



# The Liberty Lancer

## Message from the Superintendent

October 2013

### New Common Core Standards Only Part of the Success Equation

Next fall the new Common Core State Standards will become the guidepost for all public school districts in Washington State along with 40 other states in the U.S. These new standards will be a significant change for our schools and are designed to help students become more college and career ready upon graduation from high school. Staff development at Liberty will focus on aligning with the new standards in English language arts and mathematics. The primary difference in the new standards will be to teach fewer objectives overall and to delve much deeper into each of the standards to help students have a greater understanding and ability to use their knowledge in real-world applications. In many cases teachers will be focusing on 40 percent fewer objectives in order to promote a deeper understanding for each learning standard.

A strong focus on academics is obviously critical for any child's success in life, but it is not the end-all to a happy and fulfilling life. Our kids need to develop outside interests, hobbies, sports, and social activities. As parents it is our responsibility to expose our children to all kinds of life activities and help them find their way in the world. Every child needs to have one interest that they excel in and love regardless of what that may be. Many times it takes years to find that one interest, but without it life can seem dull and a child's self-esteem may suffer.

At Liberty we have students who excel in academics, sports, music, FFA, FBLA, Knowledge Bowl, Spanish, robotics, and student government just to name a few, but outside of school we also have students doing amazing things with their lives. Liberty 4H is training our youth in cooking, sewing, animal raising, fitting and showing. We also have several students who are award winners in horsemanship, rodeo, trap shooting, dog training, ski instruction, hunting and fishing.

As a community it is important to support our young people in finding their niche in life. Thanks to the Spangle Service Club, Liberty Boosters, Junior Boosters, and the Liberty Community Education Foundation we have organizations who raise money to help kids find success. We are truly fortunate to live in such a supportive community.

### New K Section



**Ms. Natalie Thompson**

*Liberty Elementary is pleased to welcome Natalie Thompson as the new kindergarten teacher. Due to this year's larger-than-expected kindergarten enrollment, the Board approved the hiring of an additional teacher. The current class will be divided starting Monday, October 7, for a lower student-teacher ratio and to continue offering an enhanced learning environment.*

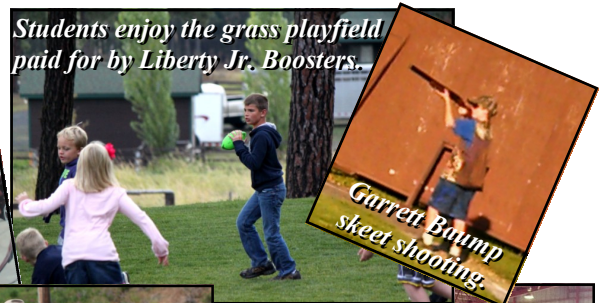
*Ms. Thompson grew up in Deer Park and earned her BA in Elementary Education at Whitworth University with a minor in special education and a reading endorsement. She completed her student teaching in a first grade classroom in the Mead School District, then moved to Woolwich, Maine, where she taught fourth grade at Chop Point School last year.*

*An open house has been scheduled for October 9 at 6:30pm to get to know Ms. Thompson.*

*Anabelle Redder (right), Garrett Baump (below), and Hadlee Brown (bottom middle) display their horsemanship.*



*Students enjoy the grass playfield paid for by Liberty Jr. Boosters.*



*Jon Denny's Angus steer won grand champion at the Palouse Empire Fair on Sept. 7.*

# 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 24

Tuesday, November 26

Monday, December 30 (5pm)

Thursday, January 30

**Sheriff's Corner** Society and technology have changed tremendously since I was in school. I can remember some of the name calling and teasing that went on at school from elementary on up through high school. Once home, the name calling and teasing stopped. Kids could get away from it then. Now, the name calling, teasing, and harassing is 24/7. Kids can't get away from it, or so it may seem. With today's "smart" phones, social media is available 24/7 with Facebook, Twitter, Snap Chat, Instagram, etc. Social media was designed for people to keep in touch and share things with our friends. However, its misuse is out of control. It's up to us as parents to teach our kids the proper uses. A good rule of thumb to use is...if you wouldn't want your parent or grandparent to see what you're about to send, then don't send it! Once it's sent, you can never get it back. It's out there in cyberspace forever. Bullying seems to have reached epidemic proportions. Today's technology and social media has made it so easy for kids to say things to each other they normally wouldn't say to someone's face. It's up to us as parents to protect our children. Talk to your kids. Let them know that if they are being bullied or harassed you will help them make it stop. I know that Liberty has a zero tolerance for bullying. In fact, so do I, it's one of my pet peeves. As a law enforcement officer, I will do what I need to do to make it stop if it's occurring. Our children need to do their part as well and say something if they are being bullied. If your child is being bullied to the point where he or she can't make it stop or you as a parent can't make it stop, I will. You can contact me by my Sheriff's Office voicemail at (509) 477-3174 or by my e-mail at [rgnye@spokanesherrif.org](mailto:rgnye@spokanesherrif.org).



Deputy Ron Nye

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## Foundation Dinner and Auction Saturday, October 19

The Liberty Community Education Foundation will hold its annual fundraiser on October 19 at the Fairfield Community Center. Proceeds from the auction go to support college scholarships and teacher classroom grants. Tickets may be purchased by contacting the high school office.

K-8 Dates to Remember	
<b>October</b>	
4	Sports-A-Thon Closing Assembly
9	Kindergarten Open House, 6:30pm
11	Curriculum Day—NO SCHOOL
21	2-Hour Late Start
24	Board Meeting, 7pm
25	End of 1st Quarter Elem. Awards Assembly, 2:10
31	Halloween

## Liberty Elementary & Junior High Elementary Excellence Awards for September



Congratulations to our citizens of the month for September: (back row, l-r) Hadlee Brown, Auriana Mitchell, Katerina Pyankova, Annah Schulken, Ally Karlis (front row, l-r) Grace Grumbly, Sophia Pyankova, Maren Hymas, Alicia Kimball, Justin Karr, Jr.

# 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 120 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 5-8; evening conferences are available on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup>. Each of these days students will be released at 12:15 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 these mailings; important information about scholarships and other happenings will be included in this mailing.



## National Honor Society Blood Drive



It is time for our annual fall blood drive with the Inland Northwest Blood Center. The National Honor Society

will be hosting the drive on October 30 from 1:00-4:00 pm. The Blood Mobile will be parked near the north door of the High School Library. Please contact Mrs. Chambers at [tchambers@libertysd.us](mailto:tchambers@libertysd.us) or 509-245-3229 ext. 1302 for more information or to schedule your time. Walk-up donations are always welcomed, too!

## Homecoming

The ASB has set homecoming week to be September 30 through October 4. Dress-up days are as follows:



**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Beverly Hillbillies**

**Sci-Fi**

**ABC**

**Disney**

**Spirit Day**

Activities will take place one period each day. Homecoming royalty will be presented at the football game Friday night October 4, against Springdale, with a dance to follow.

## Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students for earning a 3.0 or higher GPA for semester 2, June 2013.

### 4.0 GPA

Grade 12: Cassandra Sperlich

Grade 11: Alyssa Tee, Ryan Thayer

Grade 10: Shareena McGregor

*Lancer pride, go Lancers!*



### 3.5 – 3.99 GPA

Grade 12: Brittany Breidenbach, Holly Cackle, Mikayla Cornwall, Cassandra Fairfield, Marissa Fox, Alaina Hammond, Danielle Hollenbeck, Devin Knecht, Zachary Kunkel, Matt Marcure, Kyle O'Malley, Lynnzie Paulson, Ashland Reed, Peter Schaffner, Kaitlin St. Pierre, Kaitlyn Turnbough

Grade 11: Johnathan Adams, Macy Cornmesser, Bronwyn Doubet, Dyllian Flaig, Derek Green, Tami Jenkins, Blake Marsh, Emily Mumby, Gabriel Saywers, Stephanie Schilling, Katherine Stern, Breanna Thieren, Kelsey Weeks, Mikayla Wilson

Grade 10: Abigail Brown, Match Burnham, Alaina Curl, Kain Feltwell, Keith Raab

Grade 9: Nathan Burley, Jodi Carrell, Keith Dumaw, Meghan Grumbly, Daniel Hircok, Maxwell Johnson, Killian Knecht, Margaret Nelson, Kaitlyn Rambo, Justice Schuman

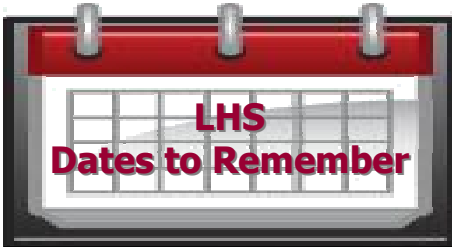
### 3.0 -3.49 GPA

Grade 12: Jesse Baird, Cameron Bentley, Jenna Galler, Bryanna Gemmell, Samantha Kelley, Alberto Kimball, William McLaughlin, TJ Weeks

Grade 11: Thania Clark, Robert Covey, Faith Curry, Harmony Duke, Lynnsey Kelley, Emily Lehman, Katelyn Marcure, Cassandra Russell, Joseph Ryan-Huotari, Alexandra Schuerer, Cory Szep, Shealene Wheeler

Grade 10: Vincent Fowler, Jacob Kasinger, Kyle King, Jack Simmons

Grade 9: Ryan Campbell, Garrett Green, Frank James, Marin Ottmar, Jacob Pottratz, Bridgette Roll



**October**

- 1-4 Homecoming
- 11 No School
- 16 PSAT
- 17 College Color Day
- 19 Liberty Community Education Foundation Auction
- 21 2-Hour Late Start
- 23 FBLA Fall Conference
- 25 End 1<sup>st</sup> quarter
- 30 National Honor Society Blood Drive
- 31 FFA Nationals in Louisville, KY

**FFA Tractor Driving**



*(l-r): Austin Sievers, Derek Green & Dyllian Flaig*

Congratulations to the Liberty FFA tractor driving team who earned a first 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.



**Art Club**

The art club has arrived at Liberty High School. Mrs. Berry has graciously volunteered to lead an enthusiastic group of 7th-12th grade students who are interested in art. The club meets on Mondays and Wednesdays after school; students are able to catch the activity bus on those days. If you would like more information about the art club please contact the school office.



*(Front row, l-r) Holly Jones, Mary St. Pierre, (back row, l-r): Breanna Wheeler, Charlie Killstrom, Kristin Ince, Mrs. Berry, Kathryn Fairfield, Racheal Ince*

**Student Government Election Results**

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

**Senior Class Officers (at right)**

- President – Gabe Saywers
- Vice President – Katie Stern
- Treasurer – Derek Green
- Secretary – Thania Clark
- Sergeant at Arms – Robert Covey

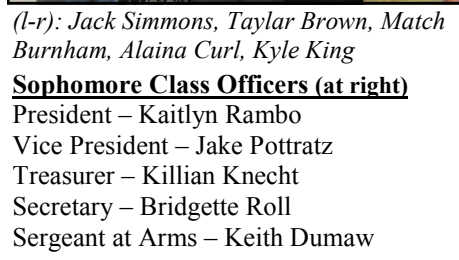


*(l-r): Robert Covey, Gabe Saywers, Derek Green, Katie Stern, Thania Clark*



**Junior Class Officers (at left)**

- President – Jack Simmons
- Vice President – Abby Brown
- Treasurer – Taylar Brown
- Secretary – Alaina Curl
- Sergeant at Arms – Match Burnham
- ASB Representative – Kyle King



**Sophomore Class Officers (at right)**

- President – Kaitlyn Rambo
- Vice President – Jake Pottratz
- Treasurer – Killian Knecht
- Secretary – Bridgette Roll
- Sergeant at Arms – Keith Dumaw



*(l-r): Killian Knecht, Kaitlyn Rambo, Bridgette Roll, Jake Pottratz (front) Keith Dumaw*



**Freshman Class Officers (at left)**

- President – Devin Billington
- Vice President – Abby Karlis
- Treasurer – Madelynne Flaig
- Secretary – Patrick Parades
- Sergeant at Arms – Kyle DeGon
- ASB Representative – Matt DeGon

*(l-r): Kyle DeGon, Devin Billington, Patrick Parades, Matt DeGon, Abby Karlis, Madelynne Flaig*