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Learn Today, To Lead
Tomorrow

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Common Knowledge, Common Virtues, Common Sense
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Board of Directors Meeting: September 17, 2009

BOD AGENDA

Financial Review, Math and
English Specialist Report,
Initial Review of Accountability
Report and SIP

Welcome to the newest members of the Liberty Common Family

**Taylor Austin Wilcox, son
of Mr. Wilcox, coach and P.E.
teacher, born 8/16/09.**

**Ella Joye Brooks, daughter
of Annalee Brooks, Speech
Pathologist, born 8/16/09.**

Learn Today to Lead Tomorrow

Wow! Did last summer ever fly by? It seems as if a few days ago the 2009 ninth grade graduation was taking place and then in the blink of an eye the 2009-2010 school year was upon us. I hope everyone had the opportunity to spend quality family time together. We are delighted to have the energy and excitement from your children back in the building once again. This year the motto for Liberty Common School is "Learn Today to Lead Tomorrow."

The mission of Liberty Common School is to provide excellence and fairness in education through a common foundation by successfully teaching a contextual body of organized knowledge, the values of a democratic society, and the skills of learning; in summary, we teach common knowledge, common virtues and common sense." In fulfilling this mission, Liberty Common School will continue to help students "Learn Today to Lead Tomorrow." It is very rewarding to see our former students excelling in high school and college and in professional careers.

Congratulations to the students, teachers and parents for another outstanding performance on the CSAPs. All of the scores are high across the board and several of our junior high and ninth grade scores are the top scores in the state. Wouldn't it be great to expand that quality educational program through twelfth grade? Yes? Well say no more, the Liberty Common School BOD voted unanimously to proceed with the expansion of the K-8th grade to three tracks and to grow our school to include a college preparatory high school.

To help with this expansion, the BOD and Administration thought that it would be necessary to hire a Project Manager. Since we will be expanding a number of primary grades and adding a tenth grade the next year (2010), the need to fill this position quickly was critical. We posted the position immediately following the vote, short listed the applicants, and arranged for interviews. After the interview process it became evident that one applicant stood out and that applicant was Bob Schaffer. It is my pleasure to announce to the Liberty Common School community that Bob Schaffer has been hired to be the Project Manager. Bob will work along side with the current administration and BOD in developing a top-notch college preparatory high school. We will provide frequent updates about the expansion process in the weekly Monday Notes. Please feel free to email or call me with any questions regarding the expansion.

I am also pleased to announce that we have a few new teachers and teacher's aides joining our team this year: Mrs. Melania Alvarez - K-2 Spanish Teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Cardenas - 5th Grade Teacher, Mrs. Beth Huelle - 5th Grade T.A., Mrs. Carrie Jordan - 6th Grade Teacher, Mrs. Elizabeth McFeely - 2nd Grade T.A., and Ms. Erin Voorhies - K-6 Music and Choir Teacher. We are excited to have these smart and highly capable teachers and aides join our staff. Please take time to welcome them and introduce yourself to them.

We appreciate your choice of Liberty Common School for your child and realize that you always have the option to choose to attend other schools. Thank you for the opportunity to serve your student. We continue our pledge to provide a quality education and will strive help your children, "Learn Today to Lead Tomorrow."

Russ Spicer, Headmaster

Seusical the Musical Coming to Liberty

Ms. Voorhies is seeking parent volunteers to help with the musical production. There will be a short production meeting at the beginning of October for all committee members. 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 videotaped 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.

Please contact Ms. Voorhies if you would like to help or if you have any questions: erin.voorhies@libertycommon.org or (970)482-9800 ext. 158

Parent Volunteers Needed for Upper School

We are looking for parent volunteers to help our Upper School teachers grade papers, make copies and with other projects from 8:00-10:00 a.m. If you are willing to help them once a week or every other week, please contact Tina Spicer at spicerrt@yahoo.com or at 223-7587. Thank you.

Liberty Common Volleyball Schedule

Come and cheer on the Liberty Ladies as they take on their opponents. All matches begin at 4:00 p.m.

Aug. 24th. at St. Mary's

Aug. 26th . vs. Windsor at Liberty

Aug. 31st at Frontier

Sept. 2nd vs. HMS at Liberty

Sept. 9th at KQA

Sept. 14th -Bye

Sept. 16th vs. New Vision at Liberty

Sept. 19th at Heritage (Saturday tournament)

Sept. 21st At Resurrection

Sept. 23rd at Ridgeview

Sept. 28th at St. Joseph School

News from the Lunchroom

This year, in order to cut down on the cost of copying, we will only be sending one copy of the lunch menu home. Lunch menus are due on the 20th of the month and your student's selection will be posted in PowerSchool by the 5th of the following month.

Lines to microwave are exceedingly long. Please try to limit your child's microwave lunch to something that only requires 2-3 minutes. This will assure that all will be able to heat their lunch and have time to eat it. Thank you.

It's Robotic Time Again

Students between the ages of 9 and 15 are invited to put their engineering and computer programming skills to the test on the Liberty Robotics Teams. Can you build a robot to tackle the tricky twists and turns of the Smart Move challenge? All interested kids should attend the information meeting on Monday, August 24th in the school's Computer Lab from 3:10 to 4:00 p.m. Parents are also encouraged to attend!

Clothes Closet Open for All

Please feel free to come in and check out all the gently used clothing available for \$1.00 per garment. If you have clothes to exchange, there is no cost.

Liberty Common Soccer Schedule

Come out to Everett Soccer Field (home games) and cheer on Liberty's boys soccer team. All games begin at 4 p.m

Aug. 24th vs. New Vision at Liberty

Aug. 27th at KQA

Aug. 31st vs. HMS at Liberty

Sept. 3rd at Frontier

Sept. 8th vs. Ridgeview at Liberty

Sept. 10th vs. St. Joseph School at Liberty

Sept. 14th at Windsor

Sept. 17th- Bye

Sept. 21st at St. Mary's

PowerSchool What Is It and How Can I Use It?

Three years ago, Liberty purchased a software program, PowerSchool, for teachers, administrators and parents to use. Since then we have learned of its many capabilities and found it to be a very useful resource. Our goal is for all Liberty parents to be PowerSchool savvy and use this program to learn of Liberty events, monitor student grades and even check lunch balances. Each child has a Powerschool user code that remains the same throughout their time at Liberty. We will be sending home each student's code through Monday Note Folders for the K-6 students on Sept. 8th. If your child is in grades 7-9th their PowerSchool code letter will arrive in the mail. Please contact the Front Office with any questions.

Top Five Things To Do To Make the Liberty Common Experience Great!

1. Turn in your lunch calendar by the 20th of each month.
2. Do not park in the Center Partners parking lot or Advanced Energy Parking lot when dropping off or picking up your student.
3. Call the absentee line, 482-9800, option 2 by 9:00 a.m.
4. Please schedule your student's appointments when possible, after 3:00 pm. Less interruption to their education.
5. Arrive to school on time— your education at Liberty is something you don't want miss a minute of.

We love Liberty Common School