



Read-A-Thon Off and Running

The 2012 Read-A-Thon is off to a powerful start with over 251,352 minutes on the books for an average of 880 minutes per student in grades K-8. Classroom daily winners thus far have been 8th-Jydstrup, 8th-Redell, 6th-Foster, 5th/6th-Fuchs, 5th Bresnahan, 1st/2nd-Degenhart, KB-Mather. The next dress-up theme day will be "Racing Under the Lights" (pajama day) on Friday, March 9.

Liberty's all-time Read-A-Thon record stands at 357,533—which is well within reach with two weeks left to go. The closing awards assembly will occur Friday, March 23, at 2:40 in the Elementary/Junior High gym.

Let's RACE TO READ!



(l-r) Sarah Burley, Elizabeth Denny, Ava Budde and Kenzie Barta gear up for the 2012 Read-A-Thon. This year's theme is "Race to Read."

The Liberty Lancer

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.

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.

March 2012

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Upcoming Board Meetings

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

Tuesday, March 27

Thursday, April 26

Thursday, May 24

Thursday, June 28

Thursday, July 26

Liberty Elementary & Junior High

Elementary Excellence Awards

for February



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

Liberty High 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.

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Grade 12: Katra Browning, Brandon Thayer, Salena Wernz. *Grade 11:* Harry Hughes, III, Cassandra Sperlich. *Grade 10:* Katherine Nelson, Alyssa Tee, Ryan Thayer. *Grade 9:* Shareena McGregor.

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Grade 12: Rachel Conklin, Nathan Goulding, Melony Lindquist, Shawn Peterson, Chad Reisenauer, Ashley Roecks, Keegan Sugimura, Bianca Thiers, Justin Turnbough. *Grade 11:* Cameron Bentley, Brittany Breidenbach, Holly Cockle, Mikayla Cornwall, Cassandra Fairfield, Marissa Fox, Jessica House, Alberto Kimball, Devin Knecht, Zachary Kunkel, Matt Marcure, Dylan Mustard, Michael Nazworthy, Lynnzie Paulson, Ashland Reed, Kaitlin St. Pierre. *Grade 10:* Johnathan Adams, Reese Anderson, Thania Clark, Macy Commesser, Dyllian Flaig, Derek Green, Lynnsey Kelley, Blake Marsh, Kelsey McGregor, Emily Mumby, Kelly Nichols, Cassandra Russell, Gabriel Saywers, Stephanie Schilling, Alexandra Schuerer, Jordyn Soliday, Katherine Stern, Kelsey Weeks, Mikayla Wilson. *Grade 9:* Abigail Brown, Match Burnham, Alaina Curl, Tanner Moyer, Keith Raab.

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Grade 12: Samuel Bailey, Jocelyn Baump, Courtney Crosby, Danielle Crosby, Trevor Curry, Cody Erickson, Madeline Kay, Ashley King, Dylan Salisbury, Jacob Schmauch, Andrew Thies. *Grade 11:* Jesse Baird, Alaina Hammond, Danielle Hollenbeck, Gage Hughes, Samantha Kelley, Kyle O'Malley, Darien Rhoads, Kaitlyn Turnbough, TJ Weeks. *Grade 10:* Robert Covey, Harmony Duke, Emily Lehman, Valory Oien, Joseph Ryan-Huotari, Morgan Schafer-Martensen, Breanna Thieren, Shealene Wheeler. *Grade 9:* Tucker Carey, Kain Feltwell, Kyle King, Jack Simmons, Derek Smith.

Lancer pride!

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, Lynnsey 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.



Students of the Quarter for 2nd quarter (l-r): Austin Sievers, Derek Green, Ashland Reed, Emilee Shinkle & Shawn Peterson

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 School ASB for their hard work and dedication to the students at Liberty. Each quarter the ASB will recognize one of our 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

(l-r) Ryan Thayer, Kyle O'Malley & Gabe Saywers placed 4th in Banking & Financial Systems



(l-r) Harmony Duke, Jordyn Soliday & Emily Lehman placed 4th in Business Presentation



(l-r) Kate Nelson placed 2nd & Aly Tee placed 1st in Intro to Parliamentary Procedure



(l-r) Mikayla Cornwall, Katra Browning, Aly Tee & Macy Cornmesser placed 4th in Parliamentary Procedure

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.



Kristin Butler

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.



The Ag Issues team made a presentation to the Spangle Town Council in January.

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.

2012 Knights Varsity Basketball: (back, l-r)

Coach Randy Degenhart, Garrett Green, Thomas Canning, Keith Dumaw, Marcus Hammond, Cole Soliday, Coach Trever Anderson, (middle, l-r) Jake Pottratz, Nathan Burley, Chase Burnham, Patrick Paredes, Tyler Haas, (front, l-r) Managers Lillian Marsh & Jessica Trotter

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.