

The Liberty Lancer

Message from the Superintendent

May/June 2012

Kindergarten

Kindergarten registration is open, and paperwork can be obtained from the elementary office or by contacting Kim Wrenchey at 245-3211 x2211. Liberty will be offering full-day/every day kindergarten next year with the first day of school set for August 29.

Academics Academically we continue to get stronger each year. Learning at all grade levels has been encouraging, and we look forward to reviewing our state testing results especially in math. Two years ago we adopted a new math series called Math Connects along with most schools in the ESD 101 region. As of this year about one-half of our junior high students will take algebra I in the 8th grade. This is a primer indicator for many highly performing schools in the U.S.

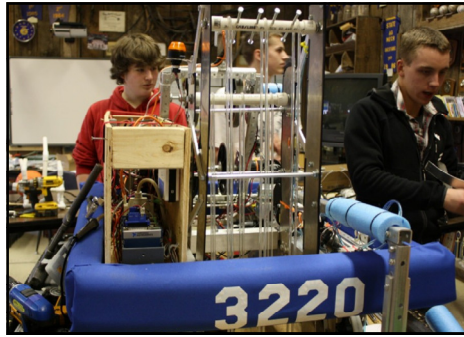
Also, our AP students at the high school continue to do well and we are considering adding AP Spanish for the 2012-13 school year. The Spanish program will be taking students to Spain in June of 2013 for home stays and cultural education.



A Glance in the Rear View Mirror

Each spring I like to take some time to reflect on the events and accomplishments our students, staff, and booster groups have achieved over the past nine months and review the board goals established each summer for the approaching school year. The 2011-12 school year was one marked by change and achievement.

Administrative Changes In the spring of 2011 the Liberty School Board made the decision to reduce the number of administrators from three to two by 2013 to help balance the operating budget. The board plan included combining the K-8 principal and superintendent position within two years. Past principal Lori Johnson made a career move to Central Valley School District, and as a result I moved my office to the elementary school and became a principal once again as well as overseeing the district as superintendent.



Robotics The high school robotics team continues to grow with an increase in interest. In fact, Robotics is now a class at Liberty High School under the direction of VoAg teacher Kyle Kimble. The state theme in robotics this year was to build a machine that could shoot basketball free-throws. The state competition was held at EWU and Liberty was there in force competing with engineering magnet schools from Seattle including schools five times our size. Interest continues to grow for technical education courses and the high school has

responded with two sections of CAD (Computer Assisted Drafting) next year through the help of our technology levy.

FBLA The Liberty Future Business Leaders of America took more students to state this year than any other time in the last decade. The annual competition in Seattle was attended by Liberty chapter members under the direction of Teresa Whittall. Liberty's parliamentary procedure team took a fourth place finish.

FFA Liberty's FFA chapter had an excellent year as well with the Ag Issues team finishing second at the state competition with their agricultural terrorism topic. FFA also competed throughout the year in creed, parliamentary procedure, meats judging, tractor driving, and animal projects in fitting/showing and market. Ashlie Roecks was a Grand Champion at the Junior Livestock Show in market with her hog, and Kelsey Weeks earned three Grand Champion sheep ribbons in fitting/showing, market, and ewe lamb.

Athletics Liberty junior high and high school sports continue to improve and grow overall, and the high school girls' basketball program will be under the direction of teacher Larry Hardie next winter. Mr. Hardie has already mapped out his summer program and is looking forward to his first season next winter with the Lady Lancers. Our junior high athletic numbers are strong, and the level of talent is also encouraging. In the next few years we expect to be a force in the Bi-County League including the state playoffs in many of our programs.



Larry Hardie

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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, May 24

Thursday, June 28

Thursday, July 26

Tuesday, August 28

Liberty Elementary & Junior High

Elementary Excellence Awards

for April



Congratulations to our elementary citizens of the month for April: (back row, l-r) Lexi Henry, Ava Budde, Mekenzie Pestana, Matthew Burley, Austin Rambo, Ethan Peterson, (front row, l-r) Evelyn Kauffman, Ellie Fisk, Katie Eden, Racheal Ince, Shalla Treffry.



First & Second Grade Insect Unit

The first and second grade classrooms just completed a science unit on the insect world. Each class observed mealworms grow into beetles and caterpillars go through the metamorphosis process to turn into butterflies. Insect specialists from Spokane Falls Community College came to the school with their live insect exhibits to provide a hands-on experience for students as a culminating project.

Pictured at left: Students enjoy live insect exhibits in the library.

Liberty Junior Boosters

By Kiley Schenk, President



Last day of school is
June 8-10:25 dismissal!

Liberty Junior Boosters are all of us! There is no membership fee to join and we all can contribute to making Liberty a great place for our kids. Basically, Liberty Junior Boosters coordinates the raising of money that is then spent for the "extras" for our school. We raise money through a major fall fundraiser, vending machine and concessions sales, and the science fair dinner. We meet five times a year to review and approve funding requests from teachers, staff, administration and coaches. Our meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the second Tuesday of September, November, January, March and May. All are invited to attend these meetings. As we look forward to 2012-2013, we need more help in coordinating and assisting with the following: fall fundraiser, Missoula Children's Theatre, science fair dinner, fun run, skate night, concessions, staff appreciation and more! Please plan to attend a meeting, or if you're unable to attend but would like to be a part of a committee, email juniorboosters@libertysd.us.

Liberty High School

Graduation



Please join us June 2 at 1:00 PM in the high school gym to recognize Liberty High School's class of 2012. All students have worked extremely hard at meeting this goal in their life.

Many of them will continue their education at numerous colleges around the area. The following students will be graduating with honors, which is a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher and completing honors courses: Valedictorian Brandon Thayer, Salutatorian Shaeann House, Bianca Thiers, Katra Browning, Justin Turnbough, Rachel Conklin, Ashley Roecks, and Keegan Sugimura. Congratulations to all of the seniors. We are proud of you, best of luck in your future.



Liberty's class of 2012 will graduate June 2.

Freshman Orientation

May 22, at 6:00 PM we will welcome the incoming freshman class with our new freshman orientation meeting. This will be an informative meeting where parents and guardians will learn about new graduation requirements, HSPE testing information, updated sports information, and receive class schedules for high school. If you or someone you know would like information about becoming a new student at Liberty High School, please contact our office secretary Dianna Harrington at ext. 1227.

Students of the Quarter

Recently teachers at the high school nominated the following students for student of the quarter. Freshmen: Tanner Moyer, Lexi Richardson. Sophomores: Gabe Saywers, Austin Sievers, Katie Stern, Cory Szep. Juniors: Cassie Fairfield, Mikayla Cornwall, Alaina Hammond. Seniors: Rachel Conklin, Ashley King, Andrew Thies. Congratulations to: Tanner Moyer, Gabe Saywers, Cassie Fairfield, Alaina Hammond and Ashley King, as they were selected as Students of the Quarter. Each student was awarded a plaque for this accomplishment.



Students of the Quarter, 3rd term: (l-r) Tanner Moyer, Gabe Saywers, Ashley King, Alaina Hammond, and Cassie Fairfield

National Honor Society

Congratulations to our newest members of the National Honor Society at Liberty High School. Students were honored at an induction ceremony that took place April 26. The inductees for NHS are: Johnathan Adams (honorary member), Thania Clark, Holly Cockle, Macy Cornmesser, Mikayla Cornwall, Dyllian Flaig, Derek Green, Jessica House, Devin Knecht, Blake Marsh, Emily Mumby, Michael Nazworthy (honorary member), Katherine Nelson, Kelly Nichols, Cassandra Russell, Gabriel Saywers, Stephanie Schilling, Alexandra Schuerer, Jordyn Soliday, Kaitlin St. Pierre, Katherine Stern, Alyssa Tee, Ryan Thayer, Kelsey Weeks, and Mikayla Wilson

EOC

The Math state testing will take place May 22-25. The Science testing will take place May 30, 31 and June 1. Students have been notified as to which math exam they will be taking. Our staff at the high school has done a wonderful job preparing students for these exams. In August a retake date will be set for students who were absent or need to retake the HSPE. More information will be out this spring concerning HSPE retakes.

EOC Testing Schedule

Test	When	Time	Who
Algebra I EOC	May 22, 23, 24	9:20-10:15	All students enrolled in Algebra I.
Geometry EOC	May 22, 23, 24	9:20-10:15	All students enrolled in Geometry.
Integrated Algebra	May 22, 23, 24	9:20-10:15	All students enrolled in Integrated Algebra.
Integrated Geometry	May 22, 23, 24	9:20-10:15	All students enrolled in Integrated Geometry.
Year One Make Up	May 25	8:30-11:00	All students who have not passed a math EOC.
Biology EOC	May 30, 31 June 1	8:15-9:15	All 10 th grade students. All students enrolled in Biology.

Levy Support (continued from front page) To close I want to thank the voters in our district for passing our three-year Maintenance & Operation and Technology Levies. We feel blessed beyond measure to have such supportive communities and as a result we can continue to provide outstanding instruction, curricular materials, smaller class sizes, and up-to-date technology for each of our students. Thank you!

FBLA State Results



Congratulations to our students who competed at the State F B L A competition in Seattle April 11-14. The Parliamentary Procedure

team finished fourth. Team members include: Aly Tee, Katra Browning, Brittany Breidenbach, Mikayla Cornwall, and Macy Cornmesser. Liberty had other students who also participated in numerous contests. Great job Ms. Whittall and the all of the FBLA members.



Community News

Alberto Kimball was recently awarded a plaque and \$50 from the Spangle Service Club. Alberto designed the winning t-shirt for the Spangle Days Fun Run held in 2011. Alberto is a junior at Liberty who has a passion for the arts. Congratulations Alberto.

ASB Officers 2012-13

The Associated Student Body of Liberty High School recently held elections for executive officers for the 2012-13 school year. The following students have been elected by their peers and will serve a one-year term beginning in the fall. President: Kyle O'Malley, Vice President: Brittany Breidenbach, Treasurer: Holly Cockle, Secretary: Mikayla Cornwall, Sergeant-at-Arms: Gage Hughes. Congratulations to these students, they will represent our student body in a positive manner.



2012-13 ASB officers: (back row, l-r) Holly Cockle, Brittany Breidenbach, Mikayla Cornwall, Kyle O'Malley, (front) Gage Hughes