

The Liberty Lancer

Message from the Superintendent

April 2012

Liberty Wins OSPI Energy Grant

The Liberty School District has won a \$250,000 energy grant from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). This grant will be used to upgrade the lighting in both schools to more energy efficient standards including changing out the lighting in both gymnasiums. The lighting fixtures in the elementary/junior high gym have been substandard for many years. The new gym lighting will be much brighter with upgraded energy efficient systems.

The grant funding will also be used to replace the failing heating, ventilation, and air conditioning control systems at the elementary/junior high and high school. The district's mechanical maintenance contractor has been concerned about the age of the school's HVAC controls for the past two years. In February the high school control system failed, creating a need to temporarily piece it back together to get us through the school year. Aging heat pumps will also be replaced ahead of schedule.

School districts across the state have been forced to put much of their physical plant maintenance schedules on hold due to drastic funding cuts from the state over the past several years. Winning this sizeable grant will put the district in a favorable position regarding building maintenance without compromising its financial strength.

Elementary/Junior High Gym to Receive New Sound System

After thirty plus years of reliable service, the sound system in the elementary/junior high school gym is about to be replaced. The aging system has failed several times in the past six months due to aging plugs, wiring, and outdated amplifier. EVCO Sound of Spokane has designed a new system to reuse the twenty flush-mount ceiling speakers in order to keep the cost down. The new system will add a 1,000 watt amplifier, wireless microphones, and an iPod dock for music applications used for assemblies and physical education classes.

Charlotte Nelson to Receive Community Leadership Award

The Northeast Washington Association of School Administrators will be honoring Liberty parent Charlotte Nelson for her many years of volunteer service to the school district and local community. Charlotte is an avid Liberty supporter using her musical gifts to accompany the choir at each of their concerts as well as providing accompaniment for the annual Missoula Children's Theatre productions.

The NEWASA group will be presenting Charlotte with a certificate at the annual awards luncheon at the West Valley Community Room on Friday, April 20. Past Liberty recipients include Marci Green, Mike Burnham, Ron Cockle, Marie Denny, Blaze Burnham and Mark Bullock.



Charlotte Nelson will receive the NEWASA Community Leadership Award on April 20.



4H Day, April 27

Liberty-area 4H clubs will be showing

and demonstrating their projects on campus beginning at 12:30pm on April 27. Activities will include dog training and competition, steer and sheep showing, and rabbit and poultry demonstrations.

Kindergarten Roundup, April 27

Liberty will be hosting the annual Kindergarten Round Up on April 27th from 9:30-11:30am for new students and their parents. This orientation day will feature program presentations by teachers and administrators, a school tour, a short bus ride through the Liberty campus, and 2012-13 kindergarten registration. Each student will also go through a one-on-one pre-kindergarten screening process to determine their level of school readiness with a Liberty staff member.



Registration packets are available to be picked up at the elementary office or may be mailed to you upon request. Contact Kim Wrenchey at 245-3211 x2211 or ktrower@libertysd.us. Potential kindergarten students must turn five on or before September 1 to qualify for registration.

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.

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Upcoming Board Meetings

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

Thursday, May 24

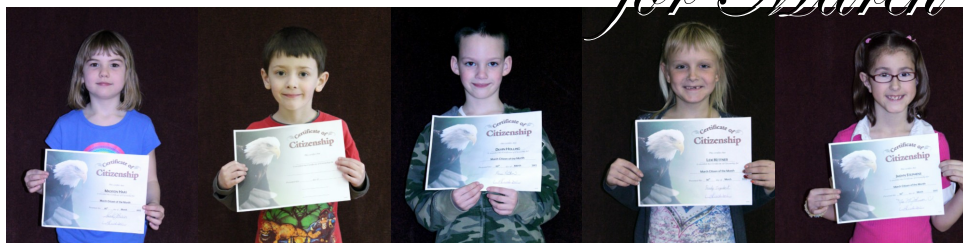
Thursday, June 28

Thursday, July 26

Liberty Elementary & Junior High

Elementary Excellence Awards

for March



Madison Haas

Kerry Schultz

Devin Holling

Lexi Kettner

Jaidyn Stephens



Carson Fisk

Charles
Harrington

Kendyl Fletcher

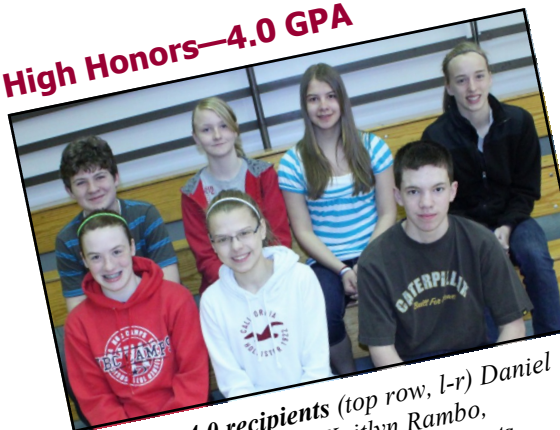
Levi Kettner

Bennett Soliday

Michaela Tee

Junior High Term 3 Excellence Awards

High Honors—4.0 GPA



8th grade 4.0 recipients (top row, l-r) Daniel Hircok, Jodi Carrell, Kaitlyn Rambo, Maggie Nelson, 7th grade 4.0 recipients (bottom row, l-r) Abby Karlis, Madelynn Flaig, Devin Billington

Academic Students of the Quarter



Congratulations to our academic student selections for term 3: 8th grade (shown above, l-r) Kaitlyn Rambo & Kassie Turner, 7th grade (shown below, l-r) Madelynn Flaig, Abby Karlis & Tyler Haas

Honor Roll 3.5-3.99 GPA

8th grade: Nathan Burley, Keith Dumaw, Garrett Green, Meghan Grumbly, Maxwell Johnson, Killian Knecht, Marin Ottmar, Jake Pottratz, Bridgette Roll, Justice Schuman, Jessica Trotter, Cassie Trower, Kassie Turner

7th grade: Elizabeth Brown, Chase Burnham, Thomas Canning, Christine Denny, Kathryn Fairfield, Tyler Haas, Jacob Harrington, Braden House, Allysha Hubbard, Kristin Ince, Haley LeMoine, Justess Neihart, Patrick Paredes, Kiah Schilling, Garrett Spurrell



Liberty High School

E-Report Cards

LHS is going green! In an effort to save our valuable resources, we are encouraging parents to opt-out of receiving hard copies of student report cards by mail. Parents, guardians and students have 24-7 access to grades using the Family Access feature on our website. By reducing the number of hard-copy report cards mailed home, we can save time, money and the environment!

Help us meet our paperless goal by contacting the school office at 509-245-3229, extension 1, or e-mailing Dianna Harrington at dharrington@libertysd.us and let us know that you no longer need a hard copy of your child's report card mailed home. Students will still be given a hard copy on grade reporting day, and you will be notified by e-mail when final grades have been posted online. An opt-out form was included in the term 3 grades which were mailed after spring break.



For more information on grading periods, Family Access, or our new paperless report card system, please contact the high school office at 245-3229, extension 1.

High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE)

All sophomores across Washington State recently took part in HSPE testing for reading and writing. The Math state testing will take place May 22-25. The Science testing will take place May 30, 31 and June 1. Students have been notified as to which math exam they will be taking.

The staff at the high school has done a wonderful job preparing our students for these exams. In August, a retake date will be set for students who were absent or need to retake the HSPE. More information will be out this spring concerning HSPE retakes.

Certified and Classified Employee Weeks

We would like to say thank you all of the staff members here at Liberty High School. School districts across Washington State celebrated Classified Employee Week March 12-16. The week of May 7-11, districts will again celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week.

Without our valuable employees, Liberty School District would not be where it is today. If you have a moment, take time to say thanks to one of our staff members for what they do help all of our students be successful.



Website

You can access the most current information on our website at www.libertysd.us. If you follow the High School link you will find an updated schedule of events along with a brief synopsis of information as to what is taking place at the high school. This is updated weekly—usually on Friday morning. If you have questions about this link or would like something added to the schedule, please contact Mr. Fletcher.

EOC Testing Schedule

Test	When	Time	Who
Algebra I EOC	May 22, 23, 24	9:20-10:15	All students enrolled in Algebra I.
Geometry EOC	May 22, 23, 24	9:20-10:15	All students enrolled in Geometry.
Integrated Algebra	May 22, 23, 24	9:20-10:15	All students enrolled in Integrated Algebra.
Integrated Geometry	May 22, 23, 24	9:20-10:15	All students enrolled in Integrated Geometry.
Year One Make Up	May 25	8:30-11:00	All students who have not passed a math EOC.
Biology EOC	May 30, 31 June 1	8:15-9:15	All 10 th grade students. All students enrolled in Biology.

FFA

Congratulations to our FFA teams for their performances at the Sub-District meet held March 7 at Liberty High School. Liberty qualified the Parliamentary Procedure team as they earned first place. The team members include: Katra Browning, Brittany Breidenbach, Mikayla Cornwall, Courtney Crosby, and Aly Tee. The District event was also held at Liberty on March 23. Those teams who qualified at this competition will move on to the state level held in Pullman on May 9-12.

FFA team pictured at right: (back row l-r) Brittany Breidenbach, Katra Browning, Aly Tee, Macy Cornmesser (front row, l-r) Kate Nelson, Mikayla Cornwall, Ashley King, Courtney Crosby



Robotics

Mr. Kimble and the Yoda Robotics #322 competed at the FIRST Robotics Regional competition at Eastern Washington University on April 6 and 7. The students put in a lot of time and energy to create their robot and compete against other teams in the region for a chance for a trip to the state competition. The Yoda Robotics team finished 33rd out of 49 teams at this year's competition.



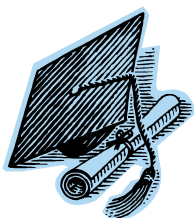
Robotics team members shown at left (l-r): Blake Marsh, Dyllian Flaig, Kyle O'Malley

Bi-County Music

Congratulations to Mr. Cox and our student musicians for their performance at the Bi-County Honor Band concert last month. The following students represented Liberty High School: Gabe Saywers, Ryan Thayer, Marissa Fox, Cassie Fairfield, Shareena McGregor, Brandon Thayer, Zach Fairfield and Stephanie Schilling.



Cassie Fairfield and seven other LHS students performed with the Bi-County Honors Band in March.



Graduation Announcements

Attention all seniors: CE Ward will be in the foyer delivering graduation announcements during lunch on Monday, April 16. Orders can only be picked up if paid-in-full. Final payments are to be paid by Visa, MasterCard (debit or credit), money order or cash. Sorry, no personal checks!