



The Liberty Lancer

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SUMMER 2018

Open Houses & Ice Cream Social

Please join us Thursday, **August 23** from **4-6pm** for open houses at both buildings. This is a great opportunity to meet teachers, locate classrooms, drop off bulky school supplies, check out the renovations at the high school, reconnect with friends and take care of business at the offices.



Updated schedules and locker information will be available for junior high and high school students.

Free ice cream will be served on the E/JH lawn.

Mr. Hammond will sponsor a high school Financial Aid Night on **Wednesday, September 26**, at 6pm.

Office Hours

The school offices will open **Thursday, August 16**, for new student registrations **8am-4pm** weekdays until school begins.

School starts August 27!

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Message from the Superintendent

Dear Liberty Community:

We have successfully wrapped up another amazing school year at Liberty. To top off the list of successes, we celebrated a 100 percent graduation rate for our senior class, and the campus projects continue to progress with an anticipated completion date at the end of September 2018.

We send our appreciation and thanks to the following retiring staff members and welcome our new teachers and staff for the upcoming school year.

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Retiring staff:



Teresa Engle Bus driver & transportation assistant 29 years	Becky Rogers Paraeducator 26 years	Xay Xiong Custodian 21 years
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New staff:



Megan Anderson 1st grade teacher	Rachel Roberts Kindergarten teacher	Charlie Stark Custodian
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Not pictured:

Rob Bergland
Bus driver
Hailey Derrig
Para educator
Melissa Doubet
Bus driver
Kami Szawlosky
Bus driver

We continue as a district to look forward to another great year next year as we build our budgets and schedules. We are excited to welcome a large incoming class of 40 kindergartners joining us in the fall.

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. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Facilities Update & Timeline

☑ COMPLETED:

Phase 1 - 1960 classrooms renovated
Phase 2 - New gym/commons area/locker rooms/weight room/wrestling room

☐ IN PROGRESS:

Phase 3 - Vo-Ag building renovation.
Estimated completion August 27.
Phase 4 - Renovation of cafeteria/gym/locker rooms/HS kitchen.
Estimated completion September 28.

WASA Community Leadership Award Recipient: Graham Construction



(Pictured above, l-r) Brian Talbot, WASA President; Jeremy Sogge, Graham Supt.; Brian Bradshaw, Graham PM; Brian Holecek, Graham GM; Kyle Rydell
Graham Construction was presented with the 2018 WASA Community Leadership Award for quality workmanship and partnerships formed with Liberty staff, students and community throughout the construction process.

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 2018

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

Wednesday, July 25, 6:00pm

Wednesday, August 29, 6:00pm

Tuesday, September 25, 6:00pm

Transportation Department Now Hiring

Liberty Transportation is looking for substitute bus drivers for the 2018 -2019 school year. The district will provide training for applicants who do not currently have a CDL with school bus endorsement. We are also seeking a part-time mechanic. This position is anticipated to be a minimum of 30 hours per week during the school year with additional hours as needed.

More information and application materials can be found on the Liberty website transportation page at <https://www.libertysd.us/transportation>.



1:1 Chromebooks in Grades 3-12



We have completed our first year with 1:1 Chromebooks from 3rd grade through 12th grade. This technology has been well received and is used to help deliver interactive content and educational material to a wide range of students.

High School students are able to take devices home and connect with their 'classroom' from anywhere with internet access. It has been great for communication and organization. With the expansion to the elementary grades, we have seen marked improvements in the flexibility and shortening of testing schedules.

Liberty was recently invited to present our pioneering use of this technology at a Small Schools Conference.

Washington School of Distinction Award



Chris Redell, Kyle Rydell, Kipp Sims

Congratulations to Liberty Junior High staff and students, recipients of the 2017 School of Distinction award. This award is the only one in the state entirely focused on combined improvement in ELA and math for elementary and middle schools, sustained over a five-year period. Achieving this award requires continued, intentional effort from leaders and staff members. It is truly an award that recognizes the accomplishments of a dedicated and focused group of adults doing their best work for their students.

Elementary Math Competition Results

Liberty 4th, 5th, and 6th graders and advisors Tiffany Buys and Dawn Fuchs had fun with a focus on math by competing in several Math Is Cool and Math Classic events this year, with impressive results!

Math Is Cool:

5th grade: 4th out of 12 at Regionals

Colin Degenhart: 4th overall

Karley Tieg: 11th overall

Math Classic:

6th grade

Quinn Morgan: 1st at Regionals

Quinn Morgan: 6th at State

Ellie Fisk: 7th at State



5th grade

Team: 1st at regionals

Gus Suksdorf: 1st at Regionals

Katy Belles: 3rd at Regionals

Colin Degenhart: 5th at Regionals

Coleman Tee: 7th at Regionals

4th grade

Team: 3rd at Regionals

Team: 2nd at State

Daniel Nollmeyer: 2nd at Regionals

Ayden Ross: 4th at Regionals

Ayden Ross: 2nd at State

Sadie Stout: 4th at State

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY & JUNIOR HIGH

ELEMENTARY CHARACTER AWARDS

JUNIOR HIGH AWARDS—TERM 4

April

FAIRNESS



Congratulations to the elementary citizens of the month for April, who exemplified the character trait of **FAIRNESS**: (top to bottom, l-r) **Talyn Rosebrook, Isaiah George, Alexis Thompson, Lochlan Davies, Austin Collinson, Keagen Neeley, Sam Cook, Sadie Stout, Karlee Swan, Brady Mitchell, Trianna Widick.**

May

PERSEVERANCE



Congratulations to the elementary citizens of the month for May, recognized for their **PERSEVERANCE**: (top to bottom, l-r) **Bailey Madsen, Havyn Mathes, Ashton Herrick, Kaylee Neeley, Mathew Plaksin, Paige Bethel, Joey Matherly, Ava DeLeon, Aiden Villafane, Broc Braun, Sophia DeLeon.**

8th GRADE - 4.0 GPA



(Pictured at left, l-r, back-to-front) **Ella Plaksin, Amelia Suksdorf, Sophia Pyankova, Mekenzie Pestana, Gage Holling, Benjamin Pritchett, Colton Marsh, Allison Karlis, Annika Tee, Ava**

Budde, Sarah Burley, Tayshawn Colvin, London Foland, Kyle Belles

3.5-3.99 GPA **Kasey Branon, Henry Greer, Logan Grumbly, Peter Gust, Vivian Harader, Matthew Heer, Alexandra Kettner, Mitchell Lencioni, Colton Materne, Ryleigh Medart, Jenna Piersol, Mason Simmons, Connor Stitt, Damon Thieren**

7th GRADE - 4.0 GPA (at right, l-r, back-to-front) **Shaley Tiegs, Angelina Widman, Elizabeth Denny, Hailey Carter, Kenzie Barta**



3.5-3.99 GPA **Taylor Felgenhauer, Eli Gilkey, Dylan Goodwin, Randa Hafner, Chase Hartman, Devin Holling, Michaela Leno, Lucas Paul, Jezera Pluff, Owen Prince, Faith Rice, Kaleb Rydell, Annah Schulken, Ashton Strobel, Mark Watson**

Academic Students of the Quarter



At left:

**Mekenzie Pestana
Faith Rice
Tayshawn Colvin
(inset) Lucas Paul**



Character Awards: Fairness/Perseverance



At left:

**Gage Holling
Kaleb Rydell
Annika Tee**

Most Improved GPA



Above:

Jamie Glorfield, Aaron Roberts
Not pictured: **Giovanni Rojas, Sage Suenkel**

Liberty Excellence Awards

Liberty Excellence Awards were presented at promotion to the students voted by their peers as those who most consistently model the citizenship and character traits that encourage others to strive for excellence as well. Congratulations to **Logan Grumbly, Ella Plaksin, Sophia Pyankova and Connor Stitt.**





LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL

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Class of 2018

Congratulations to the Liberty High School class of 2018 on their recent graduation, and thank you to all who came to recognize and support our graduates. All students worked extremely hard at meeting this goal in their life. Many of them will continue to their education at numerous colleges around the area. This group was awarded over \$1.9 million in scholarship and award money; \$52,000 came from local groups in our community. Thank you to those who provided scholarships to our students!

Congratulations to class valedictorians **Katelyn Dillon**, **Austin Rambo**, and **Thomas Redder** and salutatorian **Matthew Burley**. The following students graduated with honors: **Marybelle Buck**, **Breydon Doubet**, **Alec Fletcher**, **James Heer**, **Justin Jeske**, **Glen Johnson**, **Tyson Schenk**, **Jada Schulken**, **Lindsay Stern**, **Beau St. John**, **Michaela Tee**, and **Brett Watson**. Congratulations to all of the graduates. We are proud of you and wish you the best of luck in your futures.



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Semester 2 Honor Roll

4.0 GPA

Ashlyn Bartels
Jacob Biegert
Matthew Burley
Makenzie DeShazer
Katelyn Dillon
Sara Hartman
Annika Hennington
Olivia Morgan
Isaak Ottmar
Austin Rambo
Jada Schulken
Heaven Schultz

3.5-3.99 GPA (cont.)

Sara Tarbert
Carson Tee
Michaela Tee
Brandi Thieren
Natalie Voigt
Brett Watson

3.00-3.49 GPA

Logan Bailey
Dylan Belles
Amelia Bennett
Logan Billington
Hadlee Brown
Jared Brunette
Stephen Carr
Jon Denny
Sean Duncan-Day
Maizy Feltwell
Korbin Finch
Austin Flaig
Tristan Foster
Trace Gale
Jenna Garcia
Robyn Garcia
Cheyanne Gleave
Hayden Hardt
Julianne Harvey
Joshua Hircok
Danner Holling
Jacob Holling
Emma Holwegner
Logan Kettner
Jared Kimball
Faith Moczulski
Savanna Moczulski
Samuel Nelson
Cole Ottmar
Marissa Powers
Cole Prince
Dylan Ray
Tanner Schenk
Caleb Sievers
Noah Sievers
Ariel Skutley
John Stitt
Mason Trotter
Jesse Turner
Brianna Wheeler

3.5-3.99 GPA

Emma Bartels
Rebecca Benavidez
Isaac Branon
Amelia Brown
Catherine Brown
Maisie Burnham
Marybelle Buck
Aleena Cook
Breydon Doubet
Carson Fisk
Alec Fletcher
Kendyl Fletcher
Delaney Goodwin
Madison Greer
James Heer
Brandon Holling
Austin Hubbard
Justin Jeske
Charlie Johnson
Glen Johnson
Annabelle Karlis
Justin King
Logan Kroll
Haley Marsh
Auriana Mitchell
Gloria Nikityuk
Cassin Pittmann
Taz Porter
Thomas Redder
Kadia Rinehart
Tyson Schenk
Kyleigh Shaw
Faith Shinner
Sydnee Siron
Logan Smith
Lindsay Stern
Beau St. John

Character Counts

Each month Liberty School District focuses on a character trait of the month. To end the year, students focused on fairness during April and perseverance in May.

Students and staff recognized the following students for displaying *fairness*: **Emma Kate Bartels**, **Makenzie DeShazer**, and **Cheyenne Gleave** (pictured at right, l-r).

Students recognized for *perseverance* were **Catherine Brown**, **Naomi Fry**, **Delaney Goodwin**, **Mason Trotter**, and



Sara Tarbert (pictured at left, l-r), along with **Hadlee Brown**, **Korbin Finch**, **Kalem Gardiner**, **Josh Haas**, and **Noah Sievers**. Over 60 LHS students were recognized for a character trait throughout the year.

The ASB also recognized Mr. Harkness as the employee of the quarter (at right).



Welcome, Class of 2022!

In August we will welcome another group to Liberty High School. The staff and students would like to welcome the class of 2022 to the building. If you are curious about school supplies needed for high school, here is a short list to get you started: spiral notebook, pens, pencils, loose paper, and a 3-ring binder. Teachers may have other specific supply needs as the year progresses, and they will communicate those accordingly. We will be anxiously waiting for our newest group of Lancers to join us on August 27, 2018, and we look forward to watching them walk across the graduation stage in June 2022.

Senior Project

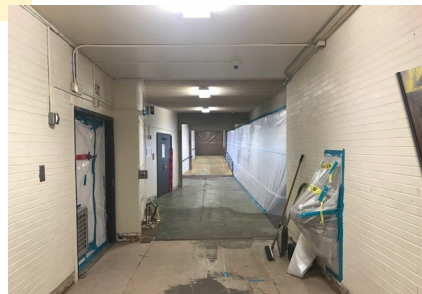
The senior project remains a requirement for graduation at Liberty High School. We feel this project holds value and prepares our students for the next step in their educational journey. The senior project is a streamlined process allowing students to complete all sections in a timely manner. Seniors will present their projects to the community panel on November 20. An informational letter was sent home with all seniors along with their 4th quarter report card. For more information about the senior project, please contact Mr. Hardie at lhhardie@libertysd.us.

Construction

We have moved to our final phase of construction and thank everyone for your patience and flexibility as we have navigated this process.

Upon returning from summer break you will notice lots of changes are still happening. Currently the vo-ag building, old gym, kitchen, old weight room, cafeteria, and ramp area are in the process of being renovated.

When students return to campus, lunch will temporarily be served out of the multipurpose room, and students will be able to access the new addition for PE, total fitness and the locker rooms. The vo-ag building renovation should be complete in time for the start of school, and we are excited for the entire project to be completed sometime this fall.



2018-19 ASB Officers

Congratulations to our newest elected ASB officers, and thank you to the students who took the time and energy to run for office.

Our ASB officers for 2018-19 are pictured at the right.



LANCER ATHLETICS

Lancer athletes proved that hard work and dedication pay off in a banner year for our sports programs. Liberty was represented in the 2B State tournaments for football, volleyball, wrestling, boys' basketball, softball, golf, and track and field. Congratulations to our athletes, and thank you to the parents and community for your tremendous support of Lancer athletics.



Track and Field

Aleena Cook, Triple Jump—7th in State
Carson Fisk, 400m—4th in State
Kendyl Fletcher, 300m Hurdles—8th in State



4x400m Relay—6th in State
Carson Fisk
Joe Greenburg
Austin Hubbard
Jawuan Nave

Wrestling

Maizy Feltwell, 5th place
Charlie Harrington, 5th place
Glen Johnson, 4th place



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Included in this issue:

- Year-end wrap-up
- Staffing updates
- Student awards & recognitions
- Semester 2 Honor Roll lists
- Facilities projects updates
- Transportation employment opportunities



Have a great summer break!
School starts Monday, August 27.



Office Hours and New Registrations

The elementary/junior high and high school offices will open Thursday, **August 16**, for new student registrations. The offices will remain open weekdays 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 Individual teachers may require additional specific supplies, but here's a basic list to get you started:



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

High School Construction Progress

The campus continues to transform in exciting ways. The Phase 2 new addition is complete and ready for student use, and the final renovations to the vo-ag building, cafeteria, kitchen, and old gym and locker rooms are underway with expected completion this fall. See inside for more details.

