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Mark Your Calendar For These Important Dates

Sept. 12| School Messenger Notification System at approximately at 4:00 pm.
Sept. 13-15|6th Graders at Pingree Park
Sept. 15|Chessmates
Sept. 21|BOD Meeting|6:30 p.m.|Teacher's Lounge-LCS
Sept. 22|Chessmates
Sept. 22|Individual Student Photos [CLICK HERE](#) for order form
Sept. 22|Free Dress Day
Sept. 25|Character Education Assembly|Respect
Sept. 25|Primary Public Info. Night|6:30 p.m.|LCS Performance Hall
Sept. 29|T-Shirt Day|2017-18 T-shirts may be purchased in the Front Office, \$5.00

Oct. 6|Chessmates
Oct. 6|Fall Festival|5:30 p.m.
Oct. 9|5th and 6th Grade Alcohol and Drug Education Program|6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall
Oct. 13|Chessmates
Oct. 13|LCS Talent Show|6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall
Oct. 19|BOD Mtg.|BOD|6:30 p.m.|Teacher's Lounge-LCS
Oct. 20|Chessmates
Oct. 20|1st Quarter Ends
October 23|Public Info. Night|6:30 p.m.|LCHS
October 27|Parent/ Teacher Conferences|**No School**

Announcements and Happenings

School Messenger Notification System. This **Tuesday, Sep 12, 2017**, at approximately **4:00 pm**, Liberty Common Elementary will send a test of the emergency-contact system used to communicate school closings, late starts, or early

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dismissals, etc. Watch future Monday Notes for instructions on making changes to or opting out a phone number from SchoolMessenger contact system.

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Liberty Common Elementary Starts an Orchestra

Rehearsals will be once a week, on **Wednesday morning from 7:15-7:45**. Students will need to have their instruments out and **ready to play by 7:15**. **Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, October 4th.**

Requirements for LCS Orchestra:

- Student must play a string instrument
- Student must have been playing for *at least* a year
- Student must have a private teacher
- Student must know how to read music

Please contact Mrs. Clemens (aclemens@libertycommon.org) if you are interested in joining.



Fun At The Fair Fall Festival Sign-Up Genius Is Here.



Liberty Common's Annual Fall Festival is **October 6th., beginning at 5:30 pm and ending at 8:00 pm**. The Fall Festival provides fun for the whole family and this year's new activities guarantee a good time. A delicious dinner will be provided by **Paninos** Restaurant.

Many volunteers are needed for this family fun event. Just [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up early and get the spot you want! Scroll down our list of activities, choose one or more and click on sign up. Enter your name and email address. It's that easy! You will receive a reminder email a couple days before the event.

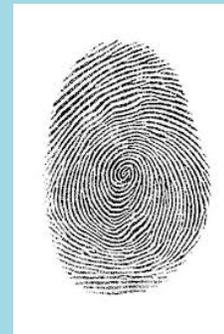
Don't forget to visit our other link if you would like to make a [donation](#) for the Fall Festival as well.



- **We are now live with our lunch ordering process**, please [CLICK HERE](#) for setting up accounts and placing orders. If your family has money in their lunch accounts on PowerSchool we will be rolling that money over to wholesome foods, it may take some time so please be patient as we go through this process together.

- **Carpool Lists** are now available to pick up in the Front Office.

- **The fingerprint scanning program is up and running.** If you have not had a fingerprint scan, allowing you to enter the main hallway and volunteer, please visit the office **Tuesday, Wednesday or Fridays, anytime from 8-11 a.m.**



Chocolate milk, white milk or orange juice is available for 40 cents. Students can purchase daily or parents can prepay in the Front Office.

Clothes Closet Reminder. When bringing in clothes as a donation or to trade out for other code clothes, please make sure all items are freshly laundered, stain free, no holes, rips or tears. Clothes sizes 4t-14 are accepted and parents are encouraged to browse the closet anytime during school hours, 8am-3pm.



In order to keep our students healthy, not spreading germs, and in school learning, please be sure to pay attention to these guidelines on when to keep your child home from school if they are ill.

Feel free to print these off [CLICK HERE](#) and keep them on your refrigerator, or wherever they are easy to access.



Seeking Parent Volunteers

Do you love adventuring the high seas? Exploring forgotten places? Traveling through space? If your answer to any of these question is a resounding YES! then the Liberty Library is the place for you.

Mrs. Gowing, our new Librarian, is looking for a team of parent volunteers to help re-shelve, cover, and organize books. She is also looking for anyone who would love to lend an artistic eye to bulletin and chalk boards! If you are a fan of books and volunteering, please contact Mrs. Gowing in Room 126 next door to Mrs. Trout's Kindergarten class or at pgowing@libertycommon.org



Join us in the Art Room this year for a lot of fun! We are looking for parents and grandparent to volunteer once a week for 90 minutes! Check out the link below to sign up ASAP! [CLICK HERE](#)

Thank you Rotary Club of Fort Collins for donating **Liberty's Buddy Bench**. A Buddy Bench is a small, safe haven. Children who are feeling emotional or lonely can sit on the bench as a clear signal to others on the playground that they are in need of social connection. The Buddy Bench can foster peer support and lead to reductions in school bullying. When a school creates a visual signal that emotional and social connection is a priority in their community, it's helping elementary students prioritize social connection. Meanwhile, those using the bench are reminded of their own responsibility to look for social groups they might want to connect with and take some time to think of how to say "Hello" and make new friends.



Liberty Family In Crisis.

Liberty's Academic Support Team Director **Mrs. Janice Garland** received grave news over the weekend that her daughter **Mariya** (LCHS '15) has been hospitalized and diagnosed with stage-4 renal cancer with a tumor affecting her kidney, vena cava, and aorta; and metastasized to her lungs. Mariya is away at college in Memphis, TN, and is being air-transported today to Denver to undergo very major and extensive surgery immediately. A website has been set up to relay information and facilitate communication with friends and admirers – [CLICK HERE](#) | You'll need to set up a password to join this site, or use an existing one if you've joined previously. Personnel adjustments are being executed now to cover Mrs. Garland's professional duties at the school as she has taken leave for an indefinite period of time in order to devote 100% to Mariya. Mrs. Garland

asks, "Please just pray for all of us, that we may have peace, pray for healing, pray for the doctors, pray that we can get home, pray for Mariya to have less pain..." Mariya is one of LCHS's most celebrated and revered graduates. In 2015, she was recipient of the school's Character & Virtue Award which is perhaps the school's most esteemed senior recognition. She was also honored by her peers in the LCHS Class of 2015 who chose her to deliver the "Class Address" at the 2015 LCHS Commencement Ceremony.

Liberty-2-Liberty 5K. It is almost time for the 8th annual Liberty-2-Liberty 5K, which is being organized by Domus Temperantiae and will be held on **Saturday, September 30th at 8:00 AM**. Registration forms can be picked up at the front office of the high school or the elementary school starting on 9/8, and are **due to the front office by September 20th** for an early-registration discount. The registration fee is \$20 if received by 9/20, but \$25 after that (including race-day registrations). Additional family members will receive a \$5 discount (\$15 early registration/\$20 late registration). Please note: If you turn in your forms by the 20th, you will receive your



t-shirt the morning of the race. If forms are turned in after that, you will get your t-shirt the following week. Volunteers are more than welcome; they are essential. If you or your student wishes to volunteer, send an e-mail to DT House Captains **Taylor Reinke** (reinke.taylor19@libertycommon.org) or **Vivian Stein** (stein.vivian18@libertycommon.org). Please come out and join us. This fun run is for experienced and inexperienced runners alike and will be a time to remember including prizes and food at the finish line!

Teen Talks Series. Three lectures are being offered for parents and teens designed to facilitate crucial conversations with your child. All are being held at Rocky Mountain High School 1300 W. Swallow Rd., in Fort Collins from 6:00 – 8:00PM. Here are the dates and topics: **Wed. 20 Sep 2017 – Marijuana And The Adolescent Brain | Wed 18 Oct 2017 – Technology, Changing Times (high-risk online sexual behaviors) | Wed 8 Nov 2017 – Teen Stress.** All lectures are conducted by state and local experts, and are free. For more information, [contact Brooke Wagner](#).



Connie Behr Memorial Fund

Liberty's longtime librarian **Connie Behr** passed away on Wednesday, August 9, 2017. Connie worked at Liberty for 18 years and was instrumental in developing the library and helping inspire thousands of students to read. As a way of honoring Connie, we have set up a [Cheddar Up](#) account for Liberty families to make a donation to our library. Money donated in memory of Connie Behr, will be used to purchase rich literature for our library. We are excited to honor Mrs. Behr in this way. Each book purchased will contain a book plate sticker inside the front cover to commemorate Mrs. Behr's legacy in our school.

Continuous Improvement by Casey Churchill, Principal of Liberty Common Elementary



Continuous Improvement

Goal setting is an important component of any organization. It is hard to have any direction if there isn't an end result to achieve in place. Each year Liberty Common School sets goals. The students write goals, the teachers write goals, the Board of Directors write goals, and the school writes goals. This year, I asked the staff to write down things they thought went well last year, things they thought could be better, and then from that information glean 3 top goals for the coming year. The staff did a wonderful job with this exercise. After this activity, they all voted on the top goals for the year. While these goals are similar to last year, I value staff input on goals for the coming year.

Liberty Elementary 2017-2018 Goals

1. Teachers, AST Staff, and Problem Solving teams will work collaboratively to find solutions to help struggling students achieve positive academic and/or behavioral gains.

- a. Use data to drive instruction.
 - i. Use NWEA to assess student needs
 - ii. Better understand how to use and interpret CMAS data as a summative assessment.
 - iii. Better understand how to use and interpret Aimsweb data as a formative assessment.

b. Learn how to use and interpret student data using PowerSchool Analytics.

c. All staff attended a two day Quantum training on August 22-23. Quantum training is professional development designed to enhance student engagement and classroom management.

d. Administration, staff, and parents will work together as a team to find ideas to help these students.



2. Create a happy, healthy culture and environment for staff, families, and students.

a. Staff will incorporate Quantum techniques in the classroom to better engage student learning.

b. Staff and administration will focus on an increase in communication amongst ourselves and with the families we serve.

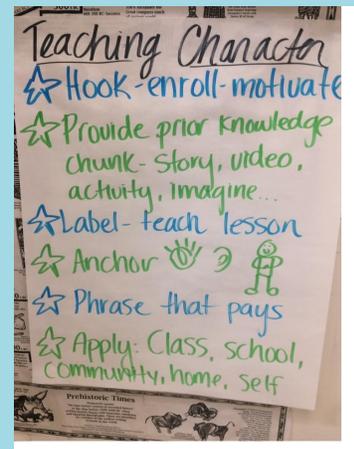
c. Staff will participate in yearly check-ins to assess their needs.

3. Increase Core Knowledge content and skill cross-curricular connections. This will take place among the staff and with the families we serve.

a. Teachers will meet as grade level teams or with other grade levels monthly for cross-curricular connections during non-staff meeting days.

b. The entire elementary staff will attend the Colorado Core knowledge Network on February 9th.

c. Take a close look at skills programs to make sure we are teaching the curriculum with fidelity.



These three goals frame up the initiatives for this coming year. By setting these goals we can reflect on our progress and areas for improvement for the years to come. It is because of this type of continuous improvement and close communication and input from our staff that we outperform other schools in the area. We are looking forward to another great year.

From Dan Knab, Athletic Director

This Week in Jr.-High Sports:

Cross Country

Friday, 9/15, 4pm, @ Monfort Park
(Greeley) (Away)

Boys Soccer

Monday, 9/11, 4pm, 9/11, 4pm, vs Ft. Lupton (Home)
Wednesday, 9/13, 4pm, @ Frontier

Academy

7th Volleyball

Monday, 9/11, 4pm, vs @ Highland (Away)

Wednesday, 9/13, 4pm, vs Estes Park
(Home)

8th Volleyball

Monday, 9/11, 4pm, vs Highland (Home)

Wednesday, 9/13, 4pm, @ Estes Park
Middle School (Away)



Fall Season Pass
Forms available at games or
LibertyCommonBooster@gmail.com

An image of a "Fall Season Pass" for LCHS Fall Soccer and Volleyball. The pass is white with a red and blue eagle head logo on the right. The text on the pass includes "LCHS Fall", "SOCCER and VOLLEYBALL", and "Go Eagles! Non-transferable".

Miss a game? Check out our Facebook page for scores and photos.
 [LibertyCommonSchoolsAthleticBoosterClub](#)