



## LCEF Dinner & Auction, October 20

The Liberty Community Education Foundation (LCEF) will hold its annual dinner and auction fundraiser on Saturday, October 20, at the Fairfield Community Center. The catered event features excellent food, adult beverages, bidding on fun auction items, laughter, and an opportunity to help the Foundation raise funds for scholarships and teacher classroom grants.

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased from any Foundation board member or at either school office. For further information, contact Superintendent/K-8 Principal Bill Motsenbocker at 245-3211 x2213.

## Discover Technology

The Liberty Junior Boosters have set a goal for the year to bring field trips to Liberty, but instead of students going to the field, the field will be coming to our students.

On October 17-19, in partnership with Liberty District Boosters, they will bring the Discover Technology Bus to both schools, where students will participate in interactive science stations related to the effects of air.

# The Liberty Lancer

October 2012

## Message from the Superintendent

### Lighting and Energy Grant Work Almost Complete

Last spring Liberty was awarded a \$250,000 energy grant from the state to upgrade lighting and control systems that will reduce energy costs for the district. All classrooms and both gymnasiums have been retrofitted with new and brighter lighting that are up to 50 percent cheaper to operate, and the bulbs used last up to twice as long. The football field lighting system has also been replaced with similar savings and higher quality light.

Modern on-line mechanical controls are still being installed at the high school and elementary/junior high. Once completed, maintenance staff will be able to adjust the heating, air conditioning, and ventilation from a computer anywhere there is an internet connection.

This energy grant has saved our district and tax payers tens of thousands of dollars and will bring our mechanical systems up to modern standards.

### Miss Brown & Miss Britton Join Liberty Elementary Staff

New kindergarten teacher Sarah Brown is no stranger to the students at Liberty Elementary. She served as a student teacher in 2010 with Mrs. Buys' fourth grade and was hired as a part-time kindergarten and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher during the 2011-12 school year. Miss Brown is now a full-time kindergarten teacher filling the post established by the district to provide full-day every-day kindergarten for the students of our district.



*Liberty kindergarteners welcome Ms. Brown.*

Miss Brown is a native of Rosalia and graduated from Rosalia High School in 2005. In 2011 she graduated Magna Cum Laude from Eastern Washington University with a Bachelor's degree in elementary education and reading.

Both of our kindergarten teachers have joined the Whitman County Kindergarten Professional Learning Community that meets monthly to discuss best practices and share classroom ideas. Our kindergarten class sizes are at approximately 13 students per class.



*Ms. Mandy Britton*

We're also pleased to welcome Mandy Britton, who has accepted the position of K-6 special education teacher at Liberty Elementary. Miss Britton has subbed extensively in our district and has been teaching in the special education classroom since the beginning of the year when the position was vacated.

Miss Britton grew up in Snohomish and relocated to eastern Washington to attend and ultimately graduate from Eastern Washington University. In addition to substitute teaching, she has also coached softball for the Medical Lake School District.

# 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

Thursday, October 25

Tuesday, November 27

Thursday, December 27

Thursday, January 24

Tuesday, February 26

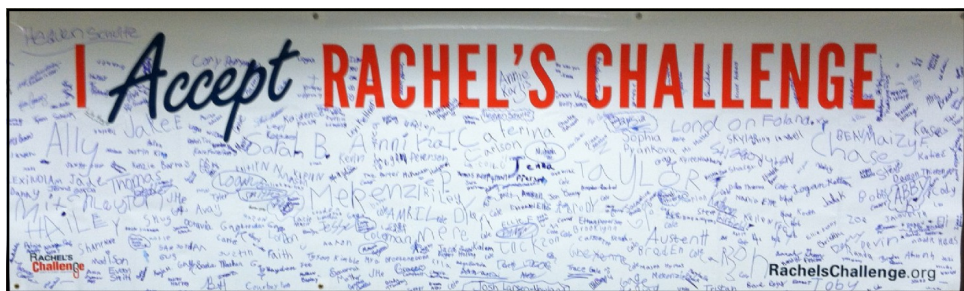
## Rachel's Challenge

Thank you to Connie Grumbly and the Rachel's Challenge committee for their hard work bringing Rachel's Challenge to Liberty—it was a huge success! September 19 was Rachel Day at Liberty High School as students in grades K-12 attended one of two morning assemblies, and numerous community members attended the evening presentation. This program wouldn't have been possible without the generous donations from the following groups: Liberty School District Booster Club, Spangle Service Club and the Liberty Jr. Boosters.



*The presentations included a slideshow highlighting the life and values of Rachel Joy Scott.*

Rachel's Challenge exists to equip and inspire individuals to replace acts of bullying, violence, and negativity with acts of respect and kindness through a powerful, impactful and intense program. A chain reaction has started in the halls of Liberty Elementary/Junior High and High School. Students will continue this program throughout the year through the FOR (Friends of Rachel) Club at Liberty High School as well as at the junior high and elementary for grades 5 and 6. Students will meet weekly, working on projects of kindness for our school and their peers. These groups will be led by parent volunteer Julie Grumbly, who has graciously donated her time to make the FOR Club a success.



*Students at the Elementary/Junior High and High School have signed banners indicating they accept Rachel's challenge to treat others with respect and kindness.*

## MAP Testing Comes to Liberty

Liberty is contracting with NW Evaluation Associates to bring the Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments to all students in grades K-12. These computerized assessments are able to test student progress on Washington State standards in reading and math. Teachers will be able to monitor their students' progress and make changes in their instructional approach based on the results. Also, data gathered in the process will help us make decisions on math placement and may be used as part of a collection of evidence, if necessary, for high school graduation.

All students will be tested prior to October 12, and results will be available for parent conferences the first full week of November.



# Liberty Elementary & Junior High

## Elementary Excellence Awards



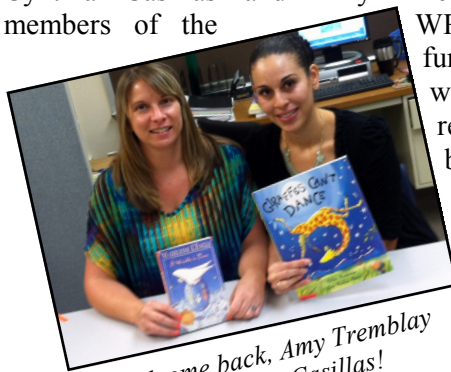
*for September*

Congratulations to our first citizens of the month for the school year: (back row, l-r): Kylee Hubbard, Garrett Baump, Maizy Feltwell, Jezerai Pluff, Andrew Harvey, Sean Fuchs, (front row, l-r) Devyn Cook, Zoë Omlin, Brady Mitchell, Jeb Budde, (inset) Ally Karlis



## Two Returning Members for Washington Reading Corps

Cynthia Casillas and Amy Tremblay are returning to Liberty as members of the WRC for 2012-13. WRC employees are funded through state and federal grants and work with students below grade level in reading. Students are assigned to the WRC based on several reading assessments and work daily with members in small groups for approximately 20 minutes at a time. Regular reading assessments are given to track student progress throughout the school year.



Welcome back, Amy Tremblay & Cynthia Casillas!

The success ratio with this program has been very high.

### October

- 1-8 MAP Testing, Grades 1-8
- 5 Sports-A-Thon Closing Assembly
- 12 No School
- 15 2-Hour Late Start
- 18 Discover Technology Visit
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- 25 School Board Meeting
- 26 End of 1st Quarter, K-6 Awards
- 31 Halloween

### November

- 4 Daylight Savings Ends
- 6-9 12:25 Dismissal for Conferences
- 12 No School—Veteran's Day

# Liberty High School

## Principal's Welcome

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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 140 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 at any time during the year. We have set our conference week for November 6-8; evening conferences are available on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Quarter grades will be mailed home during the year, midterm grades will be posted on Family Access throughout the year. Please take time to look through these mailings, as important information about scholarships and other happenings will be included.

**Homecoming** The ASB has set homecoming week for October 8-11. Dress-up days are as follows:

**MONDAY**  
**TUESDAY**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**THURSDAY**



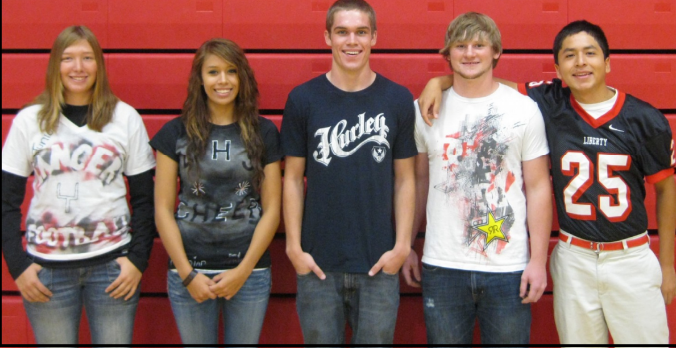
**TOGA DAY**  
**MIXED SEASONS**  
**OVER THE HILL**  
**SPIRIT DAY**

Activities will take place one period each day. Homecoming royalty will be presented at the football game Friday night October 12 against Davenport, 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 class as President, Vice President, Sergeant-of-Arms, Secretary, Treasurer, and ASB Representative. The following students were elected in each class:

### Senior Class Officers



(Pictured at right, top-to-bottom, l-r) Sergeant-at-Arms Kyle King, President Jack Simmons, Secretary Abby Brown, Vice President Jake Kasinger, ASB Rep. Keith Raab, Treasurer Match Burnham

(Pictured at lower right, l-r) Secretary Marcus Hammond, ASB Rep. Keith Dumaw, Treasurer Maggie Nelson, President Jake Pottratz, Sergeant-at-Arms Garrett Green, Vice President Kaitlyn Rambo

### Sophomore Class Officers



(Pictured above, l-r) Treasurer Lynnzie Paulson, Secretary Jenna Galler, President Zack Kunkel, Sergeant-at-Arms Dylan Mustard, Vice President Alberto Kimball

### Junior Class Officers



(Pictured at right, top l-r) Vice President Breanna Thieren, Prom Aly Tee, ASB Rep. Emily Lehman, (middle l-r) Secretary Gabe Saywers, President Derek Green, Sergeant-at-Arms Austin Sievers, (bottom l-r) Treasurer Katie Stern, Prom Macy Cornmesser

### Freshman Class Officers



## Liberty High School Honor Roll—Semester 2, June 2012

### 4.0

**Grade 12:** Nathan Goulding, Brandon Thayer

**Grade 11:** Harry Hughes III, Cassandra Sperlich

**Grade 10:** Blake Marsh, Kate Nelson, Aly Tee, Ryan Thayer

**Grade 9:** Shareena McGregor

### 3.5 – 3.99

**Grade 12:** Katra Browning, Rachel Conklin, Courtney Crosby, Trevor Curry, Shawn Peterson, Chad Reisenauer, Ashley Roecks, Dylan Salsbury, Keegan Sugimura, Bianca Thiers, Justin Turnbough, Salena Wernz,

**Grade 11:** Brittany Breidenbach, Holly Cockle, Mikayla Cornwall, Cassandra Fairfield, Alaina Hammond, Jessica House, Alberto Kimball, Devin Knecht, Zach Kunkel, Matt Marcure, Michael Nazworthy, Kyle O'Malley, Lynnzie Paulson, Ashland Reed, Darien Rhoads, Peter Schaffner, Kaitlin St. Pierre

**Grade 10:** JJ Adams, Macy Cornmesser, Dyllian Flaig, Stephanie Linder, Emily Mumby, Kelly Nachols, Cassandra Russell, Gabe Saywers, Katie Stern, Kelsey Weeks, Mikayla Wilson

**Grade 9:** Abby Brown, Match Burnham, Tucker Carey, Tanner Moyer, Keith Raab

### 3.0 -3.49 GPA

**Grade 12:** Sam Bailey, Josie Baump, Danielle Crosby, Ashley King, Jacob Schmauch, Andrew Thies

**Grade 11:** Jesse Baird, Cameron Bentley, Marissa Fox, Jenna Galler, Kylee Hodgson, Danielle Hollenbeck, Gage Hughes, Samantha Kelley, Kaitlyn Turnbough,

**Grade 10:** Reese Anderson, Thania Clark, Robert Covey, Derek Green, Tami Jenkins, Lynnsey Kelley, Emily Lehman, Val Oien, Joseph Ryan, Morgan Martensen, Alex Schuerer, Jordyn Soliday, Branna Thieren

**Grade 9:** Alaina Curl, Kain Feltwell, Danielle Galler, Kyle King, Trishia McTaggart, Jack Simmons, Derek Smith, Alysha Thomas



## FFA Tractor Driving

Congratulations to Dyllian Flaig, Derek Green and Austin Sievers (pictured at right, l-r), who earned a second place finish at the Spokane County Interstate Fair in the Tractor Driving Contest.

Each student took a written test and participated in driving a tractor through an obstacle course. These students scored high marks on the written test, and provided some of the fastest times driving the tractor.



### Drop Box

Located in the main foyer next to the office and student phone, LHS now has an after hours drop box for your convenience. Parents can now securely deliver signed forms, notes, or payments for lunch or other student expenses outside of office hours.

While the school office closes at 4:00 pm, the building is typically open until 6:00 pm on weekdays. We sincerely hope that this small addition will be a great asset to our Liberty families.

## Upcoming Events



### OCTOBER

- 2 Volleyball home vs. Davenport
- Cross Country @ St. George's
- 5 Football @ Springdale
- 6 Cross Country @ Finch Park
- 8 Homecoming: Toga Day
- 9 Volleyball @ Colfax
- Cross Country @ Republic
- Homecoming: Mixed Seasons
- 10 Homecoming: Over the Hill
- 11 Volleyball home vs. Odessa/  
Harrington
- Homecoming: Spirit Day
- 12 No School
- Football home vs. Davenport
- Homecoming Dance
- 13 Volleyball @ St. George's
- 15 2-Hour Late Start
- 16 Volleyball @ Springdale
- 17 PSAT @ Liberty
- 19 Football home vs. Reardan

- 20 Cross Country District
- 23 Volleyball home vs. Reardan
- 24 FBLA Conference
- 26 End of 1st quarter
- Football @ Ritzville
- 27 Volleyball Bi-County
- Cross Country Regional
- 30 Bi-County Volleyball

### NOVEMBER

- 4 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 6-9 12:25 Dismissal
- 12 No School—Veterans' Day
- 19 2-Hour Late Start
- 21 12:25 Dismissal
- 22-23 No School—Thanksgiving Break

*\*For the most up-to-date athletic schedules, please check the ATHLETICS link on our website at [www.libertysd.us](http://www.libertysd.us)*