



# The Liberty Lancer

*Message from the Superintendent*

April 2014

## **MSP Testing, Grades 3-8**

Students in grades 3-8 will begin the mandatory state testing known as the Measurement of Student Progress (MSP) on April 23. All students in these grades will be tested in reading and mathematics. Students in grades 4 and 7 will also test in writing and grades 5 and 8 in science. Testing results will be available in September.

This is the last year we will be using the MSP test due to the implementation of the new Common Core State Standards next fall. The new assessment system is called the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) and will assess the new learning standards. Liberty students in grades K-2 have been using the Common Core learning objectives for the past three years.

## **High School EOC Exams**

End of course exams will take place in May on the dates noted below, testing will take place from 8:30-11:30 a.m.:

Geometry—May 22

Algebra I—May 28

Biology—May 29

## **Liberty Board Calls for Task Force on Bullying & Harassment**

Following the March board meeting a decision was made to create a task force to study and make recommendations regarding bullying and harassment issues within the district. Several parents attended the meeting to voice concerns regarding experiences their children have brought home, primarily from the junior high and high school.

Members of the task force will include school administrators, counselors, board members, and interested parents. The school board will appoint the parent representatives to provide a diverse group representing all grade bands within the district. Parents interested in being part of the task force may email Kim Wrenchey at [kwrenchey@libertysd.us](mailto:kwrenchey@libertysd.us). The specific charge and members of the group will be named at the April 29 board meeting.

## **Liberty School District Booster Club Wins Regional Leadership Award**

Scott Simmons and Jani Miller will accept a community leadership award on behalf of the Liberty Boosters at a ceremony luncheon on April 18. The NE Washington School Administrators Association honors local school district lay leaders for their efforts to provide support for students in their public schools.



Jani Miller



Scott Simmons

The booster club was close to collapse five years ago with waning membership and lack of funds. Thanks to leaders like Scott, Jani and many others, the boosters now provide over \$16,000 annually to student athletics, clubs, activities, and teacher projects. Finances for this effort come from concessions, donations and the Friends of Liberty sponsorship placards found on the walls of the high school gym. Congratulations, Scott & Jani.

## **State 2B Tournament** The Liberty Lancers boys' basketball team qualified for the



state 2B tournament for the first time since 2000. The Lancers finished third in the NE 2B League behind St. George's (2<sup>nd</sup> at State), and Lind-Ritzville Sprague (4<sup>th</sup> at State). The Lancers defeated Onalaska in the first round to finish 5<sup>th</sup> following subsequent losses to St. George's and Bear Creek.

## **Bi-County Music**

Congratulations to Mr. Cox and the band and choir students for their performance at the Bi-County Honor Band concert last month. The group performed at the Inland Northwest Performing Arts Center with other musicians from the Bi-County league.



# 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, April 29

Thursday, May 22

Thursday, June 26

Thursday, July 24

# Liberty Elementary & Junior High

## Elementary Excellence Awards



Congratulations to our citizens of the month for March, who exemplified the "Character Counts" trait of the month—**Caring**: (top row, l-r) Addilee Buys, Ben Colgan, Shaylynn Rose, Devyn Cook, Grant Ashmoore, Randa Hafner, (bottom row, l-r) Devin Holling, Amelia Suksdorf, Austin Roberts, Wyatt Armstrong, Ayden Eyre.

## Junior High Excellence Awards—Term 3

### 4.0 GPA



8th grade (pictured at left, l-r, top to bottom): Glen Johnson, Beau St. John, Thomas Redder, Breydon Doubet, Alec Fletcher, Matthew Burley, Tyson Schenk, Brett Watson. Not pictured: Austin Rambo.

7th grade (at right):  
Isaak Ottmar



### Honor Roll, 3.5-3.99 GPA

8th Grade: Angel Adams, Isaac Branon, Marybelle Buck, Grace Campbell, Emilee Crump, James Heer, Brandon Holling, Caroline Nelson, Anastasiya Pyankova, Jada Schulken, Heaven Schultz, Kyleigh Shaw, Lindsay Stern, Mary St. Pierre, Michaela Tee.

7th Grade: Daniel Adams, Garrett Baump, Catherine Brown, Julia Collins, Jon Denny, Olivia Grumbly, Emma Holwegner, Racheal Ince, Annabelle Karlis, Lilian Kay, Justin King, Bowe Rojas, Evan Smith, Jacqueline Turner, Simon Vincini.

## Academic Students of the Quarter



Michaela Tee, Thomas Redder, Catherine Brown and Daniel Adams (l-r) were selected by their teachers as academic students of the quarter.



### APRIL

- 7-11 Spring Break
- 14 School Resumes/2-Hour Late Start
- 23 MSP Testing
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- 25 Kindergarten Roundup, 9:30am
- 29 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 29-30 MSP Testing

# Liberty High School

## National Honor Society

Congratulations to our newest members of the National Honor Society. Students were honored at an induction ceremony that took place March 27.



NHS inductees pictured above (back row, l-r) Killian Knecht, Justice Schuman, Jacob Pottratz, Kaleb Hafner, Nathan Burley, Keith Dumaw, Maxwell Johnson, Daniel Hircock, (front row, l-r) Katelyn Marcure, Alysha Thomas, Jodi Carrell, Margaret Nelson, Emily Lehman, Kaitlyn Rambo, Jack Simmons, Tucker Carey.

LHS Dates to Remember	
<b>APRIL</b>	
7-11	Spring Break
14	Late Start/School Resumes
15	Driver's Ed Begins
17	College Color Day FBLA State
18	FBLA State
19	FBLA State
23	Spring Sports Photos
28	ASB Elections

## Website

You can access the most current information on our website at [www.libertysd.us](http://www.libertysd.us). If you follow the High School link you will find an updated schedule of events along with a brief synopsis of information as to what is taking place. This information is updated weekly, usually on Friday morning. If you have questions about this link or would like something added to the schedule, please contact Mr. Fletcher.

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## Liberty Robotics 2014



The robotics program is in its fifth season competing in the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC). "The Mechanics of Mayhem" competed at two different competitions during the month of March. Liberty had approximately 35 students work on the robot in some fashion during the build season, and seven of those qualified to attend the regional events.

The team competed at the Auburn Mt. View district competition on February 28 finishing 8th overall, which was their highest placing ever in FRC competition. On March 14, the team competed at the Eastern Washington University district event and finished 11th. The team was eliminated in the quarterfinal rounds of competition at both events. The team is currently ranked

27th out of 150 teams, hoping to finish in the top 64 which would qualify them for the Regional Championships in Portland, Oregon, on April 12. Team members (pictured above, l-r) include: Garrett Green, Nate Burley, Austin Rambo, Justin Flaig, Blake Marsh, Devin Billington, Dyllian Flaig (center). Not pictured: Austin Sievers, Derek Green and Frank James.

**FFA** Congratulations to our FFA teams for their performances at the Sub-District and District meets held March 5 and 27 at Liberty High School. Shareena McGregor finished first in Public Speaking at Sub-District and 5<sup>th</sup> at District. The Advanced Parliamentary Procedure team earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Sub-District and 1<sup>st</sup> place at District; team members include: Kaitlyn Rambo, Bridgette Roll, Macy Cornmesser, Blake Marsh, Aly Tee, and Kelsey Weeks. The Novice Parliamentary Procedure team earned 3<sup>rd</sup> at Sub-District and 2<sup>nd</sup> place at District; team members include: Patrick Parades, Abby Karlis, Christine Denny, Kyle DeGon, Matt DeGon, and Devin Billington. Both Parliamentary Procedure teams qualified for FFA State, to be held in Pullman May 14-17. Good luck to Mr. Kimble and the entire FFA team.

