



Sherriff's Corner



Deputy Ron Nye

Liberty School District continues to work closely with the Spokane County Sheriff's office through the school resource deputy program. Deputy Nye has worked with Liberty School District for seven years, and we are excited to see this partnership continue. On a monthly basis Deputy Nye will provide safety information to our community. The topic for February—vehicle theft prevention: During the winter months, most of us don't like getting into a cold car before heading out in the morning. We may go out, start our vehicles, crank up the heat/defroster, and then go back inside for a few minutes while our vehicles warm up. This sounds like a good idea, right? Did you know that a lot of vehicle thefts occur during the winter months because a lot of us have a practice of doing this? Not to mention it's illegal if you park your vehicle on the side of the road or street. You can actually receive a ticket for doing so. Please, don't make yourself an easy target for a vehicle theft. FACT: Spokane is ranked # 4 in the nation for stolen vehicles. That's for cities any size! Remember, crime knows no address.

The Liberty Lancer

February 2013

Message from the Superintendent

Taskforce Reviews District Human Sexuality Curriculum

A taskforce of administrators, teachers, school board members and parents are examining our sex education curriculum provided to students in grades 5-12. For more than two decades the curriculum has never contained information about pregnancy at the younger grades or contraception and gender orientation at any grade level. By law, public schools must provide instruction on HIV/AIDS and blood-borne pathogens to all students in grades 5-12 annually. Local school boards determine what other instruction is given in health classes regarding human sexuality.

The taskforce is reviewing curricular materials from the King County Health Department to determine if the additional information is necessary and would be supported by our conservative rural communities. The program is titled Family Life and Sexual Health, or FLASH. Taskforce members will meet on February 13 to discuss the individual materials and to draft a report to be presented to the school board at its study session at 6pm on Tuesday, February 26, in the elementary library. Parents and other community members are always welcome at all board meetings and study sessions.

The board expects to make a decision regarding broadening the curriculum for the fall of 2013 by its April 25 meeting.

Ed Foster to Retire in June

Following a stellar 36-year career in K-12 education, Ed Foster will sign his last report card in June. Mr. Foster has taught at Liberty his entire career with stints in grades 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9; Ed also served as an assistant football coach at Liberty High School and head football coach at the junior high. At this point in his career, Ed is now teaching children of parents he taught in his first ten years at Liberty.

Ed actually began his career in education as a custodian in the Omak School District. While working at Omak, he met Judy, who was a new teacher. Ed and Judy eventually got married, and she offered to put him through college to become a teacher as well. Ed and Judy began teaching at Liberty in the late 70s...and the rest is history.

Mr. Foster has enjoyed his time at Liberty and considers the staff here as family. When asked what he will miss the most he grinned and said, "Friday....staff room....lunches."

After Mr. Foster's last day in his classroom, he plans to play more golf, go fishing more often, and travel to Seattle to be grandpa every chance he gets. Congratulations, Mr. Foster! We will miss you.



Mr. Foster has taught his entire 36-year career at Liberty.

February 15 to be Used for Snow Make-up Day

Friday, February 15, was originally scheduled as a nonattendance day to allow staff a records and grading day. However, because of our need to cancel school on January 7 due to snow, we will be using the 15th as a snow closure make-up day. March 1 has also been designated as a snow make-up day option but will not be used unless another school closure is necessary.

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

Tuesday, February 26

Thursday, March 28

Thursday, April 25

Thursday, May 23

Thursday, June 27

Liberty Elementary & Junior High

Elementary Excellence Awards

for January



Congratulations to our citizens of the month for January: (back row, l-r) Logan Grumbly, Tyson Kimble, Sam Nelson, Lily Kay, Josh Haas (front row, l-r) Sarah Green, Maren Hymas, Faith Rice, Karley Tieg, Brooke Redder, Octavia Krogstad

Junior High Excellence Awards

Term 2 Honor Roll

8th Grade



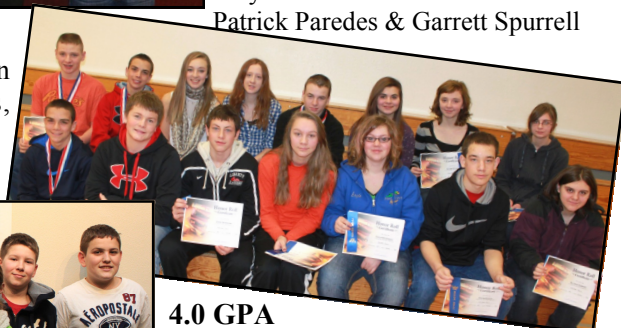
4.0 GPA (Pictured above, l-r)
Kathryn Fairfield, Devin Billington, Abigail Karlis, Madelynne Flaig

7th Grade



3.5-3.99 GPA (Pictured at right, l-r) Anastasiya Pyankova, Angel Adams, Brandon Holling, Isaac Branon, Caroline Nelson, Glen Johnson, Brandi Thieren, Jada Schulken, Marybelle Buck, Heaven Schultz, Emilee Crump, Taz Porter. Not shown: Daysia Feltwell, Lindsay Stern, Brett Watson

3.5-3.99 GPA (Pictured below—back row, l-r) Jacob Harrington, Kyle DeGon, Christine Denny, Elizabeth Brown, Tyler Haas, Amanda Bowman, Autumn Morse, Kristin Ince (front row, l-r) Matt DeGon, Thomas Canning, Chase Burnham, Lyndzi Rich, Kayla Massengale, Dustin Dumaw, Allysha Hubbard. Not shown: Patrick Paredes & Garrett Spurrell



4.0 GPA

(Pictured at left, l-r) Breydon Doubet, Thomas Redder, Austin Rambo, Matthew Burley, Michaela Tee, Savannah Mather, Alec Fletcher, Tyson Schenk. Not shown: Grace Campbell



Academic Students of the Quarter



Congratulations to the students selected by their teachers as Academic Students of 2nd Quarter: Kristin Ince, Marybelle Buck, Abigail Karlis, Austin Rambo.

K-8 Dates to Remember	
FEBRUARY	
4-13	MAP Testing, Grades 1-8
11	2-Hour Late Start
12	8th Grade X-Country Ski Trip
14	Valentine's Day Elem. Parties & JH Dance
15	Snow Closure Make-Up Day (Regular school day)
18	Presidents' Day—No School
20	Dad's Donut Day, 8:05-8:30am
22	Read-A-Thon Kickoff

Calling All Actors and Actresses



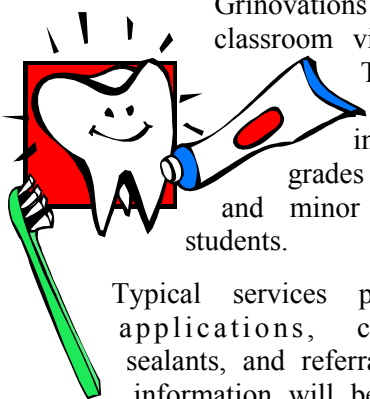
For the ninth consecutive year, Liberty Jr. Boosters is partnering with Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) to bring an entertaining theatrical presentation of "Beauty Lou and the Country Beast" on-site to showcase our talented students.

Students in grades K-8 are invited to stay after school on Monday, March 18, to audition for a part in this year's play. Professional actors from Missoula Children's Theatre will conduct the audition and independently select students for age-appropriate roles as well as serve as mentors throughout the week. If selected for a part, a student must be able to attend all daily rehearsals March 18-22 occurring either right after school or during the evening hours. Students and parents alike have previously described this MCT week as busy, exciting and well worth the experience.

After a week of hard work, students will entertain audience members with their performance in the High School gym on Friday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m. You will be amazed at the show the kids put on with just a few days of rehearsing. A nominal entrance fee will be charged at the door, and after the play everyone is invited to stop by the High School Home Ec Room to support the Band Boosters' ice cream social.

Permission slips and additional information will circulate to students in early March. If you have any questions before then or would like to volunteer to help out, feel free to contact Connie Grumbly at cgrumbly94@gmail.com or (509) 951-9344.

Grinovations Dental Van to Return



Grinovations will return to Liberty for classroom visitations on February 20. This non-profit organization provides dental care instruction for the elementary grades as well as free screenings and minor dental care for Liberty students.

Typical services provided include fluoride applications, cleanings, protective sealants, and referrals to local dentists. More information will be sent home with students after their first visit on February 20.

Liberty Students Raise \$950 for the American Heart Association

Liberty students started National Heart Month off in style by wearing red on February 1.

"Rock the Beat" t-shirts were sold for \$10 each as a fundraiser for the American Heart Association, and the students raised



Students wear "Rock the Beat" t-shirts for National Wear Red day.

over \$950 in donations for a great cause.

Liberty High School

Second Semester

We have concluded our first semester for the 2012-13 school year. All students at Liberty have done an outstanding job of learning throughout the first two quarters. Below you will find the first semester honor roll. Students of the second quarter are: Justice Schuman, Alaina Curl, Breanna Thieren and Lynnzie Paulson. Cassandra Sperlich, Lily Marsh, Blake Marsh and Daniel Hircock all had perfect attendance for the first semester. The ASB selected Mr. Hammond as teacher of the quarter. Congratulations to all of our students.

Students of the Quarter



Breanna Thieren, Lynnzie Paulson and Justice Schuman. Not pictured: Alaina Curl

Perfect Attendance



Blake Marsh, Daniel Hircock, Cassandra Sperlich and Lillie Marsh

Teacher of the Quarter



Mr. Hammond

Liberty High School Honor Roll, Semester 1, January 2013

Honor Roll

4.0 GPA

Grade 12: Cassandra Sperlich

Grade 11: Katherine Nelson, Alyssa Tee, Ryan Thayer

Grade 10: Shareena McGregor

Grade 9: Daniel Hircock



3.5 – 3.99 GPA

Grade 12: Cameron Bentley, Brittany Breidenbach, Holly Cockle, Mikayla Cornwall, Cassandra Fairfield, Marissa Fox, Alaina Hammond, Kylee Hodgson, Danielle Hollenbeck, Aaron Jennen, Devin Knecht, Zachary Kunkel, Matt Marcure, Kyle O'Malley, Lynnzie Paulson, Ashland Reed, Peter Schaffner, Kaitlin St. Pierre, Kaitlyn Turnbough

Grade 11: Johnathan Adams, Bronwyn Doubet, Dyllian Flaig, Derek Green, Tami Jenkins, Blake Marsh, Emily Mumby, Joseph Ryan-Huotari, Gabriel Saywers, Stephanie Schilling, Alex Schuerer, Jordyn Soliday, Katherine Stern, Breanna Thieren, Kelsey Weeks, Shealene Wheeler, Mikayla Wilson

Grade 10: Abigail Brown, Match Burnham, Alaina Curl, Jacob Kasinger, Keith Raab

Grade 9: Nathaniel Burley, Jodi Carrell, Keith Dumaw, Garrett Green, Meghan Grumbly, Maxwell Johnson, Killian Knecht, Margaret Nelson, Jacob Pottratz, Kaitlyn Rambo, Bridgette Roll, Justice Schuman

3.0 -3.49 GPA

Grade 12: Jesse Baird, Jenna Galler, Bryanna Gemmell, Samantha Kelley, Alberto Kimball, Thomas Weeks

Grade 11: Reese Anderson, Thania Clark, Robert Covey, Faith Curry, Harmony Duke, Lynnsey Kelley, Emily Lehman, Douchka Malaval, Katelyn Marcure, Kelsey McGregor, Cassandra Russell, Austin Sievers

Grade 10: Meagan Bennett, Eric Erickson, Kain Feltwell, Kyle King, Jack Simmons, Walker Struble, Alysha Thomas

Grade 9: Ryan Campbell, Spencer Fox, Kaleb Hafner, Marin Ottmar, Jordan Szep, Jessica Trotter

Website

A reminder to all, 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.

VFW Essay Contest Winner



Congratulations to Shareena McGregor for writing the winning essay for the Veterans of Foreign Wars essay contest. Shareena's essay was selected by our local VFW Post. Shareena will enter the State competition with the opportunity for her essay to move on to the National level. Best of luck, Shareena!

High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE)

All sophomores across Washington State will take part in the High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) test for reading and writing in March. The writing test is a two-day test that will take place March 12 and 13. The reading test will be administered March 14. The Science and Math tests have moved to an End of Course Exam (EOC). These EOCs will be taken the last three weeks of the second semester. Students will be notified as to which math exam they will be taking. Our staff at the high school continues to do an excellent 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 reading or writing HSPE.

Test	When	Time	Who
HSPE Writing	March 12 and 13	8:30-11:30	All 10 th grade students. All 11 th and 12 th students who have not passed writing.
HSPE Reading	March 14	8:30-11:30	All 10 th grade students. All 11 th and 12 th students who have not passed reading.

Science Bowl



Mr. Martin has organized the first-ever science bowl team at Liberty High School. Each week the team practices during lunch working together to answer science trivia questions and increase their general overall knowledge about science. On February 2, the members competed against other schools from around the area at the regional event held at Whitworth University.

Science Bowl Team pictured at right (l-r): Gabe Saywers, Ryan Thayer, Blake Marsh and Frank James. Not pictured: Shareena McGregor



Lancer Wrestling

February brings out the best for our wrestlers at Liberty. Walker Struble, Elijah Leathers, Kaleb Hafner, Kevin Winder and Kain Feltwell make up the Lancer Wrestling team, led by head coach Adam Thies and assistants Rick Mumby and Matt Hafner. Managers Jesse Baird, Harmony Duke, and Emily Mumby are also an important part of the team. Kain is looking to make his second trip to the Mat Classic again this year, which takes place February 15 and 16 at the Tacoma Dome. The regional wrestling tournament will be held February 8 and 9 in Reardan. We wish the best of luck to our wrestlers.



Wrestlers shown at left (l-r): Manager Jesse Baird, Walker Struble, Kevin Winder. Not pictured: Kaleb Hafner, Kain Feltwell, Elijah Leathers

Prom

As we head into spring, that means Prom is right around the corner. Once again this year the Prom will be held at Fairchild Air Force Base on March 16. If you are planning on attending the Prom, please pick up paperwork from Ms. Whittall. Prom tickets are currently on sale at the high school office. The paperwork must be filled out and turned in when you purchase the tickets. There will be no late sales for Prom tickets, and all tickets and paperwork must be turned in by Friday, February 8.



Upcoming Events



FEBRUARY

- 6 FBLA conference
- 8 Last day to purchase prom tickets
- 11 2-Hour Late Start
- 18 Presidents' Day—No School
- 19 ASVAB test
- 21 College color day
- 22 Mid-term grading day
- 23 Spanish Club spaghetti feed, Spangle S.C.
- 25 Spring sports begin