



The Liberty Lancer

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Message from the Superintendent

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Fall Conferences & Parent Survey

Parent-teacher conferences will take place the week of November 7-10, and school will dismiss three hours early each day that week. All K-6 students have been scheduled for a conference time, and students in grades 7-12 will be scheduled at the request of a parent or teacher.

Parents, please assist us in our efforts to focus on continual improvement by taking a moment to provide feedback via one of the building-specific surveys listed below:

[Elementary](#)

[Junior High](#)

[High School](#)

First quarter has wrapped up, and we are ready for November! We have been busy with our bond and facility project planning and timelines. Our staff has been very involved in the process, and project details are beginning to emerge. We hope to be able to share specific information regarding the project in December.

Our students and staff are gearing up for fall conferences on the 7th-9th and the Veterans' Day assembly on the 10th at 9:30am in the LHS gym. There is no school November 11th in observance of Veterans' Day or the 24th-25th for Thanksgiving break.

Our high school fall sports programs are continuing their seasons by qualifying for post-season play. Volleyball finished in second place in the south division and has advanced to districts; football tied for first place in the division and will play in the first round of district playoffs Friday the 4th in a home contest vs. Kettle Falls. Junior high wrestling and girls' basketball have begun, and each has a great turnout for its season.



Architect rendering depicting LHS renovations & addition.

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Our character trait focus for the month is *thankfulness*, and we are very thankful to our community for your continued support of our schools and district. If you have any questions about our district, please contact me.

Tree Planting with The Lands Council

Liberty Junior High and High School students recently had an opportunity to impact our community and environment in a tangible way that will make an impact for generations to come.



Mckenzie Pestana shows proof of her hard morning's work.

As part of the curriculum in Mrs. Berry's science classes, Kat Hall, Conservation Programs Director at The Lands Council, presented an interactive lesson using a watershed model to demonstrate to students the sources of water pollution and methods of prevention.



70 students planted over 140 trees on Oct. 24.

The follow-up to this lesson was a trip to Hanging Tree Historical Monument on October 24, where 70 junior high and high school students spent nearly four hours planting more than 140 trees near the banks of Hangman Creek.

Kat and her assistant Joe assisted students in the correct procedure for planting trees for the purpose of erosion prevention, shade, and animal habitats. Students will return to the area in the spring to check on their trees and perform water quality testing.



Josh Stern (l) and Colton Marsh (r) working together

BOND UPDATE PROJECTED TIMELINE:

Design Development:
In Process

Bid:
Late-Winter/Spring, 2017

Build:
Late Spring 2017

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The Liberty Lancer

The Liberty Lancer is published during the academic year by Liberty School District, emailed to families, and posted on the district website 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 community.

Comments, questions or suggestions should be directed to the Superintendent.

November 2016

DISTRICT MISSION & CIVIL RIGHTS STATEMENT

Liberty School District will provide a safe, nurturing, and rigorous learning environment, maximizing each student's potential today, with tomorrow in mind.

Liberty School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained guide dog or service animal in its programs, employment, and/or activities. The district will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups. District programs will be free of sexual harassment.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

All meetings are held in the Elementary/Junior High Library

Tuesday, November 29, 6:00pm

Monday, December 26, 4:00pm

Sheriff's Corner - Winter Driving

Winter driving season is approaching. It won't be long before we have our first snowfall with slick conditions. If you have a child with a driver's license, it becomes a little nerve-racking when they are out and about. Hopefully you have prepared your son or daughter for these conditions.

I know they've taken Driver's Education and probably think they know it all and you know nothing. You've obviously been driving a whole lot longer than they have and have driven in a variety of conditions. Yet, teens feel like they are invincible and being involved in a collision is the furthest thing from their minds.

Make sure the vehicle they are driving is ready for cold winter conditions. Check the battery, antifreeze, wipers, heater/defroster, and finally, make sure the car has good winter tires. These few things can make a huge difference.

Have a conversation with your young driver about their driving habits. Remind them to always wear their seatbelt, give themselves plenty of time to get where they are going, keep their distance between themselves and the car in front of them, do not text and drive or talk on their cellphones, and finally, SLOW DOWN! Just because the speed limit sign says 55MPH does not mean that's how fast you are supposed to drive when road conditions dictate otherwise.

I know we can't control other drivers. Hopefully, if you and your teen have this conversation and the vehicle they are driving is prepared for winter conditions, you won't get a call from them saying they're in the ditch or have been involved in a collision.



Deputy
Ron Nye

Liberty Team Runs Spartan Beast

Congratulations to Liberty teachers Amber Marsh, Randy Degenhart, Mike Jydstруп and Kaci Tee (pictured at left) for their successful completion of the Spartan Beast race in the Seattle area on October 22nd.

Our teachers had a fantastic showing, running together as a team and finishing in 3 hours and 53 minutes—a time that placed them in the top 860 finishers out of over 3,200.

For a fun overview of video footage and pictures from the race, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-mwJsO8d-7Y> to watch the video compiled by Mr. J's daughter Sarah Jydstруп.



Staff Spotlight: Leona Budde

Each month we will be introducing staff members who may be new to our school or who have changed positions within the past few years. This month we are spotlighting Leona Budde. She is the high school cheer coach and has worked as a classified substitute in the district for several years, and this year she was hired as a para educator working with elementary and junior high school students. Let's learn more about her:

High School: Graduated from Liberty High School (just a few years ago...)

College: Received a BS in exercise science as a Central Washington University Wildcat.

Favorite school lunch: Anything with a tater tot in it.

Most interesting thing about you: I spent 17 years rehabilitating heart patients, and I love to travel.

What you love about being a Liberty staff member so far: I love working with all of the amazing staff here—they make me smile! I also look forward to the "little" hugs I get in the hallways each day from the students.



LIBERTY ELEMENTARY & JUNIOR HIGH

ELEMENTARY CHARACTER AWARDS *for October*



Congratulations to last month's elementary citizens of the month, who exemplified the character trait of **EMPATHY**: (top-to-bottom, l-r) **Addy Karlis, Sahvanna Koker, Morgan Green, Bryce Braun, Lillie Felgenhauer, Jack Johnson, Giovanni Hafner, London Rice, Kaitlynn Kaplan, Kenzie Barta, Brooklynn Shelton.**

Junior High Awards—Term 1



8th GRADE, 4.0 GPA (at left, back row) Madison Greer, Jesse Turner, Sara Hartman, Carson Fisk, Cole Ottmar, Carson Tee, Logan Kroll, Trace Gale, (front row) Olivia Morgan, Maizy Feltwell, Amelia Bennett, Logan Smith, Kyle Johnson, Jared Kimball, (not pictured) Jacob Biegert

3.5-3.99 GPA Hadlee Brown, Katie Eden, Kalem Gardiner, Austen Hubbard, Kylee Hubbard, Mackenzy Lauster, Austin Roberts, Tanner Schenk, Jonah Shrode, Noah Sievers

7th GRADE, 4.0 GPA (at right, back row) Logan Grumbly, Ben Pritchett, Connor Stitt, Colton Marsh, Henry Greer, Kyle Belles, Logan Wilson, Sarah Burley, Annika Tee, Ally Karlis, (front row) Matt Heer, Gage Holling, Mekenzie Pestana, Sophia Pyankova, Amelia Suksdorf, Ava Budde



3.5-3.99 GPA Justine Barlow, Kasey Branon, Madeline Colgan, Jacob Enzler, London Foland, Jamie Glorfield, Vivian Harader, Lexi Kettner, Heaven Lindquist, Ryleigh Medart, Jenna Piersol, Mason Simmons, Anya Soltero, Jaidyn Stephens, Josh Stern, Trenton Stoe, Hayden Tee, Damon Thieren, Dillon Thieren



Academic Students of the Quarter (at left)

Logan Grumbly, Austen Hubbard, Vivian Harader, Olivia Morgan

Character Awards (at right)

Mackenzy Lauster, Ally Karlis, Gage Holling, Colton Marsh



K-8 Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER (Thankfulness)

- 5 Glow-in-the-Dark Ice Skating, 6:15pm @ Eagles Ice-A-Rena
- 6 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 7-9 Early Dismissal for Conferences
- 7-9 Book Fair in the Library
- 8 Election Day
- 10 Veterans' Day Assembly, 9:30am Early Dismissal
- 11 NO SCHOOL—Veterans' Day
- 23 Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving End of JH Trimester 1
- 24-25 NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving
- 28 K-6 Awards Assembly, 2:10pm
- 29 Board Meeting, 6pm

JH Teachers Receive Grants from STCU

At the start of each year, STCU sponsors meals and door prizes at back-to-school events for teachers throughout the area. This year they held a random drawing of teacher names from each district and awarded \$20,000 in classroom grants to 80 area teachers.

Liberty Junior High teachers Kristin Berry and Chris Redell were our lucky recipients of the grant checks. They are able to spend the funds on "anything they believe will enhance students' classroom experience." Mr. Redell plans to supplement his classroom library, and Mrs. Berry will purchase some extra art supplies.



Mr. Redell



Mrs. Berry



LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL

Principal's Message

It's hard to believe we have completed the first quarter for the 2016-17 school year. Report cards for high school students are in the mail, along with scholarship information from Mr. Hammond. Teachers will be available for conferences November 7-9; these days are scheduled as early release days. On November 9th, 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 students' teacher(s) please don't hesitate to contact the high school.



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State Testing

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 participants. If you have further questions about state testing please contact the high school office.

Exam	Date	Who
Math Year 1 EOC make up	January 24	Students who have attempted exam and not met standard
Biology EOC make up	January 25	Students who have attempted exam and not met standard
Math Year 2 EOC make up	January 31	Students who have attempted exam and not met standard
SBA ELA	May 2016	All Sophomores Students who have attempted exam and not met standard
SBA Math	May 2016	All Juniors All Sophomores in Algebra 2

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. The class must include learning the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) through teaching that includes hands-on experience.

What does this look like at Liberty High School? Our school nurse, Miranda Holling, 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 certifications in basic first aid and AED use.



Nurse
Miranda



Mr. Langeman

Yearbooks

Now is the time to purchase your Lancer yearbook. Books are \$55 and can be purchased at the high school office or online at yearbookforever.com. December 2 is the final day orders will be accepted.

If you need more information about the yearbook, please contact the office or [Mr. Harkness](#).



LHS Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

- 1 Knowledge Bowl @ Creston
- 2 Jazz Band @ Whitworth
SBA ELA Exam
- 3 Lancer Pride Assembly
- 4 SBA ELA exam
- 7 Conferences, Release @ 11:40
SBA Math Exam
- 8 Conferences, Release @ 11:40
- 9 Conferences, Release @ 11:40
SBA Math Exam
Winter Sports Parent Night, 7pm
- 10 Early Release @ 11:40
Veteran's Day Assembly 9:30
ASVB exam
- 11 No School—Veterans' Day
- 14 Winter sports begin
- 15 Knowledge Bowl @ Springdale
- 17 Senior Project Presentations
- 23 Early Release @ 11:40
- 24-25 No School—Thanksgiving
- 29 Knowledge Bowl @ Harrington



Congratulations to **Chase Burnham** and **Abby Karlis**—voted 2016 Homecoming King and Queen.

Character Counts

Each month Liberty School District focuses on a character trait of the month. For October the student body focused on EMPATHY: thinking about other people's feelings.

Students and staff recognized the following students for displaying empathy in a variety of ways: (pictured at right, l-r) **Autumn Wright, Maisie Burnham, Levi Kettner, Matt DeGon, Kyle DeGon, (not pictured) Hunter Hanson-Olsen, Chase Burnham.**

For the month of November students will be focusing on THANKFULNESS: I say "thank you," I appreciate the good things in my life, I look for the positive side of all situations.



Knowledge Bowl Begins

Mr. VanSickle and the Knowledge Bowl team began their season November 1st in Creston. 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 7th and a Regional competition at Whitworth University on February 24th. Best of luck to the Knowledge Bowl team!



Knowledge Bowl team members pictured at left (l-r) **Caroline Nelson, Thomas Redder, Austin Rambo, Matthew Burley, Tyson Schenk, James Heer, Justin King, Alec Fletcher, Patrick Paredes, Sam Pritchett, Tyler Haas, Quentin Rose**



FFA State Soils



Liberty finished 11th in the State Soils contest on October 26th.



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
ENDS NOVEMBER 6TH**

"FALL BACK!"

LANCER ATHLETICS

Winter Sports

The winter sports season begins November 14. Athletes must have all of the appropriate paperwork completed in order to participate on the first day of practice.

Parent information night will be held November 9 at 7pm. Please contact [Mr. Burnham](#) with questions regarding athletics.

Coach Mike Thacker will lead the boys' basketball program.



**Wrestling and basketball
begin Nov. 14**

The girls' basketball program will be led by coach Larry Hardie. The wrestling team will be led by head coach Adam Thies. Our cheer squad coaches are Leona Budde and Kristanie Maleng.