Message from the Superintendent  

March 2012

Thank You Liberty Community

The Liberty voters passed our maintenance and operations and technology levies to run for the next three years. The M&O levy passed at 56 percent and the technology levy at 57 percent. The State of Washington passed a constitutional amendment four years ago to allow for simple majority rules to apply in school levy elections. A 60 percent supermajority still applies to all bond measures.

The passage of our levies will provide the necessary funding to continue to support smaller class sizes, art, music, Spanish, kindergarten instruction beyond state funding level, updated hardware/software and other related technologies, buildings/grounds maintenance, utilities, student activities including athletic programs, and the activity buses.

The Liberty staff and students would like to thank our voters for maintaining a strong level of support for education in our communities.

Classified Employee Week  
March 12-16

Washington State will be honoring all classified school employees the week of March 12-16. Classified employees include bus drivers, cooks, custodians, groundskeepers, mechanics, office assistants, paraeducators, and secretaries. If you have appreciated one or more of Liberty’s classified employees working with your child, please consider sending them a thank you note at the school district address below.

Liberty Competes for Two Grant Opportunities

District administrators are working diligently to land two grants to improve energy efficiency and rebuild the Lancer baseball field.

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction is offering competitive energy grants up to $1,000,000 primarily to school districts who have not received this type of grant within the past five years. We have applied to receive approximately $260,000 in energy improvements centered mostly in lighting upgrades. If the grant is awarded to the district, we will be changing out the lighting in both gymnasiums as well as all old florescent bulb fixtures in classrooms and office spaces. Energy savings in lighting costs alone will save the district over $15,000 per year. The grant will also help the district change out antiquated HVAC controls and replace several older groundwater heat pumps.

The district has also applied for a $15,000 grant through Wilbur-Ellis to make some major upgrades to the baseball field. If awarded, the grant will help Liberty replace the aging backstop, safety fencing, and dugouts. School officials have a master plan to someday move the football field and track to the east corner of the campus to solve the safety problem with track and baseball practicing in the same space. A new track would also allow the high school and junior high to host meets at home for the first time in the history of the school.

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Congratulations to our Citizens of the Month for February: (top, l-r) Brett Watson, Thomas Redder, Kenzie DeShazer, Brayden Allen, Catherine Brown, (bottom, l-r) Leo Selke, Jade Garcia, Sophia Pyankova, Brooke Redder, Trevin Kimble, Logan Kettner

Reading Awards
The students pictured to the left earned their Reading Awards for February.
(Not pictured: Jacob Enzler)

Math Awards
Congratulations to our Math Award recipients for February: (back, l-r) Jacob Holling, Jacqueline Turner, Jon Denny, Charlie Johnson, Annie Karlis, Marisa Johnson, (front l-r) Ethan Kimball, Madison Haas, Alexandria White, Hayden Tee, Damon Thieren, Josh Haas (Not pictured: Jackson Wilson)

Upcoming Events
Springtime brings an increase in activities for our students. Here are some exciting upcoming events; please check the calendar at www.LibertySD.us for more!

3/12-16 *Missoula Children’s Theatre @ Liberty. See “The Pied Piper” Friday, March 16, at 7pm in the HS gym, followed by the ice cream sundae band fundraiser
3/23 *“Race to Read” Read-A-Thon closing assembly, 2:40pm
3/26 *First day of practice for junior high spring sports
• Grades 5-12 band concert, 7:00pm in the High School Gym
3/30 *Elementary awards assembly
• End of 3rd quarter—Jr. High academic and athletic awards & ASB pep rally
4/2-6 *Spring break—NO SCHOOL
2nd Quarter Honor Roll

The first semester honor roll has been released, and the following students were presented with certificates of achievement at our academic assembly last month.

**4.0**

**3.5 – 3.99**

**3.0 – 3.49**

Students of the Quarter

Recently teachers at the high school nominated the following students for Student of the Quarter. Freshmen: Kyle King, Shareena McGregor, and Emilee Shinkle. Sophomores: Derek Green, Lynnnsey Kelly, Austin Sievers, Aly Tee, Ryan Thayer, and Stephanie Schilling. Juniors: Cassie Fairfield, Alberto Kimball, Kyle O’Malley, and Ashland Reed. Seniors: Zach Fairfield, Shawn Peterson, and Chad Reisenauer. Congratulations to Emilee Shinkle, Derek Green, Austin Sievers, Ashland Reed, and Shawn Peterson, who were selected as Students of the Quarter. Each student was awarded a plaque for this accomplishment.

Employee of the Quarter

Congratulations to Parrish Reedy and Trisha Chambers for being selected as Employee of the Quarter for the first and second quarters. Both of these teachers were selected by the Liberty High ASB for their work and dedication to the students at Liberty. Each quarter the ASB recognizes outstanding staff members. Trisha Chambers and Parrish Reedy were selected by the ASB as Employee of the Quarter for first and second quarters respectively.

Driver’s Education

911 Driving School will be offering a spring semester class at Liberty High School. Classes are held at Liberty in the morning prior to school starting. This is set to begin April 9 and will end May 18. For more information about this program, please contact 911 Driving School at 324-0911.
FBLA

Ms. Whittall and the Future Business Leaders of America recently participated in the annual District competition. Liberty High School had an outstanding competition qualifying 14 students for the state event in April. Here is a list of students and the events in which they will be competing:

- **Banking & Financial Systems**—4th place: Kyle O’Malley, Ryan Thayer, and Gabe Saywers
- **Business Presentation**—4th place: Harmony Duke, Emily Lehman, and Jordyn Soliday
- **Intro to Parliamentary Procedure**—1st place: Aly Tee, 2nd place: Kate Nelson
- **Parliamentary Procedure**—4th place: Macy Cornmesser, Brittany Breidenbach, Mikayla Cornwall, Aly Tee, and Katra Browning
- **Personal Finance**—4th place: Shareena McGregor
- **Word Processing I**—2nd place: Aly Tee
- **Word Processing II**—1st place: Harry Hughes

Skills Center

Liberty High School sends 12 students each day to the Skills Center in Spokane. These students learn first-hand about career and technical education fields with hands-on learning experiences. Students are enrolled in many classes, including auto body, auto mechanics, welding, culinary arts, and cosmetology.

Congratulations to Kristin Butler who won the regional competition for auto body. Kristin will compete in April at the State competition where she will have the opportunity to qualify for the National event.

XtheTXT

Thank you to the Liberty Booster Club, All State Insurance, and Hodgson & Associates for sponsoring the XtheTXT Challenge. This event raised awareness of the dangers of texting while driving. Students, staff, parents, and community members were encouraged to take the XtheTXT pledge. The event was a large success and raised just over $1,500 for the Liberty Booster Club.

Ag Issues

Congratulations to Mr. Kimble and the Ag Issues team for their recent second place finish at the District competition. The Lancers have qualified for the State Convention on May 10-12 in Pullman. Team members include Ashley King, Aly Tee, Macy Cornmesser, Danielle Crosby, Mikayla Cornwall, and Brittany Breidenbach.
Winterfest

A big thank you to our ASB officers Jacob Schmauch, Cody Erickson, Keegan Sugimura, Danielle Crosby, and Katra Browning for putting on an excellent winter spirit week. It was an exciting time to see so many students get involved and make Liberty High School a fun place to learn. Congratulations to Dylan Salsbury, Courtney Crosby, Rachel Conklin, and Alberto Kimball for earning the royalty awards for the week.

Knight Athletics

Liberty Knights Boys’ Basketball Finishes First in Bi-County

The Liberty Knights boys’ basketball team finished first in the Bi-County Junior High League with a record of 10-1. The Knights dropped their only loss to Almira/Coulee/Hartline at Almira, although the boys finished the season at home vs. ACH with a solid victory. These young players will become the strength of the Lancer high school program over the next two years, where we expect to see post-season play including the state tournament. Coach Degenhart was very pleased with the performance of his teams in his first season as head coach and attributed much of their success to hard work, AAU competitions, and direction from Lancer head coach Mike Thacker.

Lancer Athletics

Senior Girl Athlete of the Month
Katra Browning

Katra Browning has attended Liberty schools from kindergarten through her current senior year. She has participated in volleyball, basketball, softball, and track & field. Katra considers volleyball her favorite sport. Katra’s favorite memories while participating in sports are of all the away bus trips and spending time with her teammates. She plans to attend Spokane Falls Community College while continuing her career as a volleyball athlete at the same school. Katra plans to focus on pre-medicine and hopes to pursue a career as a coroner. Katra is the daughter of Dean and Kynda Browning of Fairfield.

Senior Boy Athlete of the Month
Brandon Thayer

Brandon Thayer has attended Liberty schools from kindergarten through his current senior year. He has participated in football, basketball, baseball and track and field. Brandon considers football his favorite sport. He has displayed many forms of leadership this past school year. One of Brandon’s favorite memories is running towers and pulling the weighted sled behind him. After graduating from Liberty, Brandon plans to attend college, possibly Stanford University. He plans on working toward a degree in reusable energy engineering. Brandon is the son of Art and Julie Thayer of Spangle.