




# The Liberty Lancer

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## Family Access

Want to know when your child has \$5 or less in their lunch account, has earned a 90 percent or higher on an assignment, has a missing assignment, or has earned a grade lower than 60 percent? These are all events that can trigger an email being sent to you from Family Access. Just login to your account and click on the "my account" link in the upper right corner  to choose the alerts you would like to receive. If you need a reminder of your Family Access login or password, please call the school office.

## BOND UPDATE PROJECTED TIMELINE:

Education Specifications:  
**Completed**

Design Phase:  
**In Process**

Bid:  
**Mid-Winter/Spring, 2017**

Build:  
**Late Spring 2017**

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## Message from the Superintendent

Dear Parents, Staff and Community Members:

September was a great month, and we've had a great start to fall. Along with the amazing weather, we also have amazing students and staff.

The past four weeks have been very successful—our campus looks great, staff are in the routine, and the students are engaged. We have spent a great amount of time planning and ensuring our students are in the best environment we can provide. Our football and volleyball teams continue their successes against league opponents.

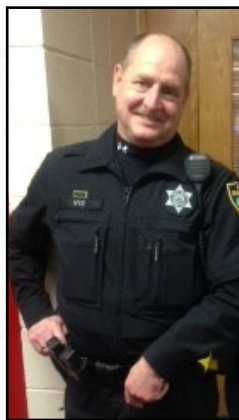
As you are aware, we have been busy working with our architects and planning the renovation and construction projects, which will begin late spring of 2017. We will continue to keep you up-to-date on the progress with regular updates in our monthly newsletters and weekly emails.

We are continuing our work to be strategic and focused around the standards our students need in order to experience success throughout the year and in life. Our enrollment is currently above 450 students, which is an increase from where we ended last year and among the highest enrollment numbers we have seen in our high school for several years. 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 high level of communication through our website and alert system (phone and emails). If you have any questions, please contact me.

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## Sheriff's Corner - If you see something, say something



**Deputy Ron Nye**

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 to this. 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 the surrounding communities, the students hear and see what happens on a day-to-day 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 students themselves help keep Liberty a safe place by reporting unsafe things they see or hear. All too often, important unsafe items 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 this type of thing 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 website homepage. 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 decide whether the threat was a joke or serious. Together we can continue to keep the school community a safe place.

## 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.

October 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

Thursday, October 27, 6:00pm  
Tuesday, November 29, 6:00pm

## Great Washington ShakeOut

Millions of people worldwide will practice how to "drop, cover, and hold on" at 10:20am on October 20<sup>th</sup> during Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills. We will be joining the Washington practice drill as a school district. In addition to this drill, state law requires the school district to practice fire drills, lockdown drills, and other evacuation drills each month.



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Make our website your one-stop-shop for current information about our district, schools, and athletic programs!

## Liberty Teachers to Compete in Spartan Beast



Mr. Jydstrup



Mrs. Tee



Mrs. Marsh



Mr. Degenhart

Liberty School District will be represented at the grueling Reebok Spartan Beast in Snohomish Washington on Saturday, October 22. Liberty teachers Kaci Tee, Amber Marsh, Randy Degenhart and team captain and Ironman Mike Jydstrup will compete as team "Liberty Champions" in the toughest of the Spartan races.

They will face a course 12-14 miles in total length, dotted with 30-35 muddy obstacles, and requiring over three hours of physical exertion.

Please join us in rooting for these great teachers and fierce competitors!

## Staff Spotlight: Christine Piersol

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 Chris Piersol. She is one of our newly hired classified employees working as a para educator with elementary students. Let's learn more about her:

**High School:** Oroville High School, Oroville, WA

**College:** Central Washington University in Ellensburg

**Favorite school lunch:** I have only eaten three school lunches, but so far my favorite is tacos!

**Most interesting thing about you:** I grew up on 20 acres in the Okanogan valley where we lived with no electricity for about 20 years. We heated with wood stoves and small propane space heaters, and used a gas generator for the well pump and running the washing machine and other small appliances. We also used solar panels to power our lights in the summer. In the winter, we used propane lanterns. Our house was wired for electricity, but the cost of putting in power lines was more than my family could afford. We lived "off the grid" before that phrase was coined. Power outages don't bother me!

**What you love about being a Liberty staff member so far:** I love being a part of helping students work toward their learning goals. I also love that I am on the same schedule as my kids and can see them throughout the day.





# LIBERTY ELEMENTARY & JUNIOR HIGH

## ELEMENTARY CHARACTER AWARDS *for September*



Congratulations to last month's elementary citizens of the month, who exemplified the character trait of **DEPENDABILITY**: (top-to-bottom, l-r) **Peter Bethel, Joe Pritchett, Kiera Jones, Poppy Jones, Justin Wright, Daniel Nollmeyer, Tatum Nagle, Jake Soriano, Ethan Kimball, Donovan Wilson, Jade Garcia.**

## School Bus Safety Poster Contest—#StopOnRed



**Kaleb Vanwert, Austyn Myers, Steffanie Bunch, J.J. Larsen-Nowland, Sophia Pyankova**

Each year our elementary students submit posters showcasing school-bus-safety themed artwork. Last year's theme was #StopOnRed. The posters submitted by the students above all made it to the state level. J.J.'s poster is pictured above. Congratulations to Sophia, who was awarded a 1st place prize and a check for \$50. Her poster will be forwarded on to the national competition next month.

## Junior High ASB Representatives—1st Semester



**Kimball**

**Ottmar**

**Shrode**

8th graders **Jared Kimball, Cole Ottmar, and Jonah Shrode** were selected by their peers to serve as ASB representatives for the first semester. These students will pool their leadership skills to help plan monthly ASB activities for the junior high.

## K-8 Upcoming Events

### OCTOBER (Empathy)

- 3 2-Hour Late Start
- 5 Booster Meeting, 5:30pm @ HS
- 7 NO SCHOOL—Curriculum Day
- 22 Spartan Beast Race, Seattle
- 27 K-6 Awards Assembly, 2:10pm  
Board Meeting, 6pm
- 28 End of 1st Quarter
- 31 2-Hour Late Start  
Halloween  
PM Elementary Parties

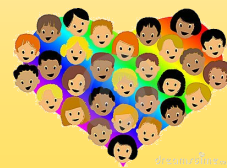
## Early Childhood Education



LHS Senior **Abby Karlis** reads to kindergarten students during her Early Childhood elective.

Liberty elementary and high school students alike are benefitting from the Early Childhood Education class, offered as an elective at the high school. This class is a win-win for our students. It fulfills the high school career and technical education credit requirement and also gives our younger students extra personalized attention from their older role models.

As an additional perk to this program, we have seen an increase of interest by our high school participants in pursuing degrees in education.





# 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 150 students in grades 9-12.

## Conferences

If you have questions or concerns about your student's academic progress, please feel free to contact their teacher(s) at any time during the year. We have set our conference week for November 7-10; evening conferences are available on Wednesday the 9th. Students will be released on each of these days at 12:05 with conferences taking place in the afternoons Monday through Wednesday. Quarter grades will be mailed home during the year, and mid-term grades will be posted on Family Access throughout the year. Please take time to look through the report card mailings, as important information about scholarships and other happenings will be included.

## Homecoming



Dress-up Days:

**Monday:** *Movie Day*

**Tuesday:** *Togas*

**Wednesday:** *College Day*

**Thursday:** *Senior Citizens & Babies*

**Friday:** *Spirit Day*

The ASB has set homecoming week to be October 10-14. Homecoming royalty will be presented at the football game Friday the 14th against Northwest Christian, with a dance to follow.

## Character Counts



Each month Liberty School District focuses on a character trait of the month. 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 (*pictured above, l-r*):

**Katelyn Dillon, Abby Karlis, Charlie Johnson, Jada Schulken, Mikayla Kent, Kathryn Fairfield, (lower right) Devin Billington, McKenna Jones, and Austin Killstrom.**

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



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## LHS Upcoming Events

### October

- 3 Late Start
- 5 Booster Meeting, 5:30pm
- 7 NO SCHOOL
- 10-14 Homecoming Week
- 19 FBLA Fall Conference  
PSAT
- 20 College Color Day
- 22 LCEF Dinner & Auction
- 28 First Quarter Ends  
STCU My Life, My Money @  
Freeman HS
- 31 Late Start

## Counseling Center

Mr. Hammond has been busy helping our students explore different options for pathways after high school. Students will have an opportunity to take the PSAT on October 19, the ASVAB on November 10, and the PACT on November 23. Mr. Hammond has been visiting classrooms helping students set up their online profiles and High School and Beyond Plan. Seniors will attend the "My Money, My Life" event at Freeman High School on October 28. 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.



**Duke Hammond**



**FFA Soils Success** The Liberty FFA Soils teams did an awesome job in late September at the Whitman County Land and Soils Evaluation Career Development Event (CDE). There were 41 teams that participated in the CDE, and Liberty FFA Team #1 placed 3rd in the overall event, bringing home Liberty's first soils pennant in a few years!



Congratulations to **Tyson Schenk, Matt DeGon, Alec Fletcher, Kyle DeGon, and Levi Kettner** (above, l-r) for placing 3rd overall.



Students on the additional Liberty FFA teams did very well also, placing 10th and 18th, remaining in the top half or better of the competition. Those participants were **Austin Rambo, Carson Holwegner,**

**Devin Billington, Justin Jeske, Brandon Holling, Beau St. John, Isaak Ottmar, Josh Haas, Christine Denny, Justin King, Tyler Haas, Charlie Harrington, Jake Harrington and Jon Denny.** Thank you for your support of these outstanding students!

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



## SENIORS

President: **Kyle DeGon**  
Vice President: **Matt DeGon**  
Secretary: **Madelynne Flaig**  
Treasurer: **McKenna Jones**  
Sgt. At Arms: **Austin Colby**



## JUNIORS

President: **Katelyn Dillon**  
Vice President: **Brandi Thieren**  
Secretary: **Joseph Gilbreath**  
Treasurer: **Alec Fletcher**



## SOPHOMORES

President: **Isaak Ottmar**  
Vice President: **Sam Pritchett**  
Secretary: **Racheal Ince**  
Treasurer: **Justin King**  
Sgt. At Arms: **Annabelle Bennett**



## FRESHMEN

President: **Sam Nelson**  
Vice President: **Maisie Burnham**  
Secretary: **Charlie Harrington**  
Treasurer: **Jake Carr**

## FFA National Convention

**Marybelle Buck**, a member of the Liberty FFA chapter, will be on stage and in the spotlight October 19-22 during the 2016 National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis.



With the assistance of Mr. Braun and Mr. Pendon, Marybelle submitted an audition tape and was selected to help bring full instrumental balance to the band from a pool of applicants nationwide. The National FFA Band will perform several times during the national convention and expo. Marybelle will join fellow band members in Indianapolis for rehearsals three days before the convention and expo begins.

The National FFA Band is sponsored by Dow Agrosiences as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 629,367 student members who belong to one of 7,757 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Congratulations to Marybelle and the Liberty FFA Chapter!

## LANCER ATHLETICS



**Football**  
10/7 vs. Colfax  
10/14 vs. NWC (*homecoming*)  
10/21 @ Davenport  
10/28 @ MW (Springdale)



**Volleyball**  
10/4 vs. Asotin  
10/5 @ Reardan  
10/7-8 Sheridan Classic @ U-High  
10/11 vs. LRS  
10/13 @ Colfax  
10/18 vs. T/R  
10/20 @ Asotin  
10/24 vs. UCA  
10/25 @ LRS (Ritzville)  
10/27 @ SJE (St. John)



Visit [www.LibertySD.us/athletics](http://www.LibertySD.us/athletics) for up-to-date schedules.



# A LOOK BACK...

## JUNE 2016 STUDENT HONORS

### LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL SEMESTER 2, 2015-16

#### 4.0 GPA

Ashlyn Bartels, Devin Billington, Kolbey Browning, Katelyn Dillon, Nathan Fernald, Carlos Figueroa, Abigail Karlis, Austin Rambo, Thomas Redder, Aleah Rydell

#### 3.50-3.99 GPA

Willow Ashton, Logan Billington, Chase Burnham, Matthew Burley, Nathan Burley, Jodi Carrell, Kyle DeGon, Matthew DeGon, Christine Denny, Sarah Dillon, Keith Dumaw, Kathryn Fairfield, Madelynn Flaig, Alec Fletcher, Kaleb Hafner, Jacob Harrington, James Heer, Kristin Ince, Spencer Fox, Franklin James, Justin Jeske, Glen Johnson, Maxwell Johnson, Annabelle Karlis, Lilian Kay, Morgan Kelly, Killian Knecht, Justin King, Haley Lemoine, Haley Marsh, Lillian Marsh, Margaret Nelson, Patrick Paredes, Samuel Pritchett, Isaak Ottmar, Darwin Rahim, Kaitlyn Rambo, Bridgette Roll, Tyson Schenk, Jada Schulken, Justice Schuman, Lindsay Stern, Michaela Tee, Kassandra Turner, Brett Watson

#### 3.00-3.49 GPA

Ashley Anderson, Garrett Baump, Marybelle Buck, Tate Carey, Julia Collins, Ethan Curtis, Jon Denny, Dustin Dumaw, Olivia Grumbly, Tyler Haas, Andrew Harvey, Emma Holwegner, Allysha Hubbard, Racheal Ince, McKenna Jones, Jade Keffer, Levi Kettner, Joshua Larsen-Nowland, Trinity McFetridge, Trinity Papini, Thomas Perryman, Jacob Potttratz, Kyleigh Shaw, Garrett Spurrell, Evan Smith, Beau St. John, Jessica Trotter, Garrett VanSlyke, Brianna Wheeler

### JH Excellence Awards—Term 4

#### Honor Roll

**8th Grade 4.0 GPA** (pictured at right, top-to-bottom, l-r):

Kellan Watson, Maisie Burnham, Kendyl Fletcher, Makenzie DeShazer, Katerina Pyankova, Auriana Mitchell, Charlie Johnson, Anabelle Redder, Faith Shinner, Sara Tarbert



#### 8th Grade Honor Roll (3.5-3.99):

Jake Carr, Aleena Cook, Aleesha Dean, Sean Duncan-Day, Charles Harrington, Jacob Holling, Sam Nelson, Marissa Powers, Ariel Skutley, Taylor Smith

#### 7th Grade 4.0 GPA (at right, l-r):

Olivia Morgan, Maizy Feltwell.  
Not pictured: Madison Greer



#### 7th Grade Honor Roll

**(3.5-3.99):** Jacob Biegert, Katie

Eden, Carson Fisk, Trace Gale, Kalem Gardiner, Sara Hartman, Logan Kettner, Jared Kimball, Logan Kroll, Mackenzy Lauster, Cole Ottmar, Jonah Shrode, Logan Smith, Carson Tee.

### Academic Students of the Quarter

#### 8th Grade



Maisie Burnham &  
Kenzie DeShazer

#### 7th Grade



Sara Hartman &  
Logan Kroll

### Character Students of the Quarter

**Anabelle Redder, Katie Eden, and Jacob Biegert**

were recognized by their teachers for displaying the character trait of PERSEVERANCE.

### Presidential Physical Fitness Awards



**Aleena Cook, Maizy Feltwell, and Faith Shinner** earned the fitness award for performing in the nation's 85th percentile in push-ups, sit-ups, mile run, sit & reach, pull-ups, and shuttle run.

### Elementary Character Awards for May



Congratulations to the elementary citizens of the month for last May, who exemplified the character trait of PERSEVERANCE: (top-to-bottom, l-r) **Lochlan Davies, Faith Stewart, Christiana Cervantes, Ayden Ross, Kirah Tester, Kendall Denny, Laura Sycks, Samantha Holling, Danny Yarkovoy, Juliet Kelley and Gabe Suarez.**