



## New Board Member



**Chad Denny**

*Please join us in welcoming Chad Denny to the Liberty School Board, representing District 2. Chad was sworn into office at the April 28 board meeting and fills the position formerly held by Marci Green.*

*Chad and his wife Marie have four children in the district and live west of Fairfield on the family farm. Chad earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from University of Idaho in Agricultural Economics.*

*He stated, "I am honored to serve on the school board and look forward to helping the Liberty School District continue to excel."*

## Save these Dates!

**Tuesday, May 24:**  
Freshman Orientation, 6PM

**Saturday, June 4:**  
LHS Graduation, 1PM

**Monday, June 6:**  
8th Grade Promotion, 7PM

**Wednesday, June 8:**  
Last Day of School  
(10:25 dismissal)

# The Liberty Lancer

## Message from the Superintendent

May/June 2016

Dear parents, staff and community members:

April was another busy but very productive month. Our work seems to be ramping up as we enter into the last month-and-a-half of school, especially for our seniors as they prepare for life beyond high school. As a school district we have been busy working around the next steps of our bond project and setting the structure of meetings with our facilities team as well as the tentative schedule.

The district is continuing to look ahead to next year, building budgets and schedules as the legislature has wrapped up its session with minimal educational change. We hope to be able to communicate any changes to you before the end of the school year.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of our schools and district. Your partnership and dedication to our students is vital to the success of our community. If you have any questions, please contact me.



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## 2016 WASA Community Leadership Award

Each year, school district superintendents have the opportunity to nominate community members or groups for the WASA Community Leadership Award, given in appreciation for contributions to education. This year Liberty School District recognized the **Liberty Bond Committee**.

Since 2002, a group of dedicated parents has been working tirelessly to focus attention on the district's facilities and provide for an additional gym on the campus. Over this 14-year period, the bond has been presented on four separate election ballots but fell short of the 60 percent threshold until the February 9<sup>th</sup> election of this year, when it received 61.42 percent approval, finally making this dream a reality. We will now be able to renovate the original 1960 portion of Liberty High School and address some other campus needs.

Representatives of the bond committee were recognized at a luncheon on April 22.



(Back) Superintendent Kyle Rydell and Co-Chairs Andy Schenk & Brian Foland, (Front) Alyson Paredes, Danica Foland

## BOND UPDATE:



**ARCHITECT SELECTION:** *ALSC Architects* (Spokane)

### PROJECTED TIMELINE:

- Education Specifications Survey & Interviews—May 2016
- Design Phase—Summer & Early Fall, 2016
- Bid—Mid-Winter/Early Spring, 2017
- Build—Summer 2017

# 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 directed to the Superintendent.

May/June 2016

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## Upcoming Board Meetings

All meetings are held in the  
Elementary/Junior High Library

Thursday, May 26, 7:00pm

Tuesday, June 28, 7:00pm

Thursday, July 28, 7:00pm

Thursday, August 25, 7:00pm

## LHS Receives 2015 Washington Achievement Award

Liberty High School is a recipient of the 2015 Washington Achievement Award for Overall Excellence. This is an extraordinary accomplishment and is a direct reflection of the hard work of our students, the dedication of our teachers, and the support and guidance of our parents.

Liberty's award is well deserved. The [Washington Achievement Awards](#) are sponsored by the Washington State Board of Education and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. They celebrate Washington's top-performing schools and recognize achievement in many categories. This highly selective award is based on our school's performance on the [Washington State Achievement Index](#).

The Washington Achievement Award is given in six categories: overall excellence, high progress, reading growth, math growth, graduation rate, and English language acquisition. The selection process for the Washington Achievement Award is very rigorous, and we take great pride in this accomplishment.

## Highly Capable Program

The enrollment period for Liberty's Highly Capable (HiCap) Program is now open. Parents, students, teachers, and community members may nominate individual students to be considered for the HiCap program. The Student Services Team will screen all nominees and may make recommendations for further testing. Data used to identify students will include classroom, school, and state assessments, report card grades, teacher recommendations, and finally a standardized ability test called the CogAT 7. Parents will be notified prior to administration of the CogAT 7 should your child be considered for ability testing.

Nomination forms by grade level may be obtained via our website at [www.libertysd.us/HiCap](http://www.libertysd.us/HiCap) or by request through the school offices. Nominations are due by May 16, 2016, and may be mailed to the school or emailed directly to Superintendent Kyle Rydell at [krydell@libertysd.us](mailto:krydell@libertysd.us).

## Spring Assessment Schedule

MAY 2016				
STATE ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE/SBAC				
M	T	W	R	F
ELA = English Language Arts * EOC = End of Course Exam * MSP = Measurements of Student Progress				
<u>2</u> Late Start	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>9</u> 10th ELA 11th ELA	<u>10</u> 4th Math 7th ELA 8th ELA 10th ELA 11th ELA	<u>11</u> 4th Math 7th ELA 8th ELA 10th ELA 11th ELA	<u>12</u> 7th ELA 8th ELA	<u>13</u>
<u>16</u> 11th Math	<u>17</u> 3rd Math 11th Math	<u>18</u> 3rd Math	<u>19</u> 5th Sci. MSP 8th Sci. MSP 10th Math (Alg.2) Math 1 EOC	<u>20</u> 10th Math (Alg.2)
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> 5th Math 6th Math 7th Math 8th Math Biology EOC	<u>25</u> 5th Math 6th Math 7th Math 8th Math Math 2 EOC	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>

# Liberty Elementary & Junior High

## Elementary Character Awards *for April*



### MAY (PERSEVERANCE)

- 2 Late Start
- 3 Teacher Appreciation Day
- 4 4th Grade Band Preview  
3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Field Trip to Farm Show
- 8 Mother's Day
- 10 4th Math SBA  
7th ELA SBA  
8th ELA SBA
- 11 Mom's Muffin Day, 7:45am  
National School Nurse Day  
4th Math SBA  
7th ELA SBA  
8th ELA SBA
- 12 7th ELA SBA  
8th ELA SBA
- 13 Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- 17 3rd Math SBA
- 18 3rd Math SBA
- 19 5th Science MSP  
8th Science MSP
- 20 K-8 Fun Run, 2PM
- 21 Math Is Cool Masters
- 24 5th Math SBA  
6th Math SBA  
7th Math SBA  
8th Math SBA  
8th Grade HS Orientation, 6PM
- 25 5th Math SBA  
6th Math SBA  
7th Math SBA  
8th Math SBA  
K-4 Spring Concert, 7PM
- 26 Board Meeting, 7PM
- 27 K-6 Awards Assembly, 2:10PM
- 30 NO SCHOOL—Memorial Day
- 31 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Field Trip (IMAX, RSP)  
Band & Choir Concert, 7PM

### JUNE

- 2 6th Grade Trip to Fun Spot
- 6 8th Grade Promotion, 7PM
- 7 8th Grade Silverwood Trip
- 8 **LAST DAY**, 10:25 dismissal  
End of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter/2<sup>nd</sup> Semester  
JH Awards Assembly, 8:30AM

## E for Excellence



Ava DeLeon and Alicia Kimball received an E for Excellence award for going above and beyond and taking the initiative to help clean up their classrooms and common areas of the school each day. Their teacher commended them for going the extra mile in taking pride in their school and making Liberty a better place to be.

**Great job, Ava & Alicia!**

## Math Is Cool

This spring Liberty Elementary sent three groups of students to compete against other area teams in "Math Is Cool" competitions. Our students, led by advisors Tiffany Buys and Dawn Fuchs, performed very well, including a fantastic 1st place finish in its division by the 4th grade team.

Members of the 4th grade team will travel to the Math Is Cool Masters state competition in Moses Lake on May 21 to compete for top honors along with the two students who qualified to compete at state in the individual competitions: **Isaac Fuchs** (4th grade), and **Ben Pritchett** (6th grade).



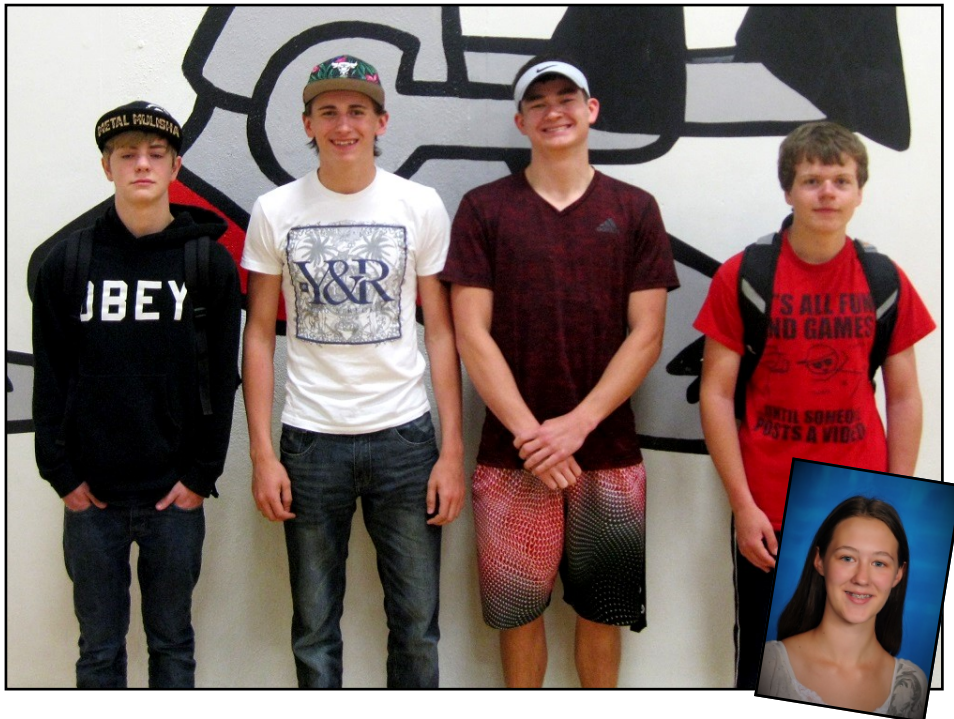
*(L-R, back) Advisors Dawn Fuchs & Tiffany Buys, Isaac Fuchs, Caleb Nollmeyer, (middle) Sawyer Olson, Grace Grumbly, (front) Brooke Redder, Quinn Morgan, Ellie Fisk, Maddie Haas.*

# Liberty High School

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## Character Counts

Each month Liberty School District focuses on a character trait of the month. For the month of May students will be focusing on PERSEVERANCE. For April the student body focused on FAIRNESS. Students and staff recognized the following students for displaying the trait of fairness in a variety of ways: (pictured below, L-R) **Blake Nemeth, Quinten Rose, Patrick Paredes, Ethan Trower**, and (inset) **Catherine Brown**.



### MAY (PERSEVERANCE)

- 2 Late Start
- 4-7 Junior Livestock Show
- 9 **Grades 10/11 SBA ELA**
- 10 **Grades 10/11 SBA ELA**
- 11 **Grades 10/11 SBA ELA**
- 11-14 State FFA
- 16 **Grade 11 SBA Math**
- 17 **Grade 11 SBA Math**
- 18 FBLA/NHS @ Silverwood
- 19 College Color Day
- Grade 10 SBA Math**
- Math I EOC**
- 20 **Grade 10 SBA Math**
- 21 Lilac-Torchlight Parade
- 24 **Biology EOC**
- New Freshman Orientation
- 25 **Math 2 EOC**
- 30 No School—Memorial Day
- 31 Band & Choir Concert, 7PM
- Senior Finals

### JUNE

- 4 Graduation, 1PM
- 7 Checkout day
- 8 Last day of school

## National Honor Society

Congratulations to our newest members of the National Honor Society. Students were honored at an induction ceremony that took place April 13.

The 2016 inductees for NHS are: **Willow Ashton, Matthew Burley, Katelyn Dillon, Alec Fletcher, Meghan Grumbly, James Heer, Glen Johnson, Lillian Marsh, Austin Rambo, Thomas Redder, Garrett Rogers, Tyson Schenk, Jada Schulken, Lindsay Stern, Beau St. John, Michaela Tee, Jessica Trotter, Kassandra Turner, and Brett Watson.**



*The newest members of Liberty's chapter of the National Honor Society were inducted at a ceremony on April 13.*

## Future Business Leaders of America

Liberty High School sent ten students to the 2016 FBLA State Convention in Spokane where they participated in a number of contests throughout the three-day conference. Congratulations to advisor Ms. Whittall and to all the Liberty FBLA members.



## Graduation



(L-R, back-to-front) Keith Dumaw, Kaitlyn Rambo, Maxwell Johnson, Nathan Burley, Maggie Nelson, Sarah Dillon, Bridgette Roll, Jake Pottratz, Justice Schuman

Please join us Saturday, June 4, at 1:00 PM in the high school gym to recognize Liberty High School's class of 2016. All students have worked extremely hard at meeting this goal in their life. Many of them will continue to their education at numerous colleges around the area. The following students will be graduating with honors, which is a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher along with completing honors courses: Valedictorian **Nathan Burley**, Salutatorian **Maxwell Johnson**, **Jodi Carrell**, **Sarah Dillon**, **Keith Dumaw**, **Daniel Hircock**, **Margaret Nelson**, **Jacob Pottratz**, **Bridgette Roll**, **Kaitlyn Rambo**, and **Justice Schuman**.

Congratulations to all of the seniors.  
We are proud of you; best of luck in your futures!

## Lancer pride, go Lancers!

## Freshman Orientation

Tuesday, May 24, at 6:00 PM we will welcome the incoming freshmen with our freshman orientation meeting. This will be an informative meeting where parents/guardians will learn about new graduation requirements and receive SBA testing information and updated athletics information for the high school.

If you or someone you know would like information about becoming a new student at Liberty High School, please contact our secretary Krissy Hardie at [khardie@libertysd.us](mailto:khardie@libertysd.us) or (509) 245-3229 ext. 1.

## Liberty High School Spring Assessment Schedules

Grade 10	Who	When
SBA ELA	All	May 9, 10, 11
SBA Math	Students enrolled in Algebra 2	May 19, 20
Biology EOC	All	May 24
Math EOC	Students who have not met the math standard.	Math 1 May 19 Math 2 May 25

Grade 11	Who	When
SBA ELA	Students who have not met Level 3 or 4.	May 9, 10, 11
SBA Math	All	May 16, 17
Biology EOC	Students who have not met standard.	May 24
Math EOC	Students who have not met standard.	Math 1 May 19 Math 2 May 25

## Student Government

Associated Student Body elections were held on April 25. Thank you to those students who took the time and energy to run for office.

Our ASB officers for 2016-17 are:

*President* **Quentin Rose**

*Vice President* **Abby Karlis**

*Secretary* **Christine Denny**

*Sergeant-at-Arms* **Chase Burnham**

*Treasurer* **Tyler Haas**

*ASB Liaison* **Patrick Paredes**



(L-R) Chase Burnham, Abby Karlis, Tyler Haas, Patrick Paredes, Christine Denny, Quentin Rose