



## Human Sexuality Curriculum Review

The taskforce evaluating the human sexuality curriculum for grades 7-12 continues to review the curricular materials from King County Health titled "Family Life and Sexual Health." The group—comprised of teachers, administrators, the school nurse, parents and board members—will give a report on their findings at the March 28 board meeting.

The primary goal of the taskforce is to make a recommendation to the board as to whether instruction should be provided to junior high and high school students on methods of contraception and gender identification. The primary discussion focus has been around who should be responsible for this type of instruction—the school or families? If families do not take this responsibility, what happens to those students with no information at all?

The school board is prepared to render a decision on or before its regular May meeting.

# The Liberty Lancer

March 2013

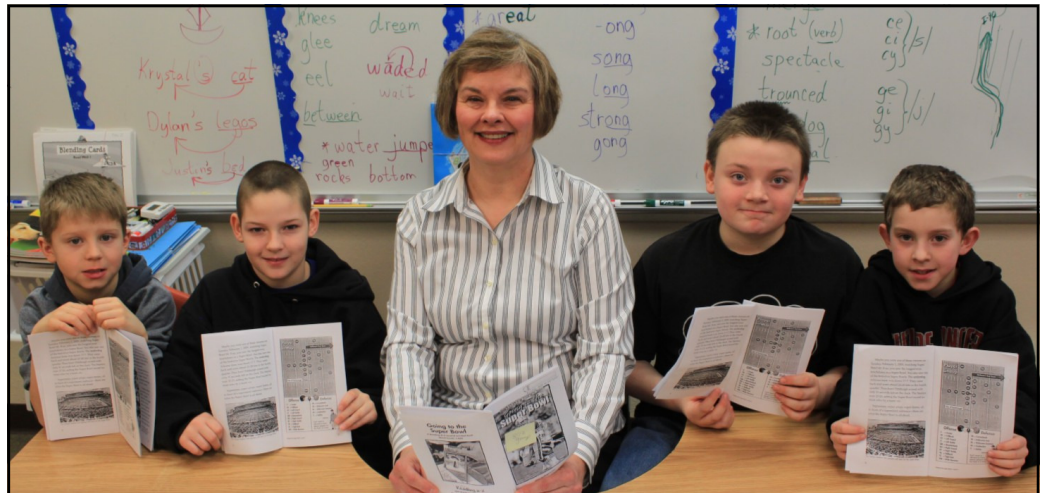
## Message from the Superintendent

### Liberty's Technology Program Honored by Local ESD

Liberty School District was honored by the Northeast Washington Educational Service District (ESD) for partnering with the community to develop a state-of-the-art technology program for students.

A technology levy run every three years provides the district with funding to keep our servers, computers, monitors, labs and instructional technology up-to-date and in good working order. The state does not provide any funding for technology, so districts must ask their local communities to help provide additional funding sources. To-date, Liberty schools have three computer labs, one laptop mobile lab, a computer assisted drafting lab, and an iPad lab in the elementary school. Late last month technology director Parrish Reedy was able to connect the schools with fiber optics through a wireless system that connects a receiver transmitter on our water tower with a Tower Mountain internet source. This new system has doubled our internet speed and widened bandwidth.

### Mrs. Foster Announces Retirement



Mrs. Foster is shown working with a 3rd grade reading group. She will be retiring after 41 years in education—38 of which she has spent at Liberty.

After 41 years of providing exemplary instruction to students of Eastern Washington, Judy Foster has announced her retirement effective at the end of the school year. Mrs. Foster began her career teaching in the Omak School District in 1972 and three years later transferred to Liberty where she has remained for the past 38 years. During her tenure, Judy has taught grades 2-4 and currently is responsible for the Title I reading program and the Learning Assistance Program for math in grades 5-8. Few educators can be credited with teaching 41 years, and even fewer with teaching with as much passion, drive and enthusiasm in year 41 as she did in her first year.

When asked what she will miss most about teaching she quickly stated, "Working with children and watching them grow in their reading skill." Judy will still have contact with children after her retirement, but it will be in the context of grandma instead of Mrs. Foster. Judy has two grandchildren whom she plans to spoil at the highest level.

# 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, March 28

Thursday, April 25

Thursday, May 23

Thursday, June 27

## State Board of Education Achievement Index Gives Liberty Positive Marks

The State Board of Education recently released its controversial Achievement Index, which rates schools based on student achievement from the annual MSP and HSPE assessments. The index rates schools in four areas: low-income student achievement, non-low-income student achievement, achievement vs. peers, and improvement from the previous year.

Liberty High School is rated in tier 5 as exemplary based on the HSPE assessments of the current junior class. The elementary/junior high is rated in tier 3 as good based on MSP assessments from last year's 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Further information can be gathered by following the link below:

<https://eds.ospi.k12.wa.us/WAI/IndexReport>

## Liberty School Board Considers Sharing Superintendent

The Liberty School Board is in the process of considering sharing a superintendent with the Rosalia School District. Rosalia approached a board member recently to discuss the possibilities and has requested the services of the ESD superintendent to negotiate an agreement between the two school districts. No decision has yet been made.

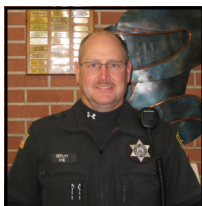
Questions or concerns may be directed to Bill Motsenbocker at (509) 245-3211, ext. 2213.



## Classified Employees Week, March 11-15

Governor Jay Inslee has declared March 11-15 as Classified School Employee week. Classified employees are involved in nearly every aspect of education—maintaining buildings and grounds, preparing and serving meals, keeping school facilities clean and orderly, assisting in the classrooms, safe transportation, providing a secure and healthy environment, and many other specialized services. These dedicated individuals deserve recognition and thanks for the outstanding work they do for Liberty School District. Thank you, classified employees, we appreciate your dedication to the students at Liberty.

## Sheriff'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 March: **Distracted Driving**.

*Distracted driving is anything a person does while driving a motor vehicle that takes their attention away from the task of driving. Did you know that in the state of Washington it is illegal to drive and talk (holding it to your ear) or text on your cell phone while driving? Did you know that you can be stopped and cited for driving and talking, sending, reading, or writing a text on your cell phone (\$124)?*

*Distracted driving is most deadly for people age 20 and younger. Our kids think they can't survive without their cell phones. The truth of the matter is, our kids are more likely to survive if they don't use their cell phones while driving. Forty percent of all American teens said they have been in a car when the driver used a cell phone in a way that put people in danger. We all want our kids to be safe when we send them out into the world. Help to eliminate at least a couple of the issues facing our kids today. Talk to your child about the dangers of cell phone use while driving.*



# Liberty Elementary & Junior High

## Elementary Excellence Awards

for February



Congratulations to our citizens of the month for February: (top, l-r) Mitchell Hanegan, Tagen Olson, Jackson Hymas, Sawyer Olson, Annah Schulken, Amelia Suksdorf, (bottom, l-r) Annika Tee, Samson Vincini, Charles Harrington, Charlie Johnson, Levi Kettner

## Read-A-Thon Kicks Off with a Gold Rush Theme

The elementary & junior high kicked off its 2013 Read-a-Thon campaign with a "Going for the Gold" theme on Friday, February 22. Students are encouraged to read outside of school and to record their reading time with parent signature each day. All students who read 600 minutes or more will earn a free pass to Silverwood Theme Park.



The Read-A-Thon will run through March 25, and students will turn in minutes to their homeroom teacher daily. Last year students broke the all-time record for most minutes read with a grand total of 417,218 minutes, or an average of about 24 hours of reading per student over the course of the Read-A-Thon.

Pictured at left: Guest gold miners Lynn Wichman, Dodie Carr and Shooter the burro lent authenticity to the "Going for the Gold" theme at the opening assembly.

K-8 Dates to Remember	
MARCH	
1	No SCHOOL (unused snow day)
5	8th Grade NAEP Testing
7	Bi-County Academic Contest
10	Daylight Saving Begins
12	Pacific Science Center Exhibits
18	2-Hour Late Start
18-22	Missoula Children's Theater
20	1st Day of Spring
22	MCT Performance, 7pm
25	Read-A-Thon Ends
	Grades 5-12 Band Concert, 7pm
29	End of 3rd Quarter
31	Easter

Below: Mrs. Bresnahan and a group of students display the gold nugget trophy that will travel among top-reading classrooms.



## Liberty High School

### Driver's Education

911 Driving School will be offering a spring semester class at Liberty High School. Classes will be held in the morning prior to school starting. The spring session is set to begin April 8 and will end May 17.

For more information about this program, please contact 911 Driving School at 509-324-0911.

### Ag Issues

Congratulations to Mr. Kimble and the Ag Issues team for their recent first place finish at the Sub District and District competitions. The Lancers have qualified for the State Convention on May 9-11 in Pullman. Team members pictured at right are: (l-r) Mikayla Cornwall, Brittany Breidenbach, Kyle O'Malley, Ryan Thayer, Aly Tee, Blake Marsh and Macy Cornmesser. The topic for 2012-13 is Upgrading the P&L Shortline Railroad.



## Concurrent Enrollment



Beginning in the 2013-14 school year, Liberty High School will offer Running Start through Eastern Washington University. Students will have an opportunity to earn college and high school credit by enrolling simultaneously in Eastern's concurrent enrollment program. An English 101 class will be offered to our senior English students. Spanish 103 and 113 will be offered to students enrolled in Liberty's Spanish 3 and 4 classes.

While many Running Start options require high school students to attend classes on the college campus, the Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP) brings the Eastern Washington University class to the high school campus. In order to achieve this, the high school teacher is supported in teaching the EWU course, and students have access to the EWU Library and Writers' Center while they are enrolled. Like the traditional Running Start model, students earn credit toward graduation from high school as well as credit for a college course at the same time; students do not need to take additional coursework to be awarded credit in both settings. In addition, these courses, like other Running Start courses, are available to students tuition-free. For additional information, please contact the high school office.

## 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 will be administered as an End of Course Exam (EOC). In August, a retake date will be set for students who were absent or need to retake the reading or writing HSPE.

Our staff at the high school continues to do an excellent job preparing our students for these exams.

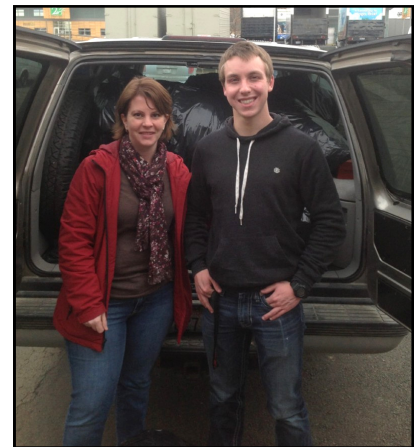
### Liberty High School HSPE and EOC Testing Schedule

Test	When	Time	Who
HSPE Writing	March 12 and 13	8:30-11:30	All 10 <sup>th</sup> grade students. All 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> students who have not passed writing.
HSPE Reading	March 14	8:30-11:30	All 10 <sup>th</sup> grade students. All 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> students who have not passed reading.
Algebra I EOC	May 21	8:30-11:30	All students enrolled in Algebra I
Integrated Algebra EOC	May 22	8:30-11:30	All students enrolled in Integrated Algebra
Biology EOC	May 23	8:30-11:30	All 10 <sup>th</sup> grade students All students enrolled in Biology
Integrated Geometry EOC	May 29	8:30-11:30	All students enrolled in Integrated Geometry
Geometry EOC	May 30	8:30-11:30	All students enrolled in Geometry

## National Honor Society

The National Honor Society has been busy this year! Under the direction of Mrs. Chambers, the group of over 30 students established three main community service goals for 2012-13 and has already achieved two of them. They recently collected clothing donations from Liberty families and friends and delivered over 20 large full bags to the Union Gospel Mission. They also held a holiday food drive, and donations were given to the Spangle Food Bank. The third goal is to give personal time and volunteer for an afternoon at a local soup kitchen or homeless shelter. It is still being planned, and the group hopes to fulfill this commitment in April.

What else is in the works? The NHS hosts a semi-annual blood drive through the Inland Northwest Blood Center, and the next scheduled date is in May. Watch the district calendar for an update! Also, please join us in honoring new inductees on March 14 at 6:30 in the High School cafeteria. You can contact Mrs. Chambers for information about any of these events.



*Mrs. Chambers & NHS member  
Kyle O'Malley.*



## Academic State Champs

Congratulations to the Lancer Winter Cheer squad who are the 2012-13 WIAA/Dairy Farmers of Washington/Les Schwab Tires Winter Team Academic State Champions for the 2B Cheer classification with a collective GPA of 3.713.

Members of this squad include Holly Cockle, Douchka Malaval, Abby Brown, Bridgette Roll, and Shareena McGregor. Head coach for the Lancer Winter Cheer Squad is Leona Budde, and she is assisted by Suzanne Holling.



*The LHS Winter Cheer Squad earned the Academic State Championship with a combined GPA of 3.713.*

## Lancer Wrestling

February brought out the best in our wrestlers. Kaleb Hafner and Kain Feltwell both competed in the WIAA Mat Classic in Tacoma last month. Kaleb finished with a record of 1-2 and took 5<sup>th</sup> place. Kain made his second state appearance, finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the second-straight year. Over the last two years, Kain has lost just four matches, two of which came at the state tournament.

Congratulations to the wrestling team on a successful season!



*Kain Feltwell placed 2nd at state for the 2nd-straight year.*



*Kaleb Hafner placed 5th in his first appearance at state.*

## Upcoming Events



### MARCH

- 1 NO SCHOOL**  
**Regional Knowledge Bowl @ Whitworth**
- 6 FFA Sub-District @ Liberty**
- 8 English 101 Placement Exam**
- 12 HSPE Writing Exam**
- 13 HSPE Writing Exam**
- 14 HSPE Reading Exam**  
**NHS Induction Ceremony, 6:30pm**
- 16 Prom**
- 18 2-Hour Late Start**
- 19 2013-14 Class Scheduling**
- 21 College Color Day**  
**Robotics @ CWU**
- 22 Missoula Children's Theatre Performance**  
**Robotics @ CWU**
- 23 Robotics @ CWU**
- 25 Band Concert, 7:00pm**
- 27 FFA District @ Liberty**
- 29 End of 3rd Quarter**

## FBLA

Ms. Whittall and the Future Business Leaders of America recently participated in their annual Regional competition. Liberty High School had an outstanding competition qualifying 16 students for the state event in Spokane, April 24-27. Here is a list of the events and students who qualified to compete at the state level:



*Banking and Financial Systems (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) - Gabe Saywers, Kyle O'Malley, Ryan Thayer (pictured at left, l-r)*

*Business Presentation (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)*

*Harmony Duke, Emily Lehman, Kelsey Weeks*

*Future Business Leader (4<sup>th</sup> Place) - Katie Stern*

*Help Desk (4<sup>th</sup> Place) - Bridgette Roll*

*Introduction to Business (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) - Bridgette Roll*

*Introduction to Parli Pro (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) - Kaitlyn Rambo*

*Parli Pro (3<sup>rd</sup> Place) - Brittany Breidenbach, Kaitlyn Rambo, Aly Tee, Mikalya Cornwall, Macy Cornmesser*

*Personal Finance (3<sup>rd</sup> Place) - Shareena McGregor*

*Sports Management (4<sup>th</sup> Place) - Katie Stern*

*Spreadsheet (5<sup>th</sup> Place) - Jack Simmons*

*Word Processing 2 (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) - Aly Tee*