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Learn Today, To Lead Tomorrow

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What is Happening In January

Jan. 11- 6th-8th grade Info.
Night 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 14- High School Info.
Night, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 18- Martin Luther King
Day, No School

Jan. 21- BOD Meeting, 7 p.m.

Jan. 25- Public Information
Night, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 26- Spelling Bee, after
school in library

Jan. 29- Liberty Science Fair

High School Update from Bob Schaffer, Project Manager

What do you get when you cross an elephant with a mouse? Answer: Elephant x Mouse Sine Theta. If you don't get the joke, it's probably because your high-school science program wasn't as strong as Liberty's. Liberty 9th graders can't stop laughing at that one.

Now that the New Year festivities are over and the Christmastide observances are coming to an end (tomorrow), it's exciting to consider there are only eight months until the new Liberty Common High School opens its doors.

There's a lot to do as the excitement and anticipation builds. Happy New Year and welcome back to school!

Parents have reported their young scientists in Mrs. Dawn Karr's class were complaining the holiday was too long. Their eagerness to get back to genetic probability equations, Punnett squares and discerning genotypes from phenotypes was at times unbearable.

Yes, brilliance runs in their families, but in zigzag patterns. That's another super funny joke for those paying attention in class.

As our scholars continue surging past their peers from other schools in literature, writing and genetics, too, the obvious question arises: Is there a high school that can keep them on track to be more than prepared for college?

Of course the answer is yes – LCHS.

Many thanks to the multitude of Liberty parents, faculty, Board members, administrators and friends who have contributed to the school's year-end appeal for donations! We raised a respectable sum. And we need more.

If time just got away from you and you forgot to respond, don't worry. We'll still take your contributions. Coincidentally, right now is a splendid time to drop a check off at the front desk or mail one in.

Also, we need more volunteers to work on marketing, fundraising and other aspects of implementing the school's expansion. Please contact me if your New Year resolutions entail spending a little more time creating Colorado's best high school.

We're already promoting the next LCHS public-information night which takes place Thursday, January 14th starting at 6:30 p.m., at the school. The program lasts about 90 minutes. Please encourage any prospective highschoolers and their parents to attend. It's really a very good presentation.

Our last LCHS information night took place just before the Christmas break and was pretty successful. We had about 100 people show up including many new families.

We treated them to lemonade, cookies and we handed out stacks of the new and very cool LCHS hooded-sweatshirts and t-shirts as door prizes. We'll do it again on the 14th so don't miss out.

We even welcomed a few returning students who are spending their 9th grade at other area high schools but who are considering returning to Liberty for 10th grade.

Their perspectives and stories about how their experiences are leading them back to Liberty are inspiring and instructive and remind us all of what a special school community we have created here.

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Board of Directors Meeting:

Jan. 21, 7 p.m.

BOD AGENDA

Financial Review, Mid-year
teaching staff review.

**Remember that
February Lunch
Calendars are due to the
Front Office on Jan. 10th**

Thank you, Thank you, from the Ladies in the Front Office

The treats and goodies just kept pouring in and we couldn't keep up with the thank you notes so we decided to use a space in the Monday Notes. Thank you to everyone who brought us sweet treats, yummy breads, kitchen towels, adorable mugs and gift cards. We appreciate your kindness and wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

Lil Dribblers Intramurals Start Jan. 16th

Lil Dribblers Basketball Intramurals for 1st and 2nd boys and girls begins Saturday, January 16th at 8:00 a.m. This is a fundamental experience for first time players and the first Saturday will be spent learning the basic skills of the game. The deadline for registration is January 11, 2010. Don't miss this great opportunity to learn the game and have fun while playing with your friends.

2009-2010 Liberty Common Girls Basketball Team

Congratulations to the following girls who will be representing Lady Liberty Eagles for the 2009-2010 Basketball Season: Malorie Bond (8), Elizabeth Carrington (8), Alexandra Colwell (7), Emily Doak(7), Kaitlyn Gallemore(7), Nisha Gill(7), Molly Gillis(7), Jessica Granner (7), Emma Horst (7), Hannah Huelse (8), Kendall Kelley (6), Madison McFeely (6), Hailee Meiners (8), Kayla Rhoads (7), Haley Ridgeway (6), Bina Seilbach (8), Lauren Sluss (7), Rachel Tralmer (7), Alaina Younger (7).

Come out and support the Lady Eagles as they take on their opponents. All games begin at **4:00 p.m.**

Jan. 14 Liberty at St. Joseph School
Jan. 19 Liberty at St. John's School
Jan. 21 St. Mary's at Liberty
Jan. 25 Liberty at Windsor
Jan. 28 Frontier at Liberty
Feb. 1 Liberty at HMS
Feb. 4 KQA at Liberty
Feb. 8 Union Colony at Liberty
Feb. 11 Liberty at New Vision
Feb. 16 Rez at Liberty
Feb. 18 Ridgeview at Liberty



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To get into the high-school spirit, stay in touch on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), the LCHS page at the [Liberty website](#), and [Liberty's Colorado Charters blog](#) for up-to-date information and school news.

In the meantime, here are a couple back-to-school questions for Mrs. Karr's budding geneticists: A homozygous wrinkled plant would contain which alleles for seed shape? What is the probability an autosomal recessive condition will be inherited to the child from two affected parents?

Bonus for scholars who answer correctly – genes every Monday!

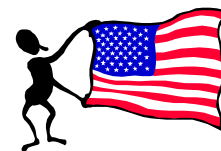
Please send in Clothes to the Closet Supplies Running Low

We are running low on all clothes for the Liberty Common Clothes Closet, especially pants. Please go through your student's closet and send in any gently worn pants that no longer fit. Remember no cargo pants or pants with rips or stains are accepted. We are especially needing sizes 7-16 pants for both boys and girls. Thank you.

Show Your Liberty Common Pride

Show your Liberty Common School Pride by wearing your favorite Liberty Common t-shirt the last Friday of every month. Mark your calendar for these dates:

January 29, 2010
February 26, 2010
March 26, 2010
April 30, 2010



A Friendly Reminder to All

We would like to remind you that we have students who have a life-threatening allergy to peanuts. Some students are sensitive even to the smell of peanuts. Therefore, please do not bring any peanut candy, peanut cookies, etc. to distribute for birthdays. Please read the ingredients labels before snack are brought, and if there is any peanut product or "traces of peanuts", do NOT bring them to school.

Liberty Common Does it Again

Once again Liberty Common School students and their families have helped those who are in need. The annual canned food drive brought in 2,652 cans. The non perishable items were given to the Food Bank of Larimer County and to families with a family member who is incarcerated. As a "reward", for meeting their goal, students will be treated to a production of Liberty Idol, put on by faculty and staff. Watch Monday Notes for the performance date.