Superintendent Accepts Position with Cascade School District

Superintendent Bill Motsenbocker has accepted a position as superintendent at Cascade School District in Leavenworth. Cascade is located in the Wenatchee Valley and serves 1,300 students from Leavenworth, Peshastin, Dryden, Plain, and Lake Wenatchee.

Mr. Motsenbocker has led Liberty for seven years and for the past three years has also served as the K-8 principal. Bill has been instrumental in passing two M & O and technology levies, a bond issue to reroof the K-8 building and replace the asphalt paving on campus, and updating staff hiring protocols. He also established a solid communication network in the district utilizing email, eNewsletters, and the Instant Alert phone system. Bill will begin his new position on July 1.

Message from the Superintendent

Elementary Classroom Placement Procedures

All elementary parents have received student placement input documents to be filled out for the 2014-15 school year. This information will be used to help us place your child in a classroom that will maximize his or her learning potential. Placements will be identified on student report cards for fourth quarter.

This year we will be using a new set of guidelines that will help create balanced classrooms in regards to the following criterion:

- boy/girl balance when possible
- equal distributions of strong, average, and challenged learners
- equal distributions of students with high levels of creativity and leadership
- equal distributions of students with high, average, and limited social skills

The elementary teachers have each received their teaching assignments for the 2014-15 school year. Assignments are as follows:

| Kindergarten: | Ms. Brown & Ms. Thompson | 4th Grade: | Mrs. Bys
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Bullying Task Force Established by Liberty School Board

The Liberty School Board has established a task force comprised of parents, staff, and a board member to study the problem of bullying and harassment that occurs on campus in grades K-12. Several families attended the April board meeting with concerns regarding bullying issues primarily at the high school but also at all grade levels. The task force will meet each Thursday after school in the elementary library to identify the problem and review current practices, policies, and procedures. Recommendations will be made to the school board at the June meeting. Members of the task force include:

- Joanna Redder, parent
- Jody Hafner, parent
- Janet Johnson, parent
- Toby Trower, parent
- Mike Jydstrup, teacher
- Cyndi Freeman, counselor
- Marci Green, school board
- Aaron Fletcher, HS principal
- Ron Nye, law enforcement
- Bill Motsenbocker, superintendent/K-8 principal

Freshman Orientation

Liberty High School will welcome incoming freshmen at an orientation meeting on May 20 at 6:00 p.m. This will be an informative meeting where parents/guardians will learn about new graduation requirements, review SBAC and EOC testing information, and receive class schedules and updated sports information for next year. If you or someone you know would like information about becoming a new student at Liberty High School, please contact our office secretary Krissy Hardie at ext. 1227.
Congratulations to our citizens of the month for April, who exemplified the “Character Counts” trait of the month—Trustworthiness: (top row, l-r) Coleman Green, Leah Kelley, Marie Eden, Jeb Budde, Gage Peone, Shaley Tieg. (bottom row, l-r) Connor Stitt, Annika Tee, Logan Kroll, Sean Duncan-Day, Josh Haas.

Fourth Grade Field Trip to Grand Coulee Dam

Mrs. Buys’ 4th grade class culminated an extended social studies unit on energy in the Pacific Northwest with a field trip and tour of Grand Coulee Dam. Students received a VIP tour from the Bureau of Reclamation including deep sections of the dam not generally open to the public. The tour guides are always amazed at the knowledge Mrs. Buys’ students have acquired regarding the construction of Grand Coulee Dam and its related irrigation projects.

Dates to Remember

- **May**
  - 5–9 Teacher Appreciation Week
  - 11 Mother’s Day
  - 12 2-Hour Late Start
  - 13 Jr. Boosters Meeting, 7pm
  - 16 Fun Run, 2pm
  - 17 Lilac Parade
  - 20 HS Freshman Orientation, 6pm
  - 21 K-4 Spring Concert, 7pm
  - 22 Board Meeting, 7pm
  - 26 NO SCHOOL—Memorial Day
  - 27 Grades 7-12 Choir Concert, 7pm
  - 30 K-6 Awards Assembly, 2:10

- **June**
  - 3 Gr. 1-6 Roller Valley Field Trip
  - 4 8th Grade Promotion, 7pm
  - 5 Kindergarten Celebration, 1pm
  - 8th Grade Silverwood Trip
  - 6 Last Day of School, Dismiss @ 10:25
  - End of 4th Quarter/2nd Semester
  - 11 Last Day School Office is Open
  - 14 Flag Day
  - 15 Father’s Day
  - 26 Board Meeting, 7pm
Students of the Quarter

Last quarter, teachers at the high school nominated the following students for Student of the Quarter: Freshmen—Elizabeth Brown, Jake Harrington, Tyler Haas, Abby Karlis, and Kayla Massengale; Sophomores—Nathan Burley, Jessica Trotter, and Kassie Turner; Juniors—Tucker Carey, Kain Feltwell, Trishia McTaggart, and Jack Simmons; Seniors—Dyllian Flaig, Derek Green, Emily Lehman, Cassie Russell, and Kelsey Weeks. Congratulations to Jake Harrington, Jess Trotter, Trishia McTaggart, Dyllian Flaig, and Emily Lehman as they were selected as Students of the Quarter and awarded a plaque for the accomplishment.

Future Business Leaders of America

Liberty High School had sixteen students attend the 2014 FBLA State Convention in Seattle. This group was awarded third place in the Northwest Region for overall membership. Congratulations to Ms. Whittall and the Liberty FBLA Parliamentary Procedure team for earning second place at the 2014 FBLA State Convention. This qualifies them for the National FBLA contest in Nashville, Tennessee, June 27 through July 3. Team members include Bridgette Roll, Kaitlyn Rambo, Macy Cornmesser and Aly Tee (pictured at right, l-r). This is the second year in a row Liberty High School will be sending its Parliamentary Procedure team to the National Convention. We wish them luck as they prepare for Nationals!

Spokane Scholars

Each year, high schools in the Spokane area nominate their top students in specific academic areas. This year’s Spokane Scholars for LHS are:

Macy Cornmesser, World Languages
Blake Marsh, Social Studies
Gabe Saywers, Fine Arts
Katie Stern, Science
Aly Tee, English
Ryan Thayer, Mathematics

Katie Stern, Macy Cornmesser, Mrs. Trish Chambers, and Aly Tee (pictured above, l-r) attended the awards banquet at the Spokane Convention Center.

End of Course Exams

The Math and Biology state testing schedule has been set. Students have been notified as to which math and/or biology exam they will be taking. The staff at LHS has done a wonderful job preparing our students for these exams.

EOC Testing Schedule:

- Geometry/Integrated Geometry
  May 22, 8:30-11:30
- Algebra 1/Integrated Algebra
  May 28, 8:30-11:30
- Biology
  May 29, 8:30-11:30
With today’s technology, the Internet can be accessed from anywhere. However, the convenience of our students having cell phones can also get them into trouble. Someone can be arrested for such things as harassment (RCW 9A.46.020), telephone harassment (RCW 9.61.230 and 9.61.240), and cyberstalking (RCW 9.61.260). People communicate to one another via texting, Instagram, Snapchat, and Facebook to name a few. This technology can be a powerful tool if used properly. On the other hand, improper use allows people to say things to others that they may not say to their face. As parents, we owe it to our kids to teach them the proper way to use technology so that they don’t get themselves into trouble. Once the “send” button is pushed, there is no getting it back. As a good rule of thumb, if grandma or mom wouldn’t approve of what you are sending, then don’t send it! On a final note, if your child is having bullying issues in any of these areas outside of school and as the parent you can’t make it stop, please contact me so I can make it stop. My e-mail is rnye@spokanesheriff.org or call my department voicemail at (509)477-3174.

**Sheriff’s Corner—“Social Networking”**

Deputy Ron Nye