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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Message from the Superintendent

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*

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*Number of students in grades K-12.

Make-up Days

February 17
and
March 3
are now school days.

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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.
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:

Kindergarten Roundup

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.

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
13-17 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 for the most current schedule.
Dad’s Donut Day

Friday, February 24
7:45-8:30 a.m.
Elementary Cafeteria
FREE for dads!

Elementary Character Awards

Congratulations to December’s elementary citizens of the month, who exemplified the character trait of CARING:

January

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 Tiegs, Sophia DeLeon, Faith Rice, Eli Gilkey

Junior High Awards—Term 2

8th GRADE, 4.0 GPA
(at left) Jacob Bieger, 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 Ottermo, Cole Prince, Jonah Shrobe, Noah Sievers, Logan Smith, Jesse Turner

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.

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

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.

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!

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 29th 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.
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™ 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

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!

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.
High School Addition and Remodeling Project

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

See inside for the latest project status update.