



Liberty to Honor Veterans at Two Assemblies

Liberty High School will host a Veterans' Day assembly on Thursday, November 7, at 9:30am in the gym for all students in grades 5-12 and any community members interested in attending. The elementary will also host an assembly for grades K-4 in the elementary gym on Friday, November 8, at 10am. The elementary assembly will feature readings and music by K-4 students and a flag-folding demonstration by the local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Conference Week Schedule

Parent-teacher conferences have been scheduled for November 5, 6 & 7, and school will dismiss early on Tuesday through Friday of that week. Buses will leave campus at approximately 12:30pm.

On early release days, junior high and high school students will alternate periods every other day to allow access to their afternoon classes as follows:

*Tuesday/Thursday, Per. 1-4
Wednesday/Friday, Per. 7-4
(in that order)*

The Liberty Lancer

Message from the Superintendent

November 2013

Athletic Cooperative with Rosalia No Longer an Option

For the past year the Liberty Board of Directors has been involved in discussions with Rosalia's board regarding forming an athletic cooperative with our neighboring school district to boost participation numbers. Liberty is the smallest 2B school in the NE2B league by a significant margin, and Rosalia's student population has continued to decline, making it difficult to field teams in their current league. Rosalia's board held a community forum on October 9 to gather input from their constituents on merging with Liberty or Tekoa. The consensus of the group was to merge with Tekoa to allow for the most student participation and to continue with the positive relationship they have already experienced with the Tekoa community. Several members of the community did voice an interest in merging with Liberty to increase the level of competition in their teams, but this philosophy was in the minority.

As a result Liberty will continue as a stand-alone district in our current league and wait to see what the numbers look like in this year's WIAA division of high schools by enrollment. There is a slight chance Liberty may qualify to be a 1B school beginning in the fall of 2014. If this were to occur, Liberty would be one of the largest schools in the local 1B league, and the district would need to decide to play at the 1B level or opt up and continue to play 2B.

Activity Buses to Pilot Running on all Fridays

The Liberty School Board has directed the administration to pilot Friday activity buses through the rest of the school year. The buses began running five days per week on October 28 and will continue through the end of the sports season. Drivers will log student ridership each day so the board can analyze the cost per rider at the end of the school year. If ridership is regularly low on Fridays, the board may choose to return to the previously used schedule and eliminate Friday activity buses after games begin each season.



LHS Cheerleaders Provide Cheer Camp for Elementary Students

The Liberty High School cheerleaders provided an after-school activity to promote an interest in cheerleading with elementary students during the week of October 14. The culminating experience provided some actual cheer activity at halftime of the home football game vs. Colfax. All participants received a cheer t-shirt and a chance to perform a dance routine and several cheers in front of the hometown crowd.



Cheer Camp participants performing their halftime routine.

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 26

Monday, December 30 (5pm)

Thursday, January 30

Thursday, February 27

Thursday, March 27

Liberty Elementary & Junior High Elementary Excellence Awards

for October



Congratulations to our citizens of the month for October, who exemplified the "Character Counts" trait of the month—Fairness: (top row, l-r) Joseph Matherly, Jack Johnson, Mitchell Hanegan, Coleman Tee, Piper Kelton, Tyler Stitt (bottom row, l-r) Juliet Kelley, Kasey Branon, Kale Struble, Logan Smith, Anabelle Redder.

Junior High Excellence Awards—Term 1

4.0 GPA



8th grade 4.0 GPA (l-r, top to bottom): Glen Johnson, Tyson Schenk, Thomas Redder, Austin Rambo, Brett Watson, Breydon Doubet, Jada Schulken, Grace Campbell, Anastasiya Pyankova, Marybelle Buck, Angel Adams,

Mary St. Pierre, Heaven Schultz, Beau St. John, Brandon Holling, Matthew Burley, Alec Fletcher.

7th grade 4.0 GPA (shown at right, l-r): Lilian Kay, Olivia Grumbly, Jackie Turner, Garrett Baump, Jon Denny.



Academic Students of the Quarter



Angel Adams, Alec Fletcher, Emily Lindquist and Bowe Rojas (l-r) were selected by their teachers as students of the quarter.

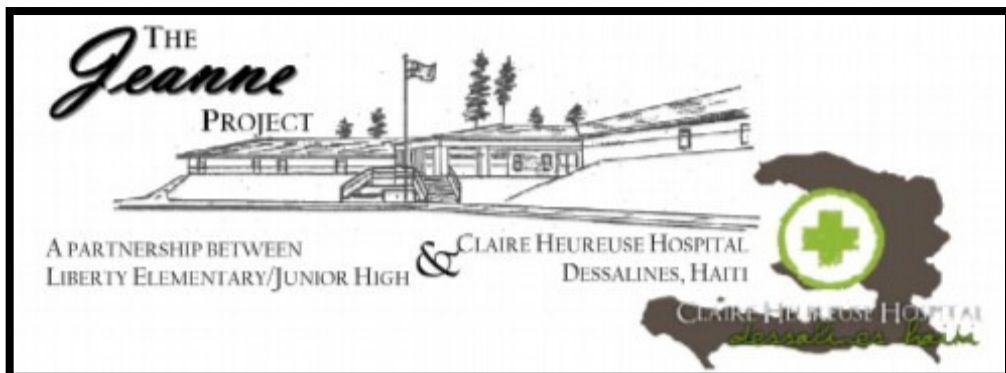
Honor Roll, 3.5-3.99 GPA

8th grade: Isaac Branon, Emilee Crump, Daysia Feltwell, James Heer, Holly Jones, Caroline Nelson, Taz Porter, Kyleigh Shaw, Lindsay Stern, Michaela Tee, Brandi Thieren, Brianna Wheeler

7th grade: Daniel Adams, Logan Billington, Catherine Brown, Ethan Curtis, Tristan Foster, Skylar Gemmell, Emma Holwegner, Racheal Ince, Annabelle Karlis, Levi Kettner, Justin King, Emily Lindquist, Isaak Ottmar, Bowe Rojas, Evan Smith, Johnathan Stitt, Simon Vincini, Brandon Young

The Jeanne Project

The students at Liberty Elementary/Junior High, in partnership with the Claire Heureuse Hospital in Haiti, are initiating "The Jeanne Project" in honor of Mrs. Motsenbocker who recently passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Motsenbocker worked at the hospital years ago and saw first-hand how great the needs are there, and also how the efforts of others can make a life-changing difference for the patients at the hospital. Through this partnership, our students will also learn about the needs in that country and have opportunities to actively meet those needs and see the impact of their actions.



During the month of November, students will collect and make items to send to the hospital, with an emphasis on the needs of the babies and children there. A family from Central Washington will be delivering the packages in December and will film the response from the hospital staff and patients, which will be shared with our students in January. Students will be bringing more information home early this month with a list of items that can be donated. In addition, students will have the opportunity to spend their recesses working with volunteers to make blankets for babies and children.

This is an exciting opportunity for our students to see their efforts make a tangible and positive impact for the hospital patients in Haiti. If you have questions or would like to assist with this project, please contact school counselor Cyndi Freeman at 245-3211 ext. 2217.

Reading Instruction Goes Back to Basics



Liberty Elementary has been working with a reading trainer from the Wenatchee School District to help strengthen reading instruction for struggling readers. Cheryl Armstrong is providing the ongoing instruction through the end of the first semester primarily on intervention strategies using phonics. Students need to be reading at grade level by or before the beginning of third grade to guarantee overall success in school. This training is aimed at strategies to help our teachers work effectively with struggling readers.

Mrs. Fuchs' Classroom Raises Money for Local Fire Stations

Dawn Fuchs' fifth and sixth graders held a classroom fundraiser to help support our local fire stations through a quilt raffle. The students designed and created a quilt with each square representing fire or safety themes. The raffle drawing occurred on October 25 with Auriana Mitchell winning the quilt. Raffle tickets were sold for \$1 each and \$300 was raised with the Spangle, Fairfield/Waverly, and Latah stations receiving \$100 each.



K-8 Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER	
3	Daylight Saving Time Ends
5	Election Day
5-8	12:25 Dismissal for Conferences
7	Veterans' Day Assembly (5-12), 9:30am in the HS Gym
8	Veterans' Day Program (K-4), 10am in the E/JH Gym
11	NO SCHOOL—Veterans' Day
12	Jr. Boosters Meeting, 7pm
18	2-Hour Late Start
20	Grinovations Mobile Dental Clinic on Campus
21	College Color Day
26	Board Meeting, 7pm
27	12:25 Dismissal for Thanksgiving
28	NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving
29	NO SCHOOL

Liberty High School

Principal's Message

It's hard to believe we have completed the first quarter for the 2013-14 school year. Report cards for high school students were mailed home October 30, along with scholarship information from Mr. Hammond. Teachers will be available for conferences November 5-7; these days are scheduled as early release days. On November 7, teachers will be available until 7:00 pm 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.

HSPE Testing & Math and Biology End of Course Exams

The reading and writing HSPE exams and math and biology EOC exams are still part of the graduation requirements for all Washington students.

The HSPE tests will be administered to all sophomores this year on the following dates: Writing, March 18-19; Reading, March 20. The Science and Math End of Course Exams will take place sometime during the last three weeks of school in May 2014. Students who have not met standard in math or biology will take a makeup EOC on the following dates: Geometry, January 23; Biology, January 29; and Algebra I, February 4.

If you would like more information about state testing and graduation requirements, please contact the high school office.

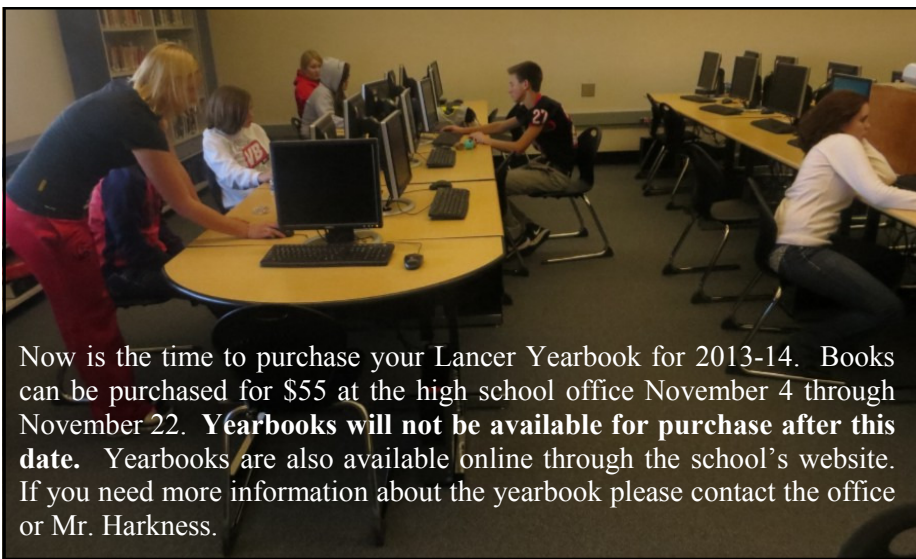
Financial Aid Night



Mr. Hammond would like to invite all parents and guardians to his annual financial aid night on December 12 at 7:00. Information will be available on how to apply for scholarships and financial aid along with college admissions information. Anyone who is 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.

Yearbooks



Now is the time to purchase your Lancer Yearbook for 2013-14. Books can be purchased for \$55 at the high school office November 4 through November 22. **Yearbooks will not be available for purchase after this date.** Yearbooks are also available online through the school's website. If you need more information about the yearbook please contact the office or Mr. Harkness.

FFA Ag Issues to Nationals

Congratulations to FFA advisor Mr. Kimble and the Ag Issues team, who traveled to Louisville, Kentucky, for the National FFA competition at the end of October. This group placed first at the Sub District and District competitions last spring. The Lancer Ag Issues team then went on to win the State competition in Pullman May 9-11, 2013. The topic at Nationals was "Upgrading the P&L Shortline Railroad," and the team reached the semifinal round.



FFA team (l-r): Mr. Kimble, Kyle O'Malley, Macy Cornmesser, Mikayla Cornwall, Aly Tee, Ryan Thayer, Brittany Breidenbach, and Blake Marsh

LHS Dates to Remember	
NOVEMBER	
1	FFA Nationals
4	Yearbook Sale Begins
5-8	Conferences—Early Release
7	Veterans' Day Assembly
11	No School
18	Late Start Winter Sports Begin
21	Senior Yearbook Photos Due
22	Yearbook Sale Ends
27	Early Release
28	No School
29	No School

Homecoming

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

Congratulations to Dyllian Flaig and Katie Stern (*pictured below*) who were chosen as King and Queen for homecoming 2013.



Medic One First Aid

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, which 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. The classes will be taught the first full week of November.



Knowledge Bowl Begins

Mr. Cox and the Knowledge Bowl team will begin their season October 29 in Harrington. The team will have contests on Tuesdays twice a month through the month of February. The season will conclude with a regional competition at Whitworth University on February 28. Best of luck to the knowledge bowl team.



(l-r) Blake Marsh, Joseph Ryan, Frank James, Ryan Thayer, Kyle King, (front) Mr. Cox

Winter Sports

The Winter sports season begins November 18. Athletes must have all of the appropriate paperwork completed in order to participate the first day of practice. Please contact Mr. Burnham with questions regarding athletics at ext. 1221. Coach Mike Thacker will lead the boys' basketball program with the assistance of Trevor Anderson. The girls' basketball program will be led by Coach Larry Hardie and his assistant Duke Hammond. The wrestling team will be led by head coach Adam Thies. Assisting with the wrestlers will be Rick Mumby and Matt Hafner. Our cheer squad will be led by Coach Leona Budde and Tanya Reedy.



Winter cheerleaders (l-r): Emily Lehman, Breanna Thieren, Bridgette Roll, Lily Marsh, and Meghan Grumbly. Not pictured: Abby Brown, Alaina Curl and Haley LeMoine.

