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**Learn Today, To Lead
Tomorrow**

Liberty Common School
Common Knowledge, Common Virtues, Common Sense
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**A National Charter School of the Year, A Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon
School, A Certified Core Knowledge Visitation Site School,
A John Irwin School of Excellence**

**What is Happening
in October?**

Oct. 13- Upper School Concert-
6:30 p.m.

Oct. 15-BOD Meeting-7 p.m.

Oct. 16- No School-Staff/
Professional Development

Oct. 20-Alcohol and Drug
Education Night-6:30-8:00

Oct. 23- No School-Parent/
Teacher Conference

Nov. 2-Public Information
Night-6:30 p.m.

Nov. 6-Upper School Math/
Science Olympiad

**Liberty Common School
Board of Directors
2009-2010**

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Board of Directors Meeting:

Oct. 15, 2009- 7 p.m.

BOD AGENDA

Financial Review, Special Edu-
cation report, Approve
Accountability Report and SIP,
FY'09 Audit Report

**Liberty Common
Student Directories
Available in Front
Office \$1.00**

High school update

By: Bob Schaffer, Project Manager

Attention Liberty parents: If you're inclined toward marketing or fundraising, I sure could use your help right away. We need parents to serve on a couple of key committees to help with opening Liberty's new high school.

Planning and organizing for the opening of Liberty's high school are getting well under-way. Many of the decisions we make today will define the character of the school for years to come.

To bring all up to speed, the Liberty Board of Directors initiated plans to build a new Liberty high school offering students three more grades of top-level instruction with an emphasis on preparing graduates to thrive in college. The program will build on the Core Knowledge curriculum.

Our proposal has already been approved by the Poudre School District and our high school will indeed open in August of 2010. The goal is to expand into a new facility adjacent to the current Liberty school building and we're scouting possibilities right now.

Over the course of the past few weeks, I've initiated discussions with upper-grade students about high-school expectations. There have been many predictable questions. Initially, students were most curious about a dress code and where lunch will be served.

However, now that the firm reality of a high-performing high school has sunk in, the inquiries are turning impressively mature: What kind of electives will we have? How many AP classes will be offered? What will a Liberty diploma really mean when I apply to colleges?

Parents, we can be proud of how seriously our students are taking their education. But few should be surprised. Liberty's academic achievements are impressive. Building on them and maintaining the momentum of the current school is the best way to ensure our kids excel through their higher education. The students really seem to understand this, too.

As such, I need creative, engaged parents to volunteer with tasks of defining the school and paying for some of the unique features we want to have in place upon opening – like cutting-edge technology, world-class teachers and great books.

I need people who can identify grants and help apply for them. I need people who can help with marketing, focus grouping, Internet strategies, social networking, web designing and copywriting.

There's a lot to do to keep up with our Liberty kids. Please contact me at bob.schaffer@libertycommon.org if you can help. In the meantime, visit the new "high school" tab on the Liberty Common School website, become a Liberty fan on Facebook and follow @LibertyCommon on Twitter.

A Few Notes from the Music Department

We in the Liberty Music Department are looking forward to kicking off another year of making great music with our students. We have some thoughts on how our audience can help our student musicians have the most success in their programs this year. Each performance is a result of 2 to 4 months of practice. As such, we want to do everything we can to ensure that the audience can hear the performance and our musicians on stage can focus on the difficult task of performing for you to the best of their abilities. To help make this happen, we would like to communicate a few guidelines for our audience this year:

- Please turn off cell phones or other noise-making devices.
- Please use the back door of the performance hall/gym when leaving.
- Please keep children with you in the seating area, rather than up front on the floor or out in the hall unsupervised.
- If you have to leave, please do so between songs.
- The students work hard to create a good performance for the audience so if you can, please try to stay for the entire concert. We realize your time is valuable, so we will do all we can to keep things moving in our performances.

Thanks for all you do for Liberty music!

We hope you will attend the following concert dates:

Oct. 13, 2009-Upper School Concert- 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 17, 2009-4th, 5th, 6th grade Concert-6:30 p.m.

Dec. 1, 2009- Upper School Concert-6:30 p.m.

Dec. 11, 2009-Liberty Common Musical, Seussical the Musical, 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 15, 2009- Kinder and 1st grade Concert-6:30 p.m.

Feb. 9, 2010- 1st and 2nd grade Concert-6:30 p.m.

March 9, 2010-Upper School Performance- 6:30 p.m.

April 13, 2010- 3rd and 4th grade Concert-6:30 p.m.

May 4, 2010-5th and 6th grade Concert—6:30 p.m.

May 11, 2010-Upper School Concert- 6:30 p.m.

Calling All Kinders for 2010-2011

We are beginning to fill our Kindergarten sibling spots for next year. If your child is planning on attending kindergarten in 2010-2011, please call the Front Office and put your child on the sibling list.

Liberty Common Volleyball

The Liberty Common Ladies finished the season 7-4 respectively. Coach Ronen and Assistant Coach Otto appreciate the energy and dedication from all team members. Thank you for your generous post-season gift. We will enjoy with our families. Remember if you love volleyball continue to play it- club, rec., or church league. Go Lady Eagles!

Parks and Rec. Basketball

Attention Liberty Common Girls 6th, 7th, 8th Graders: Recreation basketball sign ups have started. Go to www.fcgov.com or call Northside Aztlan for more information.

Liberty Common Soccer

The Liberty Common Soccer Team finished the season as the Northern Colorado Independent League Champions. Coach Reeves and his assistant Mr. Knab led this talented group of boys to a 6-1 season. Way to go Liberty!

MathCounts Is Ready for Students

All 6th-8th graders are invited to join the Liberty MathCounts team. We will have weekly meetings where students can hone their math skills while preparing for the MathCounts competition. Students will also have the opportunity to challenge themselves in individual math contests throughout the year. All meetings will be held in Mr. Lovely's classroom from 3:15 to 4:15 and will alternate between Thursdays and Mondays starting Thursday, October 8. If you are interested in joining this fun math experience, please complete a sign-up sheet and return it to Mr. Lovely. Sign-up sheets are available from the Front Office, Mr. Lovely, Mr. Vetter, Mr. Huey, Mrs. Crisafulli or Mrs. Jordan.

Did You Know?.....

That if your child is ill or absent due to a trip, you may email the teacher to request any missing work. If your child is an Upper School student simply use the email address upperlibertycommon.org and your request will go to all the Upper School teachers. Because teachers are teaching all day, homework will be available after 3:00 p.m. Please don't leave any requests for homework on the Attendance Line.

Big Clip Contest Results 3rd Graders Big Winners

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2009 Big Clip Contest. This year's winner was Mrs. VonBargen's 3rd grade class. Mrs. VonBargen's class brought in 807 Box Tops and has won an ice cream party! Because Liberty had such great participation, we have already surpassed last year's collection amount by 1,168 Box Tops. Please continue bring in your Box Tops.



**NO SCHOOL
OCT. 16TH
Teacher/Professional
Development**

Liberty Common Yearbooks Go On Sale Oct. 19th

Liberty Common Yearbooks go on sale Oct. 19th and orders will be taken until November 16th. Once again this year's edition is hardback but this year all the photographs will be digital. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to capture all your Liberty memories for only \$19.00. Order forms go home with all students on Oct. 12th. Extra forms are in the Front Office.

Please check PowerSchool for lunch balances. If possible, please pay any outstanding balances when you turn in the November Calendar no later than Oct. 20th. Thank you.

Seisical the Musical Needs Parent Volunteers

Ms. Voorhies is seeking parent volunteers to help with the musical production. Help is needed in the following areas:

- Props/Sets: 2-3 parents to assist in building sets, locating props/materials.
- Costumes: 1-2 parents to chair this committee. 2-3 parents to assist in making/locating/picking up/returning costumes.
- Video: I would love to have the show video taped and available for students to purchase for a minimal cost.
- Clean Up Crew: 1-2 parents needed to chair this committee
- 4-5 parents to assist in tear down/clean up after the production.
- Make-up/Hair: 2-3 parents to help with hair and make-up prior to the show on Friday and Saturday.
- Backstage Supervision: 4-8 parents to help supervise performers backstage. Would only need to sign up for Friday **OR** Saturday.

Please contact Ms. Voorhies if you would like to help or if you have any questions: erin.voorhies@libertycommon.org or (970)482-9800

Thank You to Hearing and Vision Screeners

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who contributed to another successful Hearing and Vision Screening: Deb Straker, Heidi Bond, Billie Jo D'Agosta, Shana Martinez, Angie Otto, Marjorie Powers, Marlo Rhea, Tamara Rhoads, Marci Weaver, Julie Weibler, and Janis Wheeler.

You are the best— Angie Selgren and Tina Spicer

Help Us Honor Our Service Men and Women



Every November, for Veterans Day, I like to honor our men and women who are currently serving our country or are veterans. To make my bulletin board a great display of respect and appreciation, I am requesting pictures of our soldiers. Please include the service man or woman's name, and where they are serving or served. The pictures will be returned to you the first week in December. Please submit any photos to the Front Office, by November 6th., attention Mrs. Ronen. Thank you

Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Information Night

Liberty Common School will be hosting our annual Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Information Night on October 20th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Susan Vance will be here from the Fort Collins Police Department to discuss the harmful effects of drug use. This event is for 5th through 9th grade students and parents. Please join us for this educational evening. We hope to see you there.

Liberty Students: Are You Creative?

Do you like to Solve Problems? Enjoy Performing? If so, check out ODYSSEY OF THE MIND. Odyssey of the Mind teams apply their creativity to solve problems, then present solutions in a performance on competition day. Last year, 26 Liberty students ranging from grades K to 9 participated on four OM teams. Learn more about this year's Odyssey of the Mind program at an informational meeting after school on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 3:30 p.m. Parent coaches and volunteers are needed in order for students to participate in OM Find out how you can help on Oct. 21.

Questions? Contact Liberty OM coordinator Wade Turner-691-3189 or wade.turner@comcast.net.

Silent Art Auction Supports the Hungry

During the Fall Festival, Mrs. Borak, Liberty Art teacher, conducted a silent auction of left behind art work with all proceeds going to the Open Door Mission. Because of Liberty Common Families' generosity, \$140.00 was raised for the those that are hungry in our community. Thanks to all the supporters.



Andrew Morris, (age 4) lucky winner of a chess piece, one of many items in the Art Silent Auction at the Fall Festival