



The Liberty Lancer

Message from the Superintendent

October 2015

I hope you all had a great September and start to your fall. We're enjoying having your students back in school and hope the weekly routines are getting easier by now.

The past four weeks have been very successful; our buildings look great, staff is excited, and the students are engaged. We have spent a great amount of time planning in order to ensure our students are in the best environment we can provide. Our athletics teams continue to improve and show their success against their league opponents.

As you are aware, a Liberty School District Bond will be appearing on the November 3rd ballots as we look to make necessary repairs and renovations to the 55-year-old high school along with other campus improvements. We are continuing our work to be strategic and focused around the standards our students need in order to show success throughout their school careers and in life. Our enrollment came in right around 425 students in K-12 for September, which is an increase from where we left off last spring. We are in a stable fiscal position and ready for a great 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. It is my goal to continue our transparent level of awareness by enhancing communication through our website and alert system (phone and emails). If you should have any questions, please contact me at 245-3211 or on my cell phone at 509-370-4079.

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Family Access

Would you like to be notified when your child has \$5 or less in his or her lunch account, has earned a 90 percent or higher on an assignment, has a missing assignment, or has received a failing grade?

These are all triggers that will prompt an email to you from our student records system, Skyward. Just login to your Family Access account and click on "My Account" in the upper right corner to choose the alerts you would like to receive.



Earthquake Drill



Washington has joined with many other states to schedule a practice earthquake drill on October 15 at 10:15 am. We will be participating in "The Great Washington Shake Out" as a school district.

Per state law, all districts are required to practice fire drills, lockdown drills, and other evacuation drills on a monthly basis.

Sheriff's Corner: Keeping Liberty Safe

The world in which we live is becoming increasingly dangerous. Just watch the news. The Spokane area is like any other city in the United States. We have gangs, drugs, robberies, burglaries, and homicides. We are not immune—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 effectively within this community takes help from its members, the students. Just like citizens in the surrounding communities, Liberty students hear and see what happens on a day-to-day basis. Without them, it would be impossible for me to do my job. If something of concern is seen or heard and no one says anything or reports it, there is nothing I can do. The students themselves help keep Liberty a safe place by reporting unsafe things they see or hear.

All too often, unsafe behavior or talk is not reported in a timely fashion. I hear excuses like: "He or she always talks like that," or "I thought he or she was just joking," or "I didn't want him or her to get into trouble." The bottom line is that any behavior or talk that is threatening or hints at harm to oneself or others needs to be reported immediately to an adult. If a student doesn't feel comfortable reporting something to an adult, he or she can use the "Safe Schools" icon located on Liberty's home web page. The student can even remain anonymous.

As parents and staff members, we need to remind students to report these things. They are not being "tattletales," they are being responsible citizens of the Liberty community. Let the adults determine whether someone is joking around or being serious. Together, we can continue to keep the school community of Liberty a safe place.



Deputy Ron Nye

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.

October 2015

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Upcoming Board Meetings

All meetings are held in the
Elementary/Junior High Library

Thursday, October 29, 6:00pm

Tuesday, November 24, 6:00pm

Tuesday, December 29, 5:00pm

Thursday, January 28, 6:00pm

Staff Spotlight: Kellie DeRuwe

Miss DeRuwe joined the Liberty staff this year as a 5th grade teacher who also teaches writing for all 5th and 6th graders. Join us in learning more about her:

College: I graduated from Washington State University this past May. Go Cougs! Pullman will always have a special place in my heart as the best four years of my life so far were spent there. Fortunately it is an easy drive back for every home football game, and I can easily go get my Cougar Country fix if needed!

High School: I graduated from Connell High School. I played volleyball all through high school and was an active member of our ASB and FFA chapter.



Favorite school lunch: I have never liked school lunch a day in my life until I learned of the salad bar option this year. I think I was scarred from doing garbage duty in elementary school, yuck! Kudos to the cooks at Liberty!

Most interesting thing about you: My favorite hobby is skiing. I ski raced for Mission Ridge in Wenatchee for 10 years. I go up to the mountain any chance I have during the winter. I'm crossing my fingers for a snowy winter this year!

Favorite subject you teach: My favorite subject I teach is social studies. I love how engaged the students are when we talk about history. I also love traveling, which allows you to learn so much more about the history all around us.

What do you like most about working at Liberty? The best part about being a Liberty staff member is the people I get to work with. We have the most incredible, supportive staff. I am so thankful that I have been given the opportunity to have this be my first teaching job.

Liberty Elementary & Junior High

Elementary E for Excellence Awards

Congratulations to **Mya Garcia** and **Ryleigh Medart** for going above and beyond and being nominated by staff members to receive E for Excellence awards at the monthly awards assembly for September.



Mya Garcia &
Mrs. Tusler

Mya was nominated by Mrs. Tusler for putting forth her best effort to complete a difficult assignment on time.



Ryleigh Medart

Ryleigh was recognized by Mr. Degenhart for noticing a younger student in the hallway who was having a rough day and stepping in to lend a helping hand.

Great job, Mya and Ryleigh!

K-8 Dates to Remember

OCTOBER (EMPATHY)

- 2 Sports-a-Thon Assembly
- Midterm Ends
- 5 2-Hour Late Start
- 9 NO SCHOOL
- 20 JH Twisted Tuesday (Dress Alike)
- 22 College Color Day
- 28 K-6 Awards Assembly
- 29 Board Meeting, 6pm
- 30 Elem. Classroom Parties
- JH ASB Dance
- 1st Quarter Ends
- 31 Halloween



Elementary Character Awards

for September



(Top row, l-r) Presley Holling, Raymond Lasz, Ayden Anderson, Brenna Tiegs, Sadie Stout, Brody Hofmann, Lincoln Foland, (bottom row, l-r) Quinn Morgan, Randa Hafner, London Foland, Allison Karlis.

Liberty High School

Principal's Welcome

The high school is off to a great start with students and staff excited to be back in a routine. The first month of school is always a busy one; everyone has done an outstanding job of adjusting to new schedules, teachers and classes for the fall. We are starting the year off with about 135 students in grades 9-12.

Conferences

If you have questions or concerns about your student's academic progress, please feel free to contact their teachers at any time during the year. We have set our conference week for November 9-13; evening conferences will be available on Tuesday the 10th. Each of these days students will be released at 12:05 with conferences taking place in the afternoon.

Quarter grades will be mailed home during the year, mid-term grades will be posted on Skyward Family Access throughout the year. Please take time to look through the quarterly mailings, as important information about scholarships and other happenings will be included.

ACT

Liberty High School will administer the ACT Aspire assessment to students in grades 9 and 10. The ACT Aspire will replace the MAP assessments that we have administered in previous years.

The ACT Aspire is aligned to the Washington State Learning Standards and provides clear information on students to see if they are college- and career-ready. These are short-duration, highly revealing assessments designed to produce snapshots of each learner's achievement at intervals throughout the academic year. As such, they are ideal for acknowledging that a learner's progress is at pace for success with the ACT assessment students take when applying for college. We are in the process of working with ACT to finalize a date in the fall for our students to participate in this assessment.



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Counseling Center



Duke Hammond

October will be a busy month for our students exploring different options for pathways after high school. Students will have an opportunity to take the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) on Wednesday, October 14. Mr. Hammond will be visiting classrooms the week of October 19th to help students set up their online profile and High School and Beyond Plan. Grades 10, 11, and 12 will have an opportunity to attend the College Fair on Wednesday, October 21.

Seniors will attend the "My Money, My Life" event at Freeman High School on Friday, October 30. This event is a live finance simulation event sponsored by Spokane Teachers Credit Union. For information about the events listed above, please contact [Mr. Hammond](#).



LHS
Dates to Remember

OCTOBER

- 2 Quarter 1 Midterm
- 5 Late Start
Homecoming Week
- 9 No School
Homecoming Dance
- 14 PSAT
- 15 The Great Washington
Shakeout Earthquake Drill
- 21 FBLA Conference
College Fair
- 22 College Color Day
- 30 My Money, My Life @ FHS

Character Counts

Each month Liberty School District focuses on a character trait. For September the student body focused on **DEPENDABILITY**: working hard and doing what you are supposed to do. Students and staff recognized the following students for showing their dependability skills throughout the month in a variety of ways:

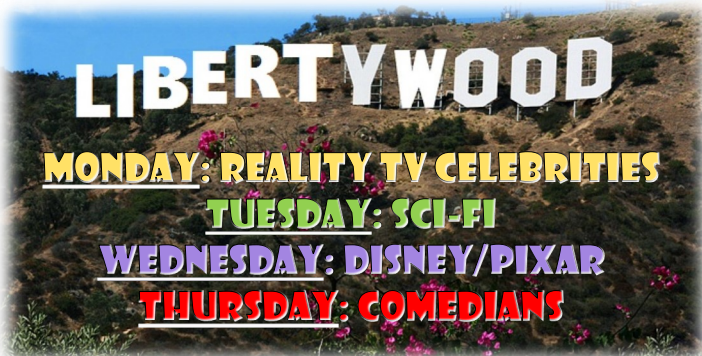


(Back row, l-r) Frank James, Jake Pottratz, Maxwell Johnson, Paul Kaze, Andrew Harvey, (front row, l-r) Abby Karlis, Haley Marsh.

For the month of October students will be focusing on **EMPATHY**—seeing things from another point of view.

Homecoming

Homecoming week is set for October 5-9. The theme this year is “Libertywood.” Dress-up days are as follows:

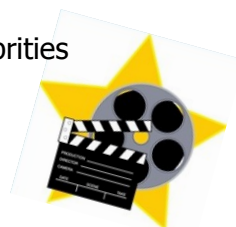


Monday: Reality TV Show Celebrities

Tuesday: Sci-Fi

Wednesday: Disney/Pixar

Thursday: Comedians



Activities will take place one period each day. Homecoming royalty will be presented at the football game Friday night, October 9, against Lind-Ritzville, with a dance to follow.

Student Government

Starting off another great year at Liberty High School, each grade level elected students who will represent their peers as President, Vice President, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary, Treasurer, and ASB Representative. The following students were elected in each class:

Seniors

President: Maggie Nelson
Vice President: Jodi Carrell
Secretary: Kaitlyn Rambo
Sgt at Arms: Willow Ashton
Treasurer: Kassie Turner
ASB Rep: Maxwell Johnson



Jodi, Kaitlyn, Maggie & Maxwell



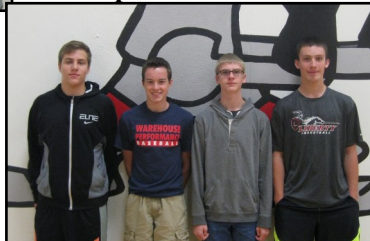
Matt, Abby, Tyler & Patrick

Juniors

President: Patrick Paredes
Vice President: Abby Karlis
Secretary: Tyler Haas
Sgt at Arms: Kyle DeGon
Treasurer: Matt DeGon

Sophomores

President: Matthew Burley
Vice President: Austin Rambo
Secretary: Thomas Redder
Sgt at Arms: Taz Porter
Treasurer: Brett Watson
ASB Rep: Jawuan Nave



Thomas, Matthew, Austin & Brett



Lily, Emma, Justin, Haley & Isaak

Freshmen

President: Justin King
Vice President: Isaak Ottmar
Sgt at Arms: Emma Holwegner
Treasurer: Lily Kay
ASB Rep: Haley Marsh

2015 **LIBERTY SCHOOL BOND**



On November 3, 2015, Liberty School District voters will be asked to consider approval of a \$12.9 million bond to fund:

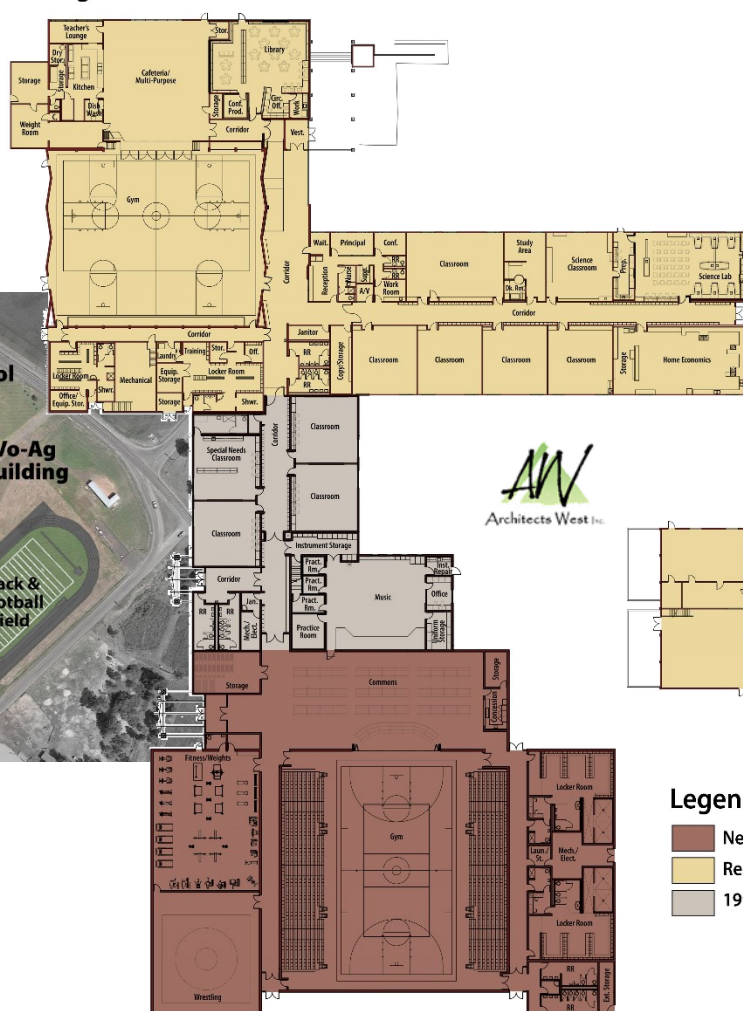
- ◆ **Student Safety & Security**
- ◆ **Facilities & Grounds Improvements**
- ◆ **Renovation of Buildings**
- ◆ **Increased Community Access**

Local Bond Rates 2015

Rosalia: \$3.61
 Central Valley: \$3.55
 Cheney: \$3.22
 Davenport: \$2.74
 Freeman: \$2.72
 Medical Lake: \$2.56
 Spokane Public Schools: \$1.96
***Liberty: \$1.91**

*Estimated rate per \$1,000 based on 2015 evaluation and \$12.9 million in project costs.

High School Floor Plan

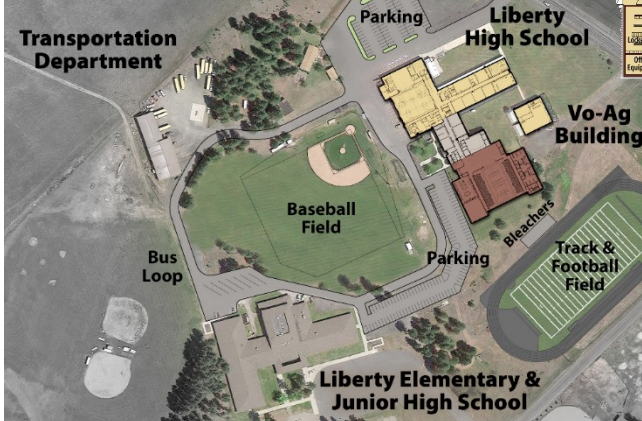


AW
Architects West Inc.

Legend

- New
- Renovation/Remodel
- 1999 Construction

COMPLETED PROJECT OVERVIEW:



Please *VOTE* by November 3!

**Visit www.LibertySD.us/bond for more details
and to view an informational video.**

Questions? Contact Superintendent Kyle Rydell at krydell@libertysd.us or call 509-245-6213.