



# The Liberty Lancer

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## Message from the Superintendent

FEBRUARY 2017

Dear Parents, Staff and Community members:

Another semester is in the rearview mirror, and our staff and students are focused on what the second half of the year will bring. These past few months have shown a great deal of hard work by our staff and students as we transitioned into the new year. Our academic and athletic teams continue to show success and are looking forward to the next levels of competition. Students continue to show great progress with local assessment data along with performing above state averages in the high school PSAT.

Our bond project is nearing the next phase with the creation of the construction documents and gearing up for bids in April. See below for the latest updates and renderings from our architect.

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. If you should have any questions, please contact me.

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## LCEF Annual Meeting Notice

The Liberty Community Education Foundation's annual meeting will be Monday, February 27, at 5 p.m. The meeting will be a no-host dinner at the Harvester Restaurant in Spangle. This is a public meeting, and all are welcome.

## Liberty BY THE NUMBERS

### Enrollment Trends\*

2013-14 = **388**

2014-15 = **386**

2015-16 = **432**

2016-17 = **456**

\*Number of students in grades K-12.

## BOND UPDATE



The design development phase of the Liberty High School Modernization and Addition project was completed in December 2016. The design team met with staff and teachers during this phase to review how their requirements are being accommodated in each space to facilitate the educational and facility goals and objectives. The functional and maintenance requirements were refined with the Leadership Team through multiple meetings. The Design Development report documents these refinements and the character of the exterior of the building and the major interior spaces.

Currently the design team is working to complete the detailed documents to be used by the contractors to bid and construct the building and site. The schedule is to bid the project this spring and have construction of the addition begin this May. The modernization of the existing building will be completed in phases with the first phase beginning in early June and continuing throughout the summer of 2017.

Ken Murphy, AIA  
ALSC Architects



*Interior and exterior renderings of the high school gymnasium and commons area addition.*

## Make-up Days

**February 17**

and

**March 3**

are now school days.

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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.

February 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.

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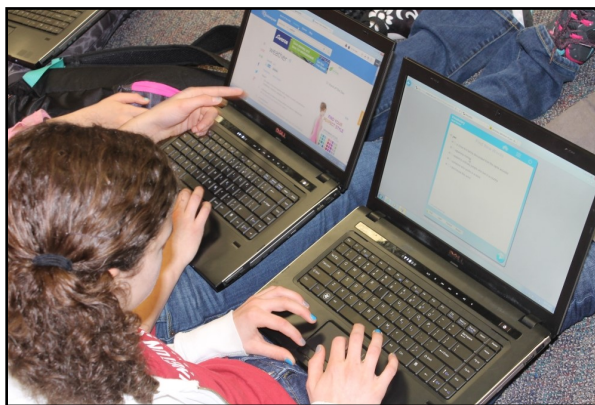
## UPCOMING MEETINGS

All meetings are held in the Elementary/Junior High Library

Thursday, February 23, 6:00pm

Thursday, March 30, 6:00pm

## Technology Update



Our students in third grade through high school continue working with Chromebooks and are seeing how this technology has enhanced the education and focus in the classrooms. The introduction of 1:1 Chromebooks at the junior high and high school levels has contributed to a decrease in the number of paper copies by making it easy for students to share documents with their teachers electronically.

We are impressed with how quickly the students and staff have adapted to this new technology and continue to find better ways to make the most of the Chromebooks in their classrooms.

## Calling all kindergarteners!



**Friday, April 28, 9:30 a.m.**

Kindergarten registration will open March 1st.

Incoming kindergarteners and parents are invited to join us for a morning of fun activities and tips for getting ready for school on Friday, April 28, at 9:30 a.m.

Children must be 5 years of age by August 31, 2017.

All registrations require  
**up-to-date immunization records and  
state-certified birth certificate.**

Contact the school at (509) 245-3211 ext. 2  
for more information.

Liberty 7th-12th grade students are reaping the benefits of the 1:1 Chromebook program.

## District Calendar & Character Traits

### February - Encouragement

- 6 **Late start**
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17 Closure make-up day
- 20 **NO SCHOOL**, President's Day
- 23 Board meeting, 6pm
- 24 Dad's Donut Day, 7:45  
Midterm ends

### March - Honesty

- 3 Closure make-up day
- 6 **Late start**
- 12 Daylight Saving Time ends
- 13 Honor Band @ INB
- 13-17 Classified Employees Week
- 20-24 Missoula Children's Theatre
- 24 End of 3rd quarter
- 29 Band/Choir concert, 7pm
- 30 **Early Dismissal** - Conferences  
K-8 Science Fair  
Board meeting, 6pm
- 31 **Early Dismissal**

### April - Fairness

- 3-7 **NO SCHOOL**, Spring Break
- 10 **Late start**
- 16 Easter Sunday
- 27 Board meeting, 7pm
- 28 Kindergarten Roundup, 9:30

### May - Perseverance

- 1 **Late start**
- 1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5 Midterm ends
- 10 School Nurse Day
- 12 Maple Bars with Mom, 7:45
- 14 Mother's Day
- 16 Freshman Orientation, 6pm
- 20 Torchlight Parade
- 24 K-4 spring concert, 7pm
- 25 Board meeting, 7pm
- 29 **NO SCHOOL**, Memorial Day
- 30 Band/Choir Concert, 7pm

### June

- 3 LHS Graduation, 1pm
- 7 8th grade Promotion, 7pm
- 9 Last day of school,  
**10:25 a.m. dismissal**
- 17 Liberty Night @ Indians game
- 18 Father's Day
- 29 Board meeting, 7pm

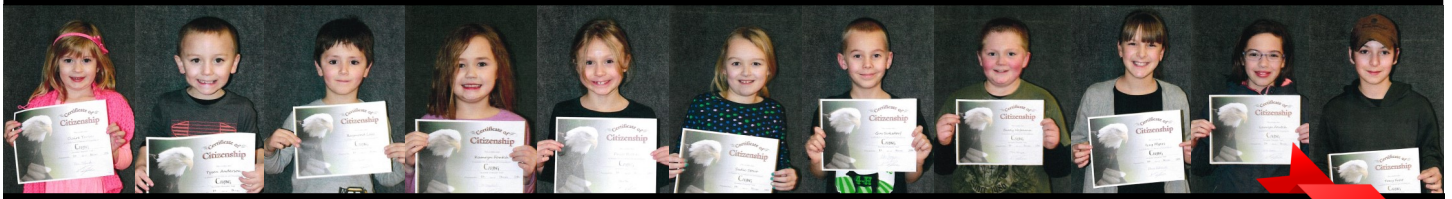
Visit [www.LibertySD.us](http://www.LibertySD.us) for the most current schedule.



# LIBERTY ELEMENTARY & JUNIOR HIGH

December

## ELEMENTARY CHARACTER AWARDS



Congratulations to December's elementary citizens of the month, who exemplified the character trait of **CARING**:  
(l-r) **Claire Yarber, Tysen Anderson, Raymond Lasz, Kamryn Foutch, Paige Bethel, Sadie Stout, Gus Suksdorf, Brody Hofmann, Izzy Myers, Lauryn Foutch, Tony Frost.**

caring



Congratulations to January's elementary citizens of the month, who exemplified the character trait of **RESPECT**:  
(l-r) **Barrett Johnson, Elsie Buys, Rylee Omlin, Sam Cook, Allison Hanegan, Charlie Greer, Brooklyn Foutch, Karley Tieg, Sophia DeLeon, Faith Rice, Eli Gilkey**

respect

## Junior High Awards—Term 2



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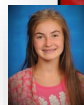
### 8th GRADE, 4.0 GPA

(at left) Jacob Biegert, Maizy Feltwell, Logan Kroll, Sara Hartman, Olivia Morgan, Mackenzy Lauster, Carson Tee

**3.5-3.99 GPA** Amelia Bennett, Carson Fisk, Trace Gale, Madison Greer, Austen Hubbard, Kylee Hubbard, Kyle Johnson, Logan Kettner, Jared Kimball, Cole Ottmar, Cole Prince, Jonah Shrode, Noah Sievers, Logan Smith, Jesse Turner

**7th GRADE, 4.0 GPA** (at right, back row) Logan Grumbly, Annika Tee, Ava Budde, Ally Karlis, Gage Holling, Colton Marsh, (inset) Sophia Pyankova, (front row) Sarah Burley, Amelia Suksdorf, Anya Soltero, London Foland, Ben Pritchett

**3.5-3.99 GPA** Kyle Belles, Kasey Branon, Madeline Colgan, Jamie Glorfield, Henry Greer, Vivian Harader, Mathew Heer, Lexi Kettner, Ryleigh Medart, Mekenzie Pestana, Jenna Piersol, Mason Simmons, Jaidyn Stephens, Josh Stern, Trenton Stoe, Connor Stitt, Damon Thieren, Dillon Thieren, Logan Wilson



### 2017 Read-a-Thon

**Reading Saves the Day!**

K-8 students will kick off the 2017 Read-a-Thon on February 16 and will "read, read, read" through March 20th.

This is a special time set aside each year to focus on the benefits, value and **fun** of reading. Students will participate in dress-up days, a book giveaway, and classroom competitions with the goal of beating our all-time school record of 417,218 minutes read.

K-8 students who read 10 hours or more will receive a free day-pass to Silverwood.



### Dad's Donut Day

**Friday, February 24  
7:45-8:30 a.m.**

**Elementary Cafeteria  
FREE for dads!**

### Character Awards



At left:  
Amelia Suksdorf  
Logan Grumbly  
Connor Stitt  
Justine Barlow

### Academic Students of the Quarter



At left:  
Colton Marsh  
Cole Prince  
Sara Hartman  
Sarah Burley

### Most Improved G.P.A.



At left:  
Juliet Kelley  
Madeline Colgan  
Anya Soltero  
London Foland



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GO LANCERS!

## Character Counts



Each month we focus on a specific character trait. For the month of February students will be focusing on ENCOURAGEMENT. In January the student body focused on RESPECT. Students and staff recognized the following students for displaying

respect in a variety of ways: (pictured at left, l-r)

**Sam Pritchett, Aleena Cook, Annie Karlis, Caroline Nelson, Hailey Marsh, Emma Holwegner, Lily Kay.** Not pictured:

**Tristan Foster, Devin Billington.**

The ASB also recognized Mr. VanSickle as our employee of the quarter.

## Ag Issues

Congratulations to Mr. Braun and the FFA Ag Issues team. FFA District V held its annual District Ag Issues event at Cheney High School. This group earned a second place finish and will compete at the state competition held at WSU in May. Team members are: **Matthew Burley, Isaak Ottmar, Jon Denny, Alec Fletcher, Haley Marsh, Justin King, and Ashlyn Bartels** (pictured above, l-r). They presented the issue of "Falling Numbers." Best of luck to all of our FFA members as they begin their run of Career Development Events this spring!



*This group earned 2nd place at Districts, qualifying to compete at State in May.*

## Driver's Education



911 Driving School will offer a class at Liberty High School this spring. Classes are held in the morning prior to school starting and will run from April 11 through May 10. For more information about this program, please contact 911 Driving School at 324-0911 or online at [911drivingschool.com](http://911drivingschool.com).

## Prom

Our Prom Committee has been actively working on setting up for Prom 2017. This year's dance will be held with Freeman High School on April 29<sup>th</sup> at CenterPlace in Spokane Valley. Students interested in attending Prom must purchase tickets at the high school office for \$25 each. The dance will begin at 8pm and end at 11:00. Both Freeman and Liberty will have numerous chaperones along with the Spokane County Sheriff's Office. For more information about Prom, please contact Mrs. Chambers at ext. 7-1302.



*Jawuan Nave*

## Honor Roll

### SEMESTER 1

#### 4.0 GPA

Ashlyn Bartels  
Devin Billington  
Kolbey Browning  
Matthew Burley  
Paloma del Cuvillo Cervera  
Makenzie DeShazer  
Katelyn Dillon  
Julianne Harvey  
Austin Rambo  
Dylan Ray  
Thomas Redder

#### 3.5-3.99 GPA (cont.)

Aleah Rydell  
Tyson Schenk  
Jada Schulken  
Heaven Schultz  
Kyleigh Shaw  
Faith Shinner  
Beau St. John  
Lindsay Stern  
Sara Tarbert  
Brett Watson  
Kellan Watson

#### 3.5-3.99 GPA

Ashley Anderson  
Dylan Belles  
Logan Billington  
Marybelle Buck  
Maisie Burnham  
Chase Burnham  
Aleena Cook  
Matthew DeGon  
Kyle DeGon  
Christine Denny  
Sean Duncan-Day  
Kathryn Fairfield  
Miranda Field  
Korbin Finch  
Madelynn Flaig  
Alec Fletcher  
Kendyl Fletcher  
Spencer Fox  
Tyler Haas  
Breaunna Harader  
Jacob Harrington  
James Heer  
Brandon Holling  
Allysha Hubbard  
Kristin Ince  
Justin Jeske  
Charlie Johnson  
Glen Johnson  
McKenna Jones  
Abigail Karlis  
Annabelle Karlis  
Brooke Kaze  
Jade Keffer  
Justin King  
Haley Lemoine  
Sarahl Mendoza  
Auriana Mitchell  
Samuel Nelson  
Isaak Ottmar  
Trinity Papini  
Patrick Paredes  
Morgan Pomerinke  
Marissa Powers  
Samuel Pritchett  
Garrett Rogers

#### 3.00-3.49 GPA

Phillip Baker  
Garrett Baump  
Grant Beam  
Annabelle Bennett  
Isaac Branon  
Owen Brenton  
Julia Collins  
Ethan Curtis  
Aleesha Dean  
Jon Denny  
Breydon Doubet  
Dustin Dumaw  
Austin Flaig  
Tristan Foster  
Robyn Garcia  
Jenna Garcia  
Olivia Grumbly  
Hunter Hanson-Olsen  
Charles Harrington  
Andrew Harvey  
Jacob Holling  
Carson Holwegner  
Emma Holwegner  
Racheal Ince  
Lilian Kay  
Makayla Kent  
Joshua Larsen-Nowland  
Emily Lindquist  
Haley Marsh  
Caroline Nelson  
Kadia Rinehart  
Jacob Romero  
Quentin Rose  
Angel Rose  
Caleb Sievers  
Sydney Siron  
Ariel Skutley  
Michaela Tee  
Ethan Trower  
Garrett VanSlyke  
Savanah Wolters

(continued at right)



## Robotics

The Liberty Robotics team #3220 kicked off their season at Eastern Washington University where they discovered what this year's game will be. The game is called STEAMWORKS<sup>SM</sup> and Team #3220 has six weeks to build a robot that will compete at two district contests.

Liberty will compete at West Valley High School March 3-4 and at Central Washington University on March 17-18 for a chance to qualify for the district championships. Approximately 20 students will work on the robot to get it competition-ready.



*A partial group of the Robotics team is pictured at the upper right (l-r): Matthew Burley, Logan Billington, Sam Pritchett, Devin Billington, Brandon Holling, Caroline Nelson, (front) Evan Smith.*

## LANCER ATHLETICS

### wrestling



February brings out the best for our wrestlers! The Lancer wrestling team led by Head Coach Adam Thies and assistants Braden Davis and Matt Hafner are looking to make the trip to the Mat Classic again this year on February 17-18 at the Tacoma Dome.

The District wrestling tournament will be held at Reardan High School on February 4, and the regional wrestling tournament will be held February 11 at Northwest Christian High School.

*We wish the best of luck to our wrestlers!*

### basketball



*Both of the Lancer varsity basketball teams have had great success this season and are placed toward the top of their respective league standings. Districts begin February 9.*





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See inside for more information!

## High School Addition and Remodeling Project



Exterior rendering of the high school addition and new bus loop.