



# The Liberty Lancer

November 2014

## Veterans' Breakfast

All Liberty community veterans are invited to join us for free coffee and sweet rolls in the high school cafeteria from 9:15-9:45 a.m. on **Monday, November 10**, then stay for the district-wide Veterans' Day assembly at 10:00 in the high school gym. Please help spread the word!

## Staff Spotlight: Jason Kelton



Jason Kelton graduated from Lake Roosevelt H.S., then continued his education at EWU where he earned a

BS in Biology and BAE in Biology education with a general science minor. Appropriately enough, his favorite subject to teach is biology.

Mr. Kelton is an excellent cook and talented perch fisherman. He was recently accepted into a fish and wildlife graduate program at Texas A&M. Prior to becoming a teacher, he also served as an elite soldier in the Army where he received several awards and commendations.

Jason has been married to his wife Heather for 18 years, and they have three daughters in their second year at Liberty Elementary: Kimber, Piper and Teagan.

Join us in welcoming Jason Kelton to the Liberty family!

## Message from the Superintendent

October was another great month! We experienced great fall weather for all our student activities, but it seems the cooler weather is coming to the area. Our students and staff have experienced a smooth first quarter and are gearing up for fall conferences on the 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> of November (no school the 11<sup>th</sup> for Veterans' Day) and the K-12 Veterans' Day Assembly on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the high school gym.

Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> will mark another late start for our students as staff continue to work on Common Core State Standards and the new Smarter Balanced Assessment. We will continue to remind families of upcoming events via our "This Week at Liberty" Friday email in addition to the website calendar and Elementary/Junior High red calendar.

Our academic clubs and activities have experienced success to start the year. The high school FFA team traveled to Kentucky and competed at a high level, making it into the national semi-finals. The Knowledge Bowl team began competing last month.

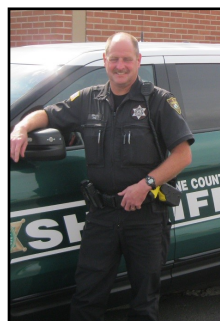
Fall sports programs look to be continuing their seasons by qualifying for post-season play after wrapping up final league games, and our cross country athlete Eric Erickson will head to the state tournament in Pasco on Saturday, November 8. Junior high winter seasons for wrestling and girls' basketball have already begun, and high school winter sports will begin November 17.

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 at the numbers or email noted above.

## Sheriff's Corner

The world in which we live is becoming increasingly dangerous. Just last month a student at Marysville Pilchuck High School brought a gun to school and shot several students in the cafeteria before shooting himself. I hope and pray that something like this never happens in our community. The harsh reality is that we are not immune to this type of violence. Crime knows no address.

As the School Resource Deputy for Liberty School District, my main function is the safety and security of students and staff. The school district is a small community. To be able to do my job within this community takes help from its members—the students. Just like citizens in surrounding communities, the students hear and see what happens on a daily basis. Without those individuals, it would be impossible for me to do my job. If something is seen or heard and no one says anything or reports it, there is nothing I can do. The tragedy in Marysville may have been preventable if someone had said something to an adult.



Deputy Ron Nye

The students are the ones who keep Liberty a safe place by reporting unsafe things seen or heard. All too often, important unsafe items or talk is not reported in a timely fashion. I hear excuses like, "He always talks like that," or "I thought she was just joking," or "I didn't want him to get into trouble." The bottom line is that the students of the Liberty community know how their friends and peers are. If something doesn't seem right with someone, tell an adult. Someone's life may be saved by doing so. As parents and staff members, we need to remind kids to report these things. They are not being "tattle tales," the students are being responsible citizens of the Liberty community. Let the adults decide whether someone was joking around or being serious. Together, we can continue to keep the school community of Liberty a safe place.

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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

Tuesday, November 25

Tuesday, December 30 (5pm)

Thursday, January 29

Thursday, February 26

Thursday, March 26

## Foundation Fundraiser Update

The Annual Liberty Community Education Foundation Dinner and Auction "Ropin' Cash for Kids" held on October 18<sup>th</sup> was once again a huge success thanks to the outstanding support of the Liberty community. Over 175 people attended, and many others who weren't able to make it sent monetary donations in lieu of purchasing tickets. There were 130 items included in the live and silent auctions thanks to generous donations by many local people and businesses. A delicious dinner was provided by Nordic Smoke and a "lively" auction followed the closing of the silent auction, led by Liberty's very own auctioneer, Patty Roll. The auctions and over \$20,000, which support classroom programs at Liberty.



The auctions and dessert dash netted over \$20,000.

dessert dash netted will be used to grant and scholarship Since its inception in

2007, the Foundation has awarded over \$60,000 in scholarships to Liberty graduates and over \$40,000 for classroom grants including special projects in the arts, physical education, technology, music, special education, robotics and more. For a complete listing of all scholarships and grants, please visit our website at [www.libertysd.us](http://www.libertysd.us) under the "Community" tab. Watch this newsletter in the spring as we will be announcing the date for the October 2015 event. You won't want to miss it!

## Liberty Elementary & Junior High

### Elementary Excellence Awards

October



Congratulations to our elementary citizens of the month who exemplified October's "Character Counts" trait—responsibility: (top to bottom, l-r) Maizy Feltwell, Tyson Kimble, Ally Karlis, Kaleb Rydell, Ethan Kimball, Caleb Nollmeyer, Lucy Jones, Devyn Cook, Daniel Nollmeyer, Aylah Cornwall, Noah Fuchs.

10-0!



Congratulations to the lady Knights varsity volleyball team on a perfect season!



### November (Citizenship)

- 4 8th Grade Field Trip to INB Election Day
- 10-14 Early Release for Conferences & Book Fair
- 10 Breakfast for Veterans, 9:15am Veterans' Day Assembly, 10am
- 11 NO SCHOOL—Veterans' Day
- 12 Jr. Boosters Meeting, 7pm
- 14 Liberty Spotlight Talent Show, 6pm
- 17 2-hour Late Start
- 20 College Color Day
- 25 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 26 Early Release for Thanksgiving
- 27 NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Day
- 28 NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break



# Liberty High School

## Principal's Welcome

It's hard to believe we have completed the first quarter for the 2014-15 school year. Report cards for high school students will be mailed home November 5<sup>th</sup>, accompanied by scholarship information from Mr. Hammond. Teachers will be available for conferences November 10-14 (no school November 11 for Veterans' Day); each of these days is scheduled as an early release day. On Monday, November 10, teachers will be available until 7:00pm if an evening conference works better for you. If at any time you would like to meet with your student's teacher, please don't hesitate to contact the high school.

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## Medic One First Aid

Did you know that in the spring of 2013 the Washington State Legislature enacted HB1556, requiring the establishment of a medical emergency response and automated external defibrillator program for high schools? What does that mean for Liberty High School? This new bill requires high schools to teach cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in at least one health class required for graduation, beginning this year. The class must include learning the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) through teaching that includes hands-on experience. What will this look like at Liberty High School? Our school nurse, Sarah Beyersdorf, and Mr. Langeman, our health teacher, will train all freshman students during their physical education classes in CPR and the use of an AED. In addition, the students will be instructed in basic first aid and receive their certification in basic first aid and AED use.



*Nurse Sarah Beyersdorf will help train all freshmen in CPR and the use of an AED.*

## Financial Aid Night

Mr. Hammond would like to invite all parents and guardians to his annual financial aid night on Thursday, December 11, at 7:00. Information will be available on



how to apply for scholarships and financial aid, and college admissions information will be available as well. Anyone thinking about attending some type of higher education after high school is encouraged

to attend this event. If you would like more information, please contact Mr. Hammond at ext. 1104.

## HSPE, SBAC, EOC

State exams are still part of the graduation requirements for all Washington students. Students will participate in a variety of exams throughout the year based on their graduation year. The following is a list of exams, dates, and who will be participating. If you have further questions about state testing, please contact the high school office.

Exam	Date(s)	Who
Math Year 2 EOC make-up	January 28	Students who have attempted exam and not met standard
Biology EOC make-up	January 29	Students who have attempted exam and not met standard
Math Year 1 EOC make-up	February 5	Students who have attempted exam and not met standard
Reading HSPE	March 17	Grades 11 and 12 students who have not met standard
Writing HSPE	March 18, 19	Grades 11 and 12 students who have not met standard
SBAC ELA	May 12-14	All Sophomores

## Knowledge Bowl Begins

Mr. Cox and the Knowledge Bowl team began their season October 28<sup>th</sup> in Harrington. The team will have contests on Tuesdays twice a month through the month of February. The season will conclude with a playoff match on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and a Regional competition at Whitworth University. Best of luck to the Knowledge Bowl team!



*Knowledge Bowl team members pictured above (back row, l-r): Austin Rambo, Brett Watson, Thomas Redder, Kyle King, Jack Simmons, Match Burnham, Patrick Paredes (front row, l-r) Willow Ashton, Alec Fletcher, Matthew Burley, Jake Pottratz.*

## Yearbooks

Now is the time to purchase your Lancer Yearbook for 2014-15. Books can be purchased for \$55 at the high school office now through Friday, November 21. Yearbooks will not be available for purchase after this date. Yearbooks may also be purchased online via the school website. If you need more information about the yearbook, please contact the office or Mr. Harkness at ext. 1109.



Yearbook staff Jessica Trotter, Taylar Brown, Meagan Bennett and Eric Erickson.



### November

- 3 Yearbook Sale Begins
- 4 Knowledge Bowl @ Creston
- 5 College Fair
- 10 Conferences, Early Release  
Veterans' Breakfast, 9:15  
Veterans' Day Assembly, 10:00
- 11 NO SCHOOL—Veterans' Day
- 12 Conferences, Early Release
- 13 Conferences, Early Release
- 14 Early Release, Office Closes @ 2:00  
Senior Photos Due
- 17 2-Hour Late Start  
Winter Sports Begin
- 18 Knowledge Bowl @ Home
- 20 Senior Project Presentations  
College Color Day  
Jazz Band @ Fairfield Care
- 21 Yearbook Sale Ends
- 26 Early Release, Office Closes @ 2:00
- 27 NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Day
- 28 NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break

## Homecoming

The Liberty High School ASB put on a great homecoming week for our students. Students dressed up and participated in day, and the week concluded with a dance after the football game.

Congratulations to Trishia McTaggart and Jesse Abisalih (pictured at right), who were chosen as the Queen and King for homecoming 2014.



## Character Counts

Each month Liberty School District focuses on a character trait of the month. For October the student body focused on responsibility: *doing what I am supposed to do at all times*. Students and staff recognized the following students for displaying responsibility in a variety of ways: Dustin Dumaw, Keith Dumaw, Jodi Carrell, Kadia Rinehart, Trinity Papini, and Sydnee Siron (pictured at right, l-r).



For the month of November, students will be focusing on Citizenship: *my actions make my family, school, and community better*.

## Winter Sports

The winter sports season begins November 17. Athletes must have all of the required paperwork completed in order to participate the first day of practice. Parent information night will be held Monday, November 10, at 7:00. Please contact Mr. Burnham with questions regarding athletics at ext. 1221.



Returning wrestlers Jake Harrington, Kyle DeGon, Kaleb Hafner, Kyle Feltwell and Matt DeGon are looking for repeated success at the state level this season.

Coach Mike Thacker will lead the boys' basketball program. The girls' basketball program will be led by Coach Larry Hardie and assistant Duke Hammond. The wrestling team will be led by head coach Adam Thies, assisted by Rick Mumby and Matt Hafner. Our cheer squad will be led by Coach Leona Budde and assistant coach Tanya Reedy.