olivia Morgan, Jesse Turner, Natalie Voigt.

Thankfulness



For January the student body focused on *respect*. Students and staff recognized the following students for displaying respect in a variety of ways (pictured below, L-R): **A'zia Nelson, Josh Hircok, Jenna Garcia, Gage Holling, Sara Hartman, Logan Smith, Ava Budde, and Jesse Turner.**



Knowledge Bowl

Congratulations to Mr. VanSickle and the Knowledge Bowl team who have had a great start to their competitions.



This group will continue their season with two more regular season matches in February, followed by the Regional competition February 22 at Whitworth University.

Semester 1

Honor Roll



We have concluded our first semester for the 2018-19 school year. All students at Liberty have done an outstanding job of learning throughout the first two quarters.

Here is the Honor Roll for the first semester:

4.0 GPA

Ashlyn Bartels
Ava Budde
Kendyl Fletcher
Sara Hartman
Annika Hennington
Allison Karlis
Annabelle Karlis
Colton Marsh
Olivia Morgan
Isaak Ottmar
Garrett Stentz
Amelia Suksdorf
Annika Tee
Kathryn Williams

3.5-3.99 GPA

Logan Bailey
Emma Bartels
Dylan Belles
Jacob Biegert
Logan Billington
Amelia Brown
Maisie Burnham
Tayshawn Colvin
Aleena Cook
Jon Denny
Sean Duncan-Day
Maizy Feltwell
Carlos Figueroa
Kaylub Finch
Korbin Finch
Carson Fisk
London Foland
Tristan Foster
Jenna Garcia
Cheyanne Gleave
Delaney Goodwin
Madison Greer
Logan Grumbly

3.5-3.99 GPA (cont.)

Vivian Harader
Matthew Heer
Seiya Heikkila
Gage Holling
Jacob Holling
Austen Hubbard
Charlie Johnson
Kyle Johnson
Levi Kettner
Jared Kimball
Justin King
Logan Kroll
Emily Lindquist
Haley Marsh
Ryleigh Medart
Savanna Moczulski
Samuel Nelson
Gloria Nikityuk
Mekenzie Pestana
Marissa Powers
Ben Pritchett
Caleb Sievers
Mason Simmons
Logan Smith
Connor Stitt
Sara Tarbert
Carson Tee
Natalie Voigt
Kellan Watson

3.0-3.49 GPA

Justine Barlow
Grant Beam
Kyle Belles
Kasey Branon
Jared Brunette
Stephen Carr
Ethan Curtis
Alexandra Echavez
Jacob Enzler

3.0-3.49 GPA (cont.)

Miranda Field
Austin Flaig
Trace Gale
Manuel Gamez-Navio
Kalem Gardiner
Henry Greer
Noah Haggerty
Hayden Hardt
Andrew Harvey
Julianne Harvey
Peter Haxton
Keiana Henry
Joshua Hircok
Danner Holling
Emma Holwegner
Kylee Hubbard
Mason Hymas
Racheal Ince
Paul Kaze
Alexandra Kettner
Logan Kettner
Mitchell Lencioni
Faith Moczulski
A'zia Nelson
Cole Ottmar
Jenna Piersol
Cassin Pittmann
Cole Prince
Dylan Ray
Van Ricker
Bowe Rojas
Tanner Schenk
Ariel Skutley
Evan Smith
Jaidyn Stephens
John Stitt
Damon Thieren
Trevor Westphal
Logan Wilson

Ag Issues

Mr. Braun and the FFA Ag Issues team are gearing up for their annual spring events. The LHS Ag Issues team competed at the District V event on January 30. Team members **Emma Kate Bartels**, **Jacob Biegert**, **Ava Budde**, **Cheyanne Gleave**, **Emma Holwegner**, and **Isaak Ottmar** presented on the topic “*Is branding an outdated practice?*” debating the advantages of cattle branding vs. electronic ear tags. The team placed first for their presentation, which qualifies them to compete at the FFA State competition held at WSU in May.

In addition, **Annika Hennington** competed in the area of employability skills, while **Isaak Ottmar** and **Ashlyn Bartels** competed in extemporaneous speaking. Congratulations to **Isaak** on his first place finish and to **Ashlyn** for placing third. They have qualified for State in their individual events as well.

Best of luck to all of our FFA members as they continue their run of Career Development Events this spring!



FFA members (L-R) Cheyanne Gleave, Emma Holwegner, Ava Budde, Emma Kate Bartels, and Annika Hennington.

Prom

Our Prom Committee has been actively planning for Prom 2019. Prom will be held jointly with Freeman High School on Saturday, April 27, at CenterPlace in the Spokane Valley. Students planning to attend Prom must purchase tickets in advance at the high school office. The dance will begin at 8pm and end at 11:00.

Both Freeman and Liberty will provide numerous chaperones along with support from the Spokane County Sheriff's Office.



For more information about Prom please contact Mrs. Chambers at ext. 7-1302 or email tchambers@libertysd.us.

Robotics

The Liberty Robotics team #3220 kicked off their 2019 season at Eastern Washington University where they discovered what this year's game will be. The game is called Deep Space, and teams score points by placing cargo into and installing bay doors.

Team #3220 has six weeks to build a robot that will compete at two district contests for a chance to attend the district championships. Contests are set for March 15 and 16 at the Yakima Valley SunDome and March 22 and 23 at West Valley High School. Approximately 20 students will work on the robot to get it competition-ready.



LANCER ATHLETICS



Lancer athletes are proving once again that hard work and dedication pay off. Our Lancer volleyball team advanced to the 2B State tournament for the second year in a row and this year brought home Liberty's highest-ever placement—3rd place. Congratulations to coaches Kaci Tee and RaChelle Kettner and our athletes, and thank you to the parents and community for your tremendous support of Lancer athletics.



Our basketball and wrestling programs are looking great as they head into post-season play, with their focus set on success at State as well.



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- Semester 1 Honor Roll lists
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Campus Safety and Security



Campus safety is one of our top priorities, and we continue to seek out ways to increase security for our students and staff.

Full-time deputy support: This year we welcomed Deputy David Bratton as the second School Resource Officer sharing full coverage of the Liberty and Freeman School Districts with long-time SRO Deputy Ron Nye.

Access controlled doors: With the completion of the bond renovations, we now have fully automated door locks in both schools. If you are visiting the buildings, please use the main entry doors nearest the school offices to ensure the door will be unlocked.

Cameras: Cameras are in use across the Liberty campus 24-hours a day. Video surveillance is authorized by the school board for the purposes of maintaining the health, welfare, and safety of staff, students and visitors, and to protect district equipment and facilities. The district continues to add and update video cameras as necessary and we currently have 65 cameras online to assist with safety and security.



Friday, April 26, 9:30 a.m.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Kindergarten Roundup for the 2019-20 school year! Incoming kindergartners and their parents are encouraged to join us for a morning of fun activities and tips for getting ready for school.

Kindergarten registration opens March 1. Children must be 5 years of age by August 31, 2019. All registration paperwork must include a state-certified birth certificate and up-to-date immunization records. Contact the elementary school office at 509-245-3211 x2 for more information.