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The Liberty Way"*

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

### *What's Happening at LCS K-6th*

**Jan. 10-**Liberty Geography  
Bee, 3:30 p.m. in the library

**Jan. 10-** High School Public  
Information Night at LCHS,  
6:30 p.m.

**Jan. 16** No School- Martin  
Luther King Day

**Jan. 17-** Spelling Bee in  
Library at 3:15 p.m. *\*Please  
note this a date change-*

**Jan. 17-** Multi-Activity  
Intramurals for 3rd-4th  
graders begins- 3:10-3:55  
p.m.

**Jan. 17-**Intramural  
basketball for 5th and 6th  
grades begins-  
4:00-4:40 p.m.

#### **Liberty Common School Board of Directors 2011-2012**

**Crissy Kopren** 266-1005  
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**Board of Directors Meeting:**  
Liberty Common School  
January 19, 2012  
1725 Sharp Point Dr.  
Faculty Room  
7:00 p.m.



## How to Reach Us

- Our office hours are **7:30-4:00 p.m.**
- Our telephone number is **(970) 482-9800**
- Our attendance line is **(970) 482-9800, option 2**, please call by 8:30 a.m.
- Please note that you may go to your student's classroom and wait for them to be dismissed only after 2:50 p.m.
- If you need to take your child to an appointment during school hours, please come to the Front Office, sign them out and we will call them out of class.
- All students who arrive after 8:00 a.m. must be signed in at the Front Office. It is important that a reason be written as this determines if the tardy is excused or not.
- Our school closes at 4:00 p.m. All students need to have left the building by 4:00 p.m. or be chaperoned by a parent or guardian.

## Calling All Kindergarteners for 2012-2013 School Year

We are continuing to fill our Kindergarten sibling spots for next year. If your child is planning on attending Kindergarten at Liberty next year, 2012-2013, please call the Front Office or stop by and speak with Bev Hanawalt. Don't delay as spots are filling quickly.

## Still Time to Sign Up for Chess Club

If you think your student would enjoy improving his or her chess game, learning strategies and forward thinking while spending time with friends, then now is the time to sign up for Chess Club. Chess Club's first meeting is **January 13, 2011.**

Chess Club is a 12 week chess program full of lessons, chess games and tournaments!

Beginners(K-2) meet on Friday mornings from 7:00 a.m.– 7:50 a.m. and Advanced Players meet on Friday afternoons from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Cost is \$40.00/student. Sign up in the Front Office.

For more information see flyer on page 4

## Churchill's Chat

### An Investment in Your Child's Future



♦ 95% of cotillion students believe the JDW program helped prepare them for their future ♦ 94% of students believe the program gave them more confidence in social and unfamiliar situations ♦ 92% of students believe the program helped them learn to treat others with more respect ♦ 99% of their parents believe the program will have a positive impact on their children's future social relationships and career ♦ 97% of cotillion students believe the program taught them how to make a good first impression ♦ 98% of parents believe the social skills learned in the JDW Cotillion have given their children an advantage and better understanding of manners and social etiquette

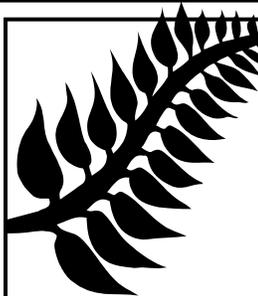
The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual  
**Fort Collins Cotillion**  
Classes begin Sunday, January 22, 2012

Club Cotillion 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades  
Survival Etiquette Essentials 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades  
Advanced College Prep 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> grades

Online registration is currently available at  
[www.cotillion.com](http://www.cotillion.com)

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The New Year's resolution dates all the way back to 153 BC. The early Roman mythological king Janus (hence January) had 2 faces, one looking back at the last year and one looking forward to the future. It is Janus that became the symbol for the resolutions that we make today. A resolution is not a wish, but a goal to set for the upcoming year. If you or your child have not made one yet, then I have just the one for you.



### Resolution: Improve manners and etiquette.

Liberty's first character education assembly guest speaker was Daniel Webb from the Denver Cotillion. Daniel did a superb job of speaking with our students and modeling speaking etiquette and social prowess. I would encourage you to check out their website at [www.cotillion.com](http://www.cotillion.com) or pick up a flier in the front office. The Fort Collins Cotillion will be hosting classes beginning on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. This would be a great opportunity for your children and a great resolution. Janus would be proud.

Mr. Keith A. Churchill  
Principal





## Steaming Into The New Year By: Bob Schaffer, LCS Principal

Water at 211 degrees Fahrenheit is just hot water. At 212 degrees (at sea level) it becomes steam and can power engines, heat skyscrapers, cook food and more.

It's remarkable how a specific, single, extra degree of heat can so profoundly transform the property of this essential and familiar substance – one we most often take for granted.

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

If time just got away, and you forgot to respond, don't worry. We'll still take your contributions. Coincidentally, right now is an opportune time to drop off a check at the school's front desk, to mail one in, or [contribute online at the school's website](#).

Asking for donations always seems like such an awkward proposition. But after many years of asking people to help fund campaigns, build charities and sustain our school, I've come to realize that few people typically donate without first being asked and told why the investment is a wise one.

And, when the cause is a righteous one, most people are grateful for the opportunity to pitch in, or even to write yet another check. As a parent of five Liberty-educated kids, I have come to regard our school as one of the most righteous causes there is.

Even today, spirits are high in our hallways and classrooms as students return to school with new Christmas clothes, the fresh academic slate of the new semester, and tall stories of holiday adventure. They're off and started on the next phase of a rigorous education in [Colorado's best school](#).

Our students absolutely deserve a school that is better, stronger, more adaptive and more proficient than all the others. Extra funding from parents allows us to produce more remarkable results – even with the paucity of public funding Liberty receives when compared to regular public schools. Achieving these high expectations cannot be taken for granted.

As such, charitable donations make up a rather important part of our school's annual budget. If your donation weren't truly important, trust me, we wouldn't raise the awkward proposition of asking for it.

Perhaps your New-Year resolutions entail doing more to improve Colorado's best school and to propel the building of Colorado's best high school. If so, contributing to Liberty is a perfect and meaningful way of accomplishing both.

Your donation may well indeed be the specific, single, extra degree of effort needed to profoundly transform Liberty. Without the greater efforts and added energy of all Liberty parents, our school would likely be just another familiar public institution – a warm place perhaps, but inadequate to making steam.

## Grandparents Corner By: Ed Haynes, Chairman of the Liberty Grandparents Club

As I said in a previous *Grandparents Corner*, our grandchildren are receiving a superior education at Liberty Common Schools. A conversation my 3<sup>rd</sup> grade grandson, Cooper, and I had during the holiday break illustrates this fact.

We were talking about what he was learning at school. He said 'adverbs.' Then he sang me a song containing 51 of the most common adverbs. I had no idea there were that many. To illustrate his knowledge he started diagramming sentences!

I was stunned. I remember diagramming sentences as a junior in high school. This knowledge was his. It was no flash-in-the-pan classroom lesson. He knew the definitions and the rules of adverb usage.

I encourage every grandparent who has had similar experiences with your grandchildren about their Liberty Common Schools educational experiences to share those stories with us in this column.

Oh, and thanks to all the faculty, staff and administration for providing such a magnificent education to our grandchildren.

To contact Mr. Haynes, or for more information about the Liberty Grandparents Club, please email: [gpd@libertycommon.org](mailto:gpd@libertycommon.org)

## 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball Schedule

Basketball season has begun for our Jr. High Lady Eagles. Please come out and support this talented group of athletes. All games begin at 4:00 p.m. Go Eagles!

1/12/12– Liberty vs. Heritage Christian  
1/17/12–Liberty at New Vision Charter  
1/19/12–Liberty vs. St. Mary's  
1/23/12– Liberty at Ridgeview  
1/26/12–Liberty vs. Frontier  
1/30/12–Liberty vs. St. John's  
2/2/12–Liberty at KQA  
2/6/12–Liberty at St. Joe's  
2/9/12–BYE  
2/13/12– Liberty at Resurrection  
2/16/12– Liberty vs. Windsor  
2/21/12–Liberty at HMS



# Liberty Chess Club



**Who:** For all students K-6.

**What:** A 12 week chess program full of lessons, chess games and tournaments!

**Beginner group (K-2):** Fridays 7:00am-7:50am in the Library.

**Advanced (3-5):** Fridays 3:15pm-4:15pm in the Art room.

**Why :** To improve your chess, learn strategy and forward thinking and have a great time with friends.

## Schedule

January: 13, 20 and 27.  
 February: 3, 10, 17, and 24.  
 March: 2, 9, 23, and 30  
 April: Last day 13<sup>th</sup>  
 (The second session start date will be January 13<sup>th</sup>)

### **Introducing the Coach**

Hi! My name is Zachary Bekkedahl, chess coach and teacher of many schools and my own chess club. I can't wait to run Liberty chess again! I want to build off of our hard work last year and continue to grow as a team! Nice work everybody in placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the district tournament!!!

If you have questions please call me @ (970) 581-2424 or e-mail me at [info@chessmatesfc.com](mailto:info@chessmatesfc.com) If you would like further information about me or my club check out my website at [www.Chessmatesfc.com](http://www.Chessmatesfc.com). Thanks!