



Superintendent Accepts Position with Cascade School District



Superintendent Bill Motsenbocker has accepted a position as superintendent at Cascade School District in Leavenworth. Cascade is located in the Wenatchee Valley and serves 1,300 students from Leavenworth, Peshastin, Dryden, Plain, and Lake Wenatchee.

Mr. Motsenbocker has led Liberty for seven years and for the past three years has also served as the K-8 principal. Bill has been instrumental in passing two M & O and technology levies, a bond issue to reroof the K-8 building and replace the asphalt paving on campus, and updating staff hiring protocols. He also established a solid communication network in the district utilizing email, eNewsletters, and the Instant Alert phone system. Bill will begin his new position on July 1.

The Liberty Lancer

Message from the Superintendent

May/June 2014

Elementary Classroom Placement Procedures

All elementary parents have received student placement input documents to be filled out for the 2014-15 school year. This information will be used to help us place your child in a classroom that will maximize his or her learning potential. Placements will be identified on student report cards for fourth quarter.

This year we will be using a new set of guidelines that will help create balanced classrooms in regards to the following criterion:

- boy/girl balance when possible
- equal distributions of strong, average, and challenged learners
- equal distributions of students with high levels of creativity and leadership
- equal distributions of students with high, average, and limited social skills

The elementary teachers have each received their teaching assignments for the 2014-15 school year. Assignments are as follows:

Kindergarten:	Ms. Brown & Ms. Thompson	4 th Grade:	Mrs. Buys
1 st Grade:	Mrs. Newton	5 th Grade:	Mrs. Bresnahan
1 st /2 nd Combo:	Mr. Degenhart	5 th /6 th Combo:	Mrs. Fuchs
2 nd Grade:	Mrs. Tee	6 th Grade:	Mr. Saywers
3 rd Grade:	Mrs. Stombaugh	Title I/LAP:	Mrs. Johnson
3 rd /4 th Combo:	Mrs. Fletcher	Special Ed:	Mrs. Spears

Bullying Task Force Established by Liberty School Board

The Liberty School Board has established a task force comprised of parents, staff, and a board member to study the problem of bullying and harassment that occurs on campus in grades K-12. Several families attended the April board meeting with concerns regarding bullying issues primarily at the high school but also at all grade levels. The task force will meet each Thursday after school in the elementary library to identify the problem and review current practices, policies, and procedures. Recommendations will be made to the school board at the June meeting. Members of the task force include:

Joanna Redder, parent
Jody Hafner, parent
Janet Johnson, parent
Toby Trower, parent
Mike Jydstrup, teacher

Cyndi Freeman, counselor
Marci Green, school board
Aaron Fletcher, HS principal
Ron Nye, law enforcement
Bill Motsenbocker, superintendent/K-8 principal

Freshman Orientation

Liberty High School will welcome incoming freshmen at an orientation meeting on May 20 at 6:00 p.m. This will be an informative meeting where parents/guardians will learn about new graduation requirements, review SBAC and EOC testing information, and receive class schedules and updated sports information for next year. If you or someone you know would like information about becoming a new student at Liberty High School, please contact our office secretary Krissy Hardie at ext. 1227.

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.

May/June 2014

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Upcoming Board Meetings

All meetings are held at 7:00 PM
in the Elementary/Junior High Library

Thursday, May 22

Thursday, June 26

Thursday, July 24

Thursday, August 28

Liberty Elementary & Junior High

Elementary Excellence Awards

for April



Congratulations to our citizens of the month for April, who exemplified the "Character Counts" trait of the month—**Trustworthiness**: (top row, l-r) Coleman Green, Leah Kelley, Marie Eden, Jeb Budde, Gage Peone, Shaley Tiegs, (bottom row, l-r) Connor Stitt, Annika Tee, Logan Kroll, Sean Duncan-Day, Josh Haas.

Fourth Grade Field Trip to Grand Coulee Dam

Mrs. Buys' 4th grade class culminated an extended social studies unit on energy in the Pacific Northwest with a field trip and tour of Grand Coulee Dam. Students received a VIP tour from the Bureau of Reclamation including deep sections of the dam not generally opened to the public. The tour guides are always amazed at the knowledge Mrs. Buys' students have acquired regarding the construction of Grand Coulee Dam and its related irrigation projects.



K-8 Dates to Remember

MAY

- 5-9 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 11 Mother's Day
- 12 2-Hour Late Start
- 13 Jr. Boosters Meeting, 7pm
- 16 Fun Run, 2pm
- 17 Lilac Parade
- 20 HS Freshman Orientation, 6pm
- 21 K-4 Spring Concert, 7pm
- 22 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 26 NO SCHOOL—Memorial Day
- 27 Grades 7-12 Choir Concert, 7pm
- 30 K-6 Awards Assembly, 2:10

JUNE

- 3 Gr. 1-6 Roller Valley Field Trip
- 4 8th Grade Promotion, 7pm
- 5 Kindergarten Celebration, 1pm
- 8th Grade Silverwood Trip
- 6 **Last Day of School, Dismiss @ 10:25**
End of 4th Quarter/2nd Semester
- 11 Last Day School Office is Open
- 14 Flag Day
- 15 Father's Day
- 26 Board Meeting, 7pm

Liberty High School

Students of the Quarter

Last quarter, teachers at the high school nominated the following students for



Congratulations to Students of the Quarter Jake Harrington, Dyllian Flaig, Emily Lehman, Trishia McTaggart and (not pictured) Jess Trotter.

The ASB recognized Mr. Cox as Employee of the Quarter.

Student of the Quarter: Freshmen—Elizabeth Brown, Jake Harrington, Tyler Haas, Abby Karlis, and Kayla Massengale; Sophomores—Nathan Burley, Jessica Trotter, and Kassie Turner; Juniors—Tucker Carey, Kain Feltwell, Trishia McTaggart, and Jack Simmons; Seniors—Dyllian Flaig, Derek Green, Emily Lehman, Cassie Russell, and Kelsey Weeks. Congratulations to Jake Harrington, Jess Trotter, Trishia McTaggart, Dyllian Flaig, and Emily Lehman as they were selected as Students of the Quarter and awarded a plaque for the accomplishment.

Future Business Leaders of America

Liberty High School had sixteen students attend the 2014 FBLA State Convention in Seattle. This group was awarded third place in the North-east Region for overall membership. Congratulations to Ms. Whittall and the Liberty FBLA Parliamentary Procedure team for earning second place at the 2014 FBLA State Convention. This qualifies them for the National FBLA contest in Nashville, Tennessee, June 27 through July 3. Team members include Bridgette Roll, Kaitlyn Rambo, Macy Cornmesser and Aly Tee (*pictured at right, l-r*). This is the second year in a row Liberty High School will be sending its Parliamentary Procedure team to the National Parliamentary Procedure Convention. We wish them luck as they prepare for Nationals!



Parliamentary Procedure Team

Spokane Scholars



Katie Stern, Macy Cornmesser, Mrs. Trish Chambers, and Aly Tee (*pictured above, l-r*) attended the awards banquet at the Spokane Convention Center.

Each year, high schools in the Spokane area nominate their top students in specific academic areas. This year's Spokane Scholars for LHS are:

Macy Cornmesser, World Languages
Blake Marsh, Social Studies
Gabe Saywers, Fine Arts
Katie Stern, Science
Aly Tee, English
Ryan Thayer, Mathematics

spring plant sale

Liberty FFA will hold its annual plant sale May 12-13 from 7:30-5:00 each day. The money raised helps pay for students to attend the State FFA Convention in Pullman and travel to the Washington Leadership Conference and/or National FFA Convention. For more information, please contact FFA advisor Mr. Kimble at ext. 1200.

LHS Dates to Remember

MAY

- 7-10 Junior Livestock Show
- 7 AP Calculus Exam
- 8 AP English Lit. Exam
- 9 AP English Language Exam
- 12 2-hour Late Start
FFA Plant Sale
- 13 FFA Plant Sale
- 14-17 FFA State in Pullman
- 17 Lilac Parade
- 20 Freshman Orientation, 6pm
- 22 Senior Project Presentations
Geometry EOC
- 26 No School—Memorial Day
- 27 Choir Concert
Senior Finals
- 28 Algebra EOC
Senior Finals
- 29 Biology EOC
- 30 Finals—Period 7

JUNE

- 1 Graduation, 2pm
- 2 Finals—Periods 4 & 6
Sports Physicals, 4:30-8
- 3 Finals—Periods 2 & 5
- 4 Finals—Periods 1 & 3
- 6 **Last Day of School**
- 11 Last Day School Office Open

End of Course Exams

The Math and Biology state testing schedule has been set. Students have been notified as to which math and/or biology exam they will be taking. The staff at LHS has done a wonderful job preparing our students for these exams.

EOC Testing Schedule:

Geometry/Integrated Geometry

May 22, 8:30-11:30

Algebra 1/Integrated Algebra

May 28, 8:30-11:30

Biology

May 29, 8:30-11:30



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Graduation

Please join us Sunday, June 1, at 2:00 PM in the high school gym to recognize Liberty High School's class of 2014. All students have worked extremely hard at meeting this goal in their life, and many will continue their education at numerous colleges around the area. The following students will be graduating with honors, which is a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher and completing honors courses: Valedictorians Aly Tee and Ryan Thayer, and Salutatorian Katherine Nelson. Other honors students include Macy Cornmesser, Katie Stern, Blake Marsh, Gabe Saywers, Mikayla Wilson, Kelsey Weeks, Derek Green, Kelly Nichols, Alex Schuerer, and Breanna Thieren.



Congratulations to all of the seniors—we are proud of you; best of luck in your futures!

Thirty-one seniors are expected to walk in the graduation ceremony on June 1 at 2pm.

Nondiscrimination/Title IX Policy *The Liberty School District will provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities programs without discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sensory, mental or physical ability, or use of trained guide dog or service animal by a person with a disability. The district will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free of sexual harassment. Gender discrimination issues or other Title IX concerns should be brought to the attention of Superintendent Bill Motsenbocker at (509) 245-3211 x2213 or Title IX Officer Blaze Burnham at (509) 624-4415.*

Sheriff's Corner—"Social Networking"

With today's technology, the Internet can be accessed from anywhere. However, the convenience of our students having cell phones can also get them into trouble.



Deputy Ron Nye

Someone can be arrested for such things as harassment (RCW 9A.46.020), telephone harassment (RCW 9.61.230 and 9.61.240), and cyberstalking (RCW 9.61.260). People communicate to one another via texting, Instagram, Snapchat, and Facebook to name a few. This technology can be a powerful tool if used properly. On the other hand, improper use allows people to say things to others that they may not say to their face. As parents, we owe it to our kids to teach them the proper way to use technology so that they don't get themselves into trouble. Once the "send" button is pushed, there is no getting it back. As a good rule of thumb, if grandma or mom wouldn't approve of what you are sending, then don't send it! On a final note, if your child is having bullying issues in any of these areas outside of school and as the parent you can't make it stop, please contact me so I can make it stop. My e-mail is rgnye@spokanesherriff.org or call my department voicemail at (509)477-3174.