



Missoula Children's Theatre

For the 10th consecutive year, Liberty Jr. Boosters is partnering with Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) to bring an entertaining theatrical presentation of **Treasure Island** on-site to showcase our talented students. Students in grades K-12 are invited to stay after school on Monday, March 10, to audition for a part in this year's play. If selected for a part, a student must be able to attend all daily rehearsals March 10th-14th either right after school or during the evening hours. After a week of hard work, students will entertain audience members with their performance in the high school gym on **Friday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m.**

You will be amazed at the show the students are able to put on in just a few short days. After the play, everyone is invited to stop by the high school home ec. room to support the Band Boosters' ice cream social.



If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help out, please contact Jr. Boosters president Tanya Reedy at (509) 448-3598 or jazztanya4@hotmail.com.

The Liberty Lancer

Message from the Superintendent

March 2014

Lancer Wrestling State Champions



Matt DeGon, Kain Feltwell, Kaleb Hafner & Kyle DeGon

February brought out the best for our high school wrestlers! Kaleb Hafner and Kain Feltwell both were individual state champions at the WIAA Mat Classic in Tacoma last month. Kaleb wrestled in the 132-lb. weight class, while Kain competed in the 126-lb. group. Matt and Kyle DeGon competed in the 106-lb. bracket; they competed against each other in a loser-out contest, and Matt went on to take third place in his weight class. The

Lancer wrestling team finished fourth as a group. This is the highest overall finish for the Lancer wrestling team since 2007, when head coach Adam Thies won a state championship (145). Other past Lancer state champions include Brice Williamson (119/2005) and Dan Browning (unlimited/1977). Kain and Kaleb's names will be added to the individual champion list in the high school gym. Congratulations to the wrestling program on a successful season!

Lancer Basketball Headed to State Tournament



The Lancer boys' basketball program finished the regular season with a very successful record of 16-4 and have won two post-season games vs. Waitsburg-Prescott and Kittitas to advance to the State Tournament at the Spokane Arena March 13-15. The state 2B tournament will host the top eight teams over the three-day event. The Lancers will face Onalaska in their first game on **Thursday, March 6, at 7pm.**

Liberty Students to Perform with Bi-County Honor Band & Choir



Top Bi-County musicians will come together for an Honor Band and Choir performance at the INB Performing Arts Center on Monday, March 17, at 7pm. Selected students will be practicing with their guest conductor on March 5 and 12 at Ritzville. The concert is free to the public, although a donation will be requested to help defer the cost of renting the INB. The Honor Band and Choir program is sponsored by the Bi-County Superintendents' Association. Students selected from Liberty include Kristin Ince, Kathryn Fairfield, Allysha Hubbard, Gabe Saywers, Braden House, Ryan Thayer, Daniel Hircok, Katelyn Marcure, Stephanie Schilling, Erin Parkes, Spencer Fox, Marybelle Buck, Emma Holwegner, and Bowe Rojas.

Classified Employees Week

Governor Jay Inslee has declared March 10-14 as Classified School Employee week. Classified employees are involved in nearly every aspect of education – maintaining buildings and grounds, meals, keeping school orderly, assisting in safe transportation, healthy environment, and many other special-dedicated individuals and thanks for the do for Liberty.



Thank you, classified employees. We appreciate your dedication to the students at Liberty!

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 27

Thursday, April 24

Thursday, May 22

Thursday, June 26

Spangle Service Club to Host Benefit for Doug DeGon

Liberty custodian and much-loved local celebrity Doug DeGon was critically injured in a fall last October, which severed his spine in two places. Since that night, Doug has been paralyzed from the neck down, resulting in months of hospitalization, rehab and medical care. Doug has returned home, but major improvements were required to his house to accommodate his immobility, and he must be regularly transported to Spokane for appointments.

On March 29, the evening of the Spangle Community Auction, Doug's friends will hold a benefit chili feed at the Spangle Service Club between 4-8 p.m. Chili, rolls, salad and dessert will be served in return for donations to support Doug and his family. For more information or ways to donate if you are unable to attend, please contact Sheryl DeGon at (509) 245-3868 or 290-0353.

Liberty Elementary & Junior High

Elementary Excellence Awards

for February



Congratulations to our citizens of the month for February, who exemplified the "Character Counts" trait of the month—**Caring**: (top row, l-r) J.T. Sherlock, Ellianna Seaver, London Rice, Isaac Fuchs, Mya Garcia, Faith Rice, (bottom row, l-r) Josh Stern, Jenna Piersol, Logan Kettner, Maizy Feltwell, Erin Kelley.

Liberty Elementary Junior High Kicks Off Annual Read-a-Thon

Students kicked off their annual Read-a-Thon on February 21 with the Olympics theme of #It'sOurTime. Readers in grades K-8 are recording reading minutes daily for class awards and striving to break the all-time school reading record of 417,218 minutes. All students who read a minimum of ten hours during the Read-a-Thon will earn a free Silverwood pass. The final turn-in day for minutes will be Tuesday, March 25.

Remaining themed dress-up days are as follows:

- March 7 – Athlete Day
- March 12 – Twin Day
- March 21 – Favorite Book Character Day
- March 28 – Closing Ceremonies Day

K-8

Dates to Remember

MARCH

7

Snow Closure Make-up Day

9

Daylight Saving Time Ends

10-13

MCT Audition & Rehearsals

14

Treasure Island Performance, 7pm

17

2-Hour Late Start

20

1st Day of Spring

21

JH ASB Activity to FAFB Fun Spot

24

Read-a-Thon Ends

Grades 5-12 Band Concert, 7pm

25

Final Read-a-Thon Turn-in Day

28

End of 3rd Quarter

K-6 Awards Assembly, 2:10

Liberty High School

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 14 students for the State event in Seattle, April 16-19. Here is a list of students and the events in which they will be competing:



Banking and Financial Systems—4th Place: Blake Marsh, Gabe Saywers, Ryan Thayer

Future Business Leader—4th Place: Katie Stern

Introduction to Parli Pro—3rd Place: Kaitlyn Rambo; 5th Place: Lillie Marsh

Parli Pro—3rd Place: Kaitlyn Rambo, Aly Tee, Macy Cornmesser, Bridgette Roll

Spreadsheet—5th Place: Breanna Thieren

Word Processing—2nd Place: Aly Tee

Hospitality Management: Katelyn Marcure, Cassie Russell, Stephanie Schilling, Thania Clark.

NHS

The National Honor Society has been busy this year! Under the direction of Mrs. Chambers, the group of over thirty students continues to provide positive contributions to Liberty and our communities. 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! Everyone is welcome to join the NHS in honoring new inductees on March 27 at 6:00 in the High School cafeteria. You can contact Mrs. Chambers for information about any of these events at tchambers@libertysd.us.



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 18 and 19. The reading test will be administered March 20. The Science and Math tests will be administered as an End of Course Exam (EOC).

The 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	Mar. 18, 19	8:30-11:30	All 10 th graders; all 11 th and 12 th graders who have not passed.
HSPE Reading	March 20	8:30-11:30	All 10 th graders; all 11 th and 12 th graders who have not passed.
Geometry Integrated Geometry	May 22	8:30-11:30	All students enrolled in Geometry
Algebra I Integrated Algebra	May 28	8:30-11:30	All students enrolled in Algebra
Biology EOC	May 29	8:30-11:30	All 10 th grade students; all students enrolled in Biology

Kate Nelson Receives President's Volunteer Service Award



Kate Nelson has been honored for her exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service Award. The award, which

recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was granted by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of President Barack Obama. Liberty High School nominated Kate for national honors this fall in recognition of her volunteer service. Congratulations, Kate! Thanks for all that you do for our community.



MARCH

- 1 Robotics @ Auburn HS
- 3 Spring Sports Begin
- 14 MCT Performance, 7pm
- 15 Prom
- Robotics @ WVHS
- 17 Late Start
- Honors Band & Choir @ INB
- 18 HSPE Writing
- 19 HSPE Writing
- 20 HSPE Reading
- College Color Day
- 24 Grades 5-12 Band Concert, 7pm
- 27 NHS Induction Ceremony, 6pm
- 28 End of 3rd Quarter



Driver's Ed

911 Driving School will be offering a spring semester class at LHS April 14 through May 16. For more information contact 911 Driving School at 324-0911.