

# The Liberty Lancer

August/September 2012

## Message from the Superintendent

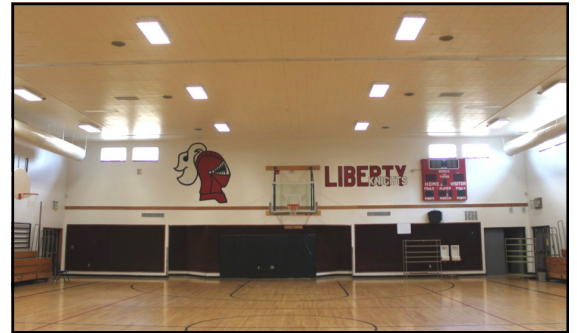
### State Grants Help Reduce Costs & Replace Aging Equipment

Using state competitive grants, Liberty has received \$275,000 to replace the fire alarm systems, HVAC controls, and inefficient lighting in both schools. The fire systems and controls used in heating and cooling the two buildings were aging quickly, and occasionally the fire system sent students and staff outside for unplanned fire drills.

General Fire received the contract to retrofit the schools with new alarms, strobes, and master control boards. Work on the fire systems was completed in May with additional work on magnetic door releases and dampers finished over the summer break. The new fire systems have eliminated the false alarms and interruptions in instruction.

DIVCO of Spokane will finish the installation of new HVAC controls in August before the first day of school. The previous system was getting so outdated, the only way to find replacement parts was to look on eBay for used parts that had been removed from older buildings being upgraded. The old controls served the community well by outlasting their estimated lifespan.

The last and quite possibly the most exciting project has been the replacement of all our inefficient lighting in both buildings. The elementary/junior high school gym lighting has been substandard from the beginning, but with the new T5 florescent systems, the gym is bright and full of light for the first time. The high school gym has the same lighting system, which will use 50 percent less energy than the old system. The new lighting is also able to be turned off and back on without a delay.



*The new T5 fluorescent lighting in the elementary/junior high gym fills the space with bright light.*

Through the use of these funding sources, our district eliminated the need to go to the community with a bond to replace this critical equipment.

### Health & Fitness Teacher Mike Jydstrup Finishes CDA Ironman

In June of 2011, Mr. Jydstrup watched his cousin compete in the Coeur d'Alene Ironman Triathlon, and a dream was born. After witnessing it was possible and obtaining the necessary permission from his family, Mr. J began preparing to participate in 2012. The Ironman competition combines a 2.4 mile swim, 112 miles of cycling, and finishes with a full 26.2 mile marathon run.



*Congratulations, Mr. J—Liberty's first Ironman!*

Mr. J joined a local triathlon club to gain critical instruction on how to train for and actually survive such an awesome challenge. After training at least six days per week for ten months, he put on his wetsuit and waded into Lake Coeur d'Alene for the start of the Ironman on June 24. Mike was not alone, however. He had many members of "Team Mikey" adorned in their team t-shirts supporting him throughout the race and celebrating his huge accomplishment as he crossed the finish line more than two hours before the cutoff. Mike commented the best part of the whole experience was not finishing the grueling race, but the love and encouragement he received from his support crew.

## Information Nights

Please save the following dates for Liberty's parent information nights. These meetings will help you connect with your child's teacher and get an overview of what will be happening in his or her classroom this year.

**K-6:** Thurs., Sept. 6, 6:30pm

**7-12:** Wed., Sept. 12, 6:30pm

The **HIV/AIDS curriculum** will be presented to interested parents at 5:30pm on September 12 just prior to the grades 7-12 parent night. During this presentation Nurse Sarah Beyersdorf will review the state-mandated curriculum that will be used in grades 5-12. This meeting is required for parents considering excluding their child from this instruction.

**Special Services and Title 1** will have open houses on the nights listed above at 5:30pm. Please stop by and get to know the staff.

## Rachel's Challenge

The Rachel's Challenge program will make an appearance at Liberty School District this fall. Thank you to Connie Grumbly and the Rachel's Challenge committee for their hard work in bringing the anti-bullying program to Liberty.

Mark your calendars for September 19—there will be a program during the day for students and a community presentation that evening.

# Liberty Lancer

The Liberty Lancer is published during the academic year by Liberty School District. The Lancer is published 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 school community.

Comments, questions or suggestions should be sent to the Superintendent.

August/September 2012

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## Upcoming Board Meetings

All meetings are held at 7:00 PM  
in the Elementary/Junior High Library

Tuesday, August 28  
Thursday, September 27  
Thursday, October 25  
Tuesday, November 27  
Thursday, December 27

## Liberty Elementary & Junior High Elementary Excellence Awards

*for May*



*Congratulations to last year's elementary citizens of the month for May: (back row, l-r) Kellen Tee, Isaac Branon, Jacob Holling, Isaak Ottmar, Sara Hartman, (front row, l-r) Jacob Enzler, Izabella Myers, Kalem Gardiner, Shaley Tiegs, Lincoln Foland. Not pictured: Thomas Perryman*

## Junior High Term 4 Excellence Awards

### Honor Roll

**8th Grade:** (High Honors—4.0 GPA) Nathan Burley, Jodi Carrell, Garrett Green, Daniel Hircock, Killian Knecht, (Honor Roll—3.5-3.99 GPA) Keith Dumaw, Meghan Grumbly, Maxwell Johnson, Maggie Nelson, Marin Ottmar, Jacob Pottratz, Kaitlyn Rambo, Bridgette Roll, Justice Schuman, Cassandra Turner.

**7th grade:** (High Honors—4.0 GPA) Madelynne Flaig, (Honor Roll—3.5-3.99 GPA) Devin Billington, Elizabeth Brown, Chase Burnham, Thomas Canning, Christine Denny, Kathryn Fairfield, Tyler Haas, Jacob Harrington, Allysha Hubbard, Kristin Ince, Abigail Karlis, Justess Neihart, Patrick Paredes, Kiah Schilling.



### Academic Students of the Quarter

Congratulations to the following students selected by their teachers as Academic Students of the Quarter for term 4: (8th grade) Nathan Burley, Garrett Green, Sampson Rich, (7th grade) Jacob Harrington, Allysha Hubbard, and Patrick Paredes.

## Junior Boosters Provides Elementary with Grass Playfield

The Liberty Junior Boosters volunteer parent group has provided over \$100,000 in support of K-8 education over the past twelve years. Their motto "Making a Good School Great" has been a theme that has supplied instructional technology to all classrooms and provided assistance in the purchase of extracurricular equipment. Last year the Junior Boosters organized and conducted a Sports-A-Thon to raise money in part to build a grass playfield on the elementary playground. Through pledges our students raised funds by kicking and as



soccer goals, shooting baskets and running laps, a result the field has been engineered, leveled, irrigated, and seeded. An additional \$4,000 was provided by a grant from Trans Canada to complete the project. The automated sprinkler system installation and hydro seeding were completed in early August. By mid- to late September, elementary students should have a brand new grass field to play on during recess.

Special thanks go out to Andy & Kiley Schenk for their leadership and vision in completing this project, as well as to all of our Junior Boosters parent volunteers and the Liberty community for continuing to support the students' fundraising efforts. For years our students played games at recess on the asphalt, but with the addition of this new grass playfield we hope to see fewer skinned knees.



## 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.

## School Supplies



Supply lists for grades K-8 are posted on the Elementary/Junior High website (go to [www.LibertySD.us](http://www.LibertySD.us), click "Schools" then "Elementary/Junior High"). If you do not have internet access, please call secretary Kim Wrenchey at the school office, 509-245-3211 ext. 2211, any time beginning August 21, and she will mail a copy to you.

## Full-Day, Every Day Kindergarten

Liberty kindergarten will return to full-day, every day this fall through additional funding provided by the M&O levy that passed last winter. The state only funds half-day kindergarten unless a school is in a very high poverty area. Liberty does not qualify for this additional funding.

Kindergarten is a critical year academically as youngsters begin learning to read, write, and work with basic numbers. They also learn important social skills like working in groups, sharing with large numbers of new friends, and working independently in the classroom. Research data shows us that students in a full-day kindergarten program do much better in grades one and two, especially if they come from a low-income family.

## Junior High Schedule Adds A.M. Nutrition Break

Last spring our junior high students and staff test-piloted a 10-minute morning nutrition break between first and second periods. This new plan will be implemented at the beginning of the school year by starting the junior high school day five minutes earlier at 8:15am and holding a break for students from 9:05-9:16 daily. During this time junior high students may work with a teacher or go the cafeteria for breakfast or a snack. This schedule model is a direct reflection of the high school nutrition break, which has been in place for the past two years. The change also serves to better align the junior high and high school schedules for students taking classes in both buildings.

K-8 Dates to Remember	
<b>August</b>	
21	School Office Opens, 8am-4pm
22	JH Football/Volleyball practices begin
27	Ice Cream Social, 4-6pm
29	First Day of School
<b>September</b>	
3	Labor Day—No School
4	Individual Picture Day
6	K-6 Parent Night, 6:30pm
12	7-8 Parent Night, 6:30pm
17	2-Hour Late Start
19	Grandparents' Breakfast, 8:05am
19	Rachel's Challenge Assemblies
24	Individual Picture Retakes

# Liberty High School

## Principal's Welcome

As summer just begins to heat up, the back to school shopping ads can be found everywhere, which means the beginning of another school year. We are looking forward to a great 2012-13 at Liberty High School. As Principal I want to say welcome, and I am excited to get the year started. As we begin the year, I want to say thank you to all of the parents/guardians for allowing Liberty School District to educate your student(s). 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.

## First Day of School

The first day of school is August 29. 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 at 8:10am.; the school day concludes at 3:05pm. The morning break will continue this year for students from 9:04-9:18am. On late-start days, the first bell will ring at 10:08am.

## Registration & Office Hours

All continuing students registered for classes last spring and should have a copy of their 2012-13 schedule. The high school office will open August 21 for new student registration. The office will be open daily 8:00-4:00 until school starts. Office hours once school begins are 7:30-4:00.

## Fall Sports



Football practice begins August 15 and Volleyball starts August 20. Our football program will be led by Coach Mike Dewey, Mike

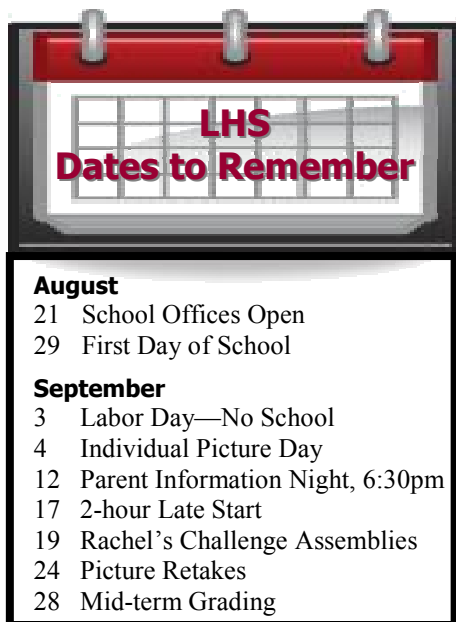


Aaron Fletcher, Principal  
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Ganey, Ron Rogers, and Mark Douglas. The football season begins on the road against Tri-Cities Prep on August 31.

Our volleyball program will be led by Jeff Ottmar. The first volleyball practice will be held August 20 in the high school gym.

The first match will be at home on September 6. In order to participate in sports, students must have all appropriate paperwork turned in, along with a sports physical. If you need more information about athletics, please contact our Athletic Director Blaze Burnham at 509-245-3229 ext. 1221 or [bburnham@libertysd.us](mailto:bburnham@libertysd.us).



### August

21 School Offices Open  
29 First Day of School

### September

3 Labor Day—No School  
4 Individual Picture Day  
12 Parent Information Night, 6:30pm  
17 2-hour Late Start  
19 Rachel's Challenge Assemblies  
24 Picture Retakes  
28 Mid-term Grading

## Facilities

Upon returning to school you will notice our custodial staff has been busy over the summer. Fresh paint was applied to areas of need, carpets cleaned along with other summer maintenance projects. Two large projects were also completed over the summer. A new Computer Aided Drafting lab was installed in the high school, along with new lights in the gym and classrooms.

The custodial staff has worked countless hours in preparation for the first day of school. I would like to thank Melanie Larsen-Nowland, Jerry Ottosen, Steve

Martensen, Doug DeGon, Connie Anderson, and Xay Xiong for their hard work.

## Driver's Education

We will offer driver's education through 911 Driving School of Spokane. Students must be 15 years old, and 911 Driving School will start September 18. This class will be offered during the zero hour at LHS with student drives completed as a pull-out model during the school day. Eligible students should contact 911 Driving at 509-324-0911.

## Curriculum

Liberty High School will be offering some new classes for 2012-13. Spanish 4 will be offered and Mrs. Chambers is looking forward to working with these students. Mr. Kimble will be teaching a computer aided drafting class, where students can learn about using technology and creating projects using a 3-D printer. Mrs. Malone and Mrs. Freeman will be working with students about early childhood education; through this class students will learn how to work with elementary students to improve their reading and math skills. Ms. Whittall will be offering two new classes for 2012-13: FBLA Leadership and Business Law.

As a small school we strive to provide numerous elective class opportunities to our students.



## 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 students 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 involved in athletics must pay an additional fee of \$20 per sport. Vocational clubs may charge additional fees, and band charges a cleaning fee for uniforms.

The ASB officers for 2012-13 are:

*President:* Kyle O'Malley

*Vice-President:* Brittany Breidenbach

*Secretary:* Mikayla Cornwall

*Treasurer:* Holly Cockle

*Sergeant-At-Arms:* Gage Hughes

# Lancer pride, go Lancers!

**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 check-out 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** We will be sending out 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.

**Student Handbook** Each student will receive a student handbook on the first day of school. Please look through the handbook with your student, as there are a few changes from last year. Also, each student will be required to sign a notice of understanding, which needs to be turned in to the office.

**Change of Address** We ask that you notify the LHS office if you change your address, email address and/or phone number. It is vital to us that we be able to reach you; we are in the process of updating our records.

**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. Thank you.

## Meal Prices for 2012-13

Liberty uses a computerized meal program for payment and accounting. This program 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 will be sent home after school starts. Regular lunch prices reflect a slight increase from last year to keep pace with costs.

### Regular\*

Breakfast	K-12.....	\$1.35
Lunch	K-4.....	\$2.30
Lunch	5-8.....	\$2.55
Lunch	9-12.....	\$2.70

Milk Only ..... \$0.40

### Adult\*

Breakfast ..... \$2.00

### Reduced\*

Breakfast	K-8 .....	FREE
Lunch	K-3 .....	FREE
Lunch	4-12 .....	\$0.40

\*All meal prices include milk.



Adult Lunch..... \$3.75

## National School Lunch Program/School Breakfast Program PUBLIC RELEASE FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS 2012-2013

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:

Eligibility Scale for Free and Reduced-Price Meals July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013										
FREE						REDUCED-PRICE				
Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Year	Month	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$14,521	\$1,211	\$606	\$559	\$280	\$20,665	\$1,723	\$862	\$795	\$398
2	19,669	1,640	820	757	379	27,991	2,333	1,167	1,077	539
3	24,817	2,069	1,035	955	478	35,317	2,944	1,472	1,359	680
4	29,965	2,498	1,249	1,153	577	42,643	3,554	1,777	1,641	821
5	35,113	2,927	1,464	1,351	676	49,969	4,165	2,083	1,922	961
6	40,261	3,356	1,678	1,549	775	57,295	4,775	2,388	2,204	1,102
7	45,409	3,785	1,893	1,747	874	64,621	5,386	2,693	2,486	1,243
8	50,557	4,214	2,107	1,945	973	71,947	5,996	2,998	2,768	1,364
Each Additional Household Member Add	+ 5,148	+ 429	+ 215	+ 198	+ 99	+ 7,326	+ 611	+ 306	+ 282	+ 141

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 parents or guardians, will be sent to all homes at the beginning of the school year. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. 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 received last month and where it came from, the signature of an adult household member, and the last four numbers 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, the household need provide only the child's name, the Basic Food or TANF, or FDPIR case number, and printed name and signature of an adult member on the application.

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) will download the names of all children age birth to 20 into the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) Comprehensive Education and Data Research System. Information will include the child's first name, last name, middle initial, and date of birth. Upon receipt of this

information, OSPI will match student names against the DSHS file and then make the "match" data available to each district via the Internet. Students will automatically qualify for free meals if their schools participate in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child Nutrition Programs.

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

Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year.

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, Bill Motsenbocker, District Superintendent, for a hearing on the decision.

Foster children are also eligible for free meals regardless of personal use income. If you have questions about applying for meal benefits for foster children, contact the school or district office. The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used only for the purposes of determining eligibility and verifying data.

In accordance with the Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

If you believe you have been treated unfairly, you may file a complaint of discrimination by writing, USDA Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339, or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



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## Liberty School District • 2012 Annual Public Notices

A school district is required by federal law to publish annual notification items to its community. Below you will find the official notification for: Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, Nondiscrimination Statement, Family Education Rights to Privacy Act, Dangerous Weapons Policy, Smoking Prohibited, Drug-Free Schools, and Pesticide Notification Policy.

### Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)

As a result of the 2010 AHERA three-year re-inspection, the following known or assumed asbestos-containing building materials (ACBMS) have been identified in the Liberty High School.

#### *Non-Friable ACBM:*

- Floor tile and mastic (closets, beneath built-in cabinets)
- Pipe joints, elbows and tees (above ceilings and behind walls-showers, rest-rooms, Home Economics classroom, laundry room, custodial closets, science rooms)

#### *Friable ACBM:*

- None

All ACBM listed above were found to be in good condition and are being continually maintained in accordance with all Washington State and federal laws.

Note: In compliance with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Act (AHERA), Liberty School District contracted with Educational Service District 101 of Spokane, Washington, to conduct the Three-Year Asbestos Re-inspection of all school buildings. During January 2010, an EPA accredited asbestos Inspector and Management Planner performed the required inspection, reassessed each category of asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM) and noted any significant changes from the previous inspections. Re-inspection will assist the school district in the process of safely managing each ACBM within our district.

The AHERA Re-inspection Report and Management Plans are available to the general public and can be reviewed anytime during normal school hours. As required by AHERA, a designated person is available during regular business hours to answer any questions concerning ACBM in our building. The designated person can be contacted through the district office.

### Liberty Sets Childfind

Liberty School District provides many programs for children in our schools at no cost to you! The schools offer programs such as speech therapy, physical and occupational therapy, Title/LAP and special education academic programs, and preschool classes for children three years and older. Developmental screenings and/or comprehensive assessments for children who are suspected of having a disability which could adversely affect their educational development are available at no cost to you. These services are available for persons between the ages of birth through 21 years of age. The screenings are held monthly by appointment only. Liberty will be screening 3-to-5 year olds this fall. To schedule an appointment or for further information, contact Gracie Hodgson at 245-3211 x2215 after August 22.

### Student Responsibilities and Rights Policy

Copies of Liberty School District's Student Rights and Rules Governing Student Misconduct Policy are available upon request at all district school buildings. Copies will be distributed to all secondary students at the beginning of the school year.

### Student Privacy

The district is prohibited from releasing any personally identifiable records or files about an individual without written parental consent. However, the district may release a list of students belonging to a group (e.g. graduating seniors, etc.). A student's name will be excluded from a listing of students upon written request by a parent. The information on a list may include:

- A. The student's name, address and telephone number;
- B. Date and place of birth;
- C. Major field of study;
- D. Participation in officially recognized activities and sports;
- E. Weight and height of athletic teams;

F. Dates of attendance;

G. Degrees and awards received; and

H. The most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student.

The district may also release photographs of students for public information purposes.

Parents have the right to request that any or all of these categories of information, including personally-identifiable photographs, not be released without their prior consent. This request must be given in writing to the student's principal.

### Pesticide Notification Policy

The state legislature House Bill 1451 requires school districts to notify the public of pest control and herbicide use. Any interested person can register with the school district to receive notification of pesticide application or can contact us for any information on our Integrated Pesticide Management Plan. Our plan is available for review at the district office. The district will post notices at the application sites and notify prior to applying. For more information, contact Rick Brash at 624-4415.

### Nondiscrimination/Title IV

The Liberty School District complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, families with children, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, age, or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a disabled person. This holds true for all employees as well as students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's Title IX Officer, Blaze Burnham, and/or Section 504 Coordinator at 509-624-4415.

### Dangerous Weapons Policy

It is a violation of state law for any person to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon on

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school premises, school-provided transportation or areas of other facilities being used for school activities. The law outlines exceptions in certain cases, i.e., security activities, firearm safety lecture/courses, law enforcement officers, etc.

### **Smoking Prohibited**

Smoking or any other use of any tobacco products is prohibited on school district property. This includes all district buildings, grounds and district-owned vehicles.

### **Drug-Free Schools**

Drugs, alcohol and schools do not mix. Schools are required to meet certain guidelines; patrons are hereby notified of Liberty School District's policy. Liberty School District supports abstinence from alcohol and other drugs for all students in order that their development can reach full intellectual, emotional, social, and physical potentials.

### **Liberty School District Report Card**

The Liberty School District Report Card is available online and is located at [www.k12.wa.us](http://www.k12.wa.us). Once you reach the website, click on School Report Card, and then select Liberty. Information on test scores and Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) is available for each school.

### **Guidelines for Children with Life-Threatening Conditions**

Washington law defines a life-threatening condition as "a health condition that will put the child in danger of death during the school day if a medication or treatment order and a nursing plan are not in place." Children with life-threatening conditions such as severe bee sting or food allergies, severe asthma, unstable diabetes, severe seizures, etc., are required to have a medication or treatment order and nursing plan in place before they start school. The medication or treatment order must be from the child's licensed healthcare provider.

If a medication or treatment order is not provided, the chief administrator of the school is required to exclude the child until such order has been provided. Our exclusion procedures are in accordance with the rules (WACs) of the State Board of Education. If your child has a life-threatening condition that may require medical services to be performed at

school, you must immediately notify your school's nurse. The necessary forms will be provided, and a time will be arranged for you to meet with your child's school nurse. Please call Sarah Beyersdorf at 245-3211 with questions.

### **Homeless Assistance**

Students who become homeless may receive assistance to remain at their school and receive other assistance. Please contact the school counselor or Cyndi Freeman, Homeless Liaison, at 245-3211 x 2217.

### **No Child Left Behind Act**

The Federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires school districts that receive federal Title I funding to notify parents of their right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct their children. As a recipient of these funds, Liberty School District will provide you with this information in a timely manner upon request.

Specifically, you have the right to request the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the teacher meets the state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency status because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether paraprofessionals provide services to your child, and if so, their qualifications.

Liberty School District is committed to providing quality instruction for all students. It does so by employing the most qualified individuals to teach and support each student in the classroom. If you would like to receive any of the information listed above, please contact Gracie Hodgson at 245-3211 x 2215.

### **Special Education Public Participation Information**

If interested in attending a meeting and/or reviewing the IDA application and related surveys and reports, you may contact Gracie Hodgson at 245-3211 x 2215 for specific information. Please call no later than October 12.

### **Notice for Directory Information**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requires that Liberty School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written permission prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Liberty School District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of the directory information is to allow Liberty School District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill showing your student's role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height for team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, federal laws require local education agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories—names, addresses, and telephone listings—unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent. If you do not want Liberty School District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by September 30. Liberty School District has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student's name
  - Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
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- Address
- Telephone listing
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Electronic mail address
- Photograph
- Degrees, honors and awards received
- Major field of study
- Dates of attendance
- Grade level
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended

### Notification of Rights for Elementary and Secondary Schools

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education record within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible students may ask the school to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the school has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks to enroll.
4. The right to file a complaint with the US Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA are: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20202-4605.