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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
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Common High School
Newsletter

What's Happening at LCS K-6th

April 16-20-BOD Election

April 17-Movin'on Up for
current 6th graders,6-8 pm,
LCHS Great Hall

April 20 and April 21-5th and
6th Grade Dessert Theater-
Wizard of Oz, 6-8pm

April 24- Character Assembly
K-3rd grade, 8:10-8:45 a.m.
4th-6th grade, 8:55-9:35 p.m.

April 27th- Mayfest *Please
note, no hot lunch will be
served- please bring a sack
lunch and drink.

May 1st- 5th and 6th grade
Band Concert-6:30 p.m.

May 7-11th- Teacher
Appreciation Week

May 11- Olympic Day -No
hot lunch served. Please bring
sack lunch and drink.

Liberty Common School Board of Directors 2011-2012

Crissy Kopren	266-1005
Amy Redstone	378-1170
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Mark Sutherlin	225-0432
Cassy Turner	691-3027
Jeff Webb	545-9636
Bill Werst	631-8379

Board of Directors Meeting:
Liberty Common School
April 19, 2012
1725 Sharp Point Dr.
Faculty Room
7:00 p.m.

Headmaster Writing by Russ Spicer

Civic Duty and Spring Gala Thank You

This week is the official Board of Director for Liberty Common School election week. By this time you should have received a ballot and the applications of all BOD members. Sue Jones has withdrawn her name from consideration for the BOD elections. So if you haven't voted yet, please note that she is no longer a candidate. The BOD candidate forum took place last week and I must say I was greatly impressed by the field of candidates. There are five candidates running for two vacant seats. Those elected to these seats will each serve a three year term. The candidates running this year are **Sarjvit Gill, Crissy Kopren, Steve Mangelsdorf, John Rohrbaugh, and Bill Werst**. The completed BOD candidate applications may be found at http://libertycommon.org/documents/2012BOD_Candidate_Applications.pdf

Two of the Liberty Common School Foundation Stones are responsibility and citizenship. We work hard to instill in the children of Liberty that they should be responsible and be good citizens. We would like to ask the same of the parents. It is imperative that you are responsible and follow through on your civic duty by voting in this election. Our charter states that we MUST have a majority (50%) of the eligible School Community vote in order to have a valid election. If this does not occur, we will have to run another election which will waste precious time and resources. Don't shirk this important responsibility. Please make sure you vote! All ballots must be cast and delivered to either the elementary or high school offices by **Friday, April 20th at 4:00 p.m.**

This past weekend was the Spring Gala. What an amazing event! This year the theme was "Back to Our Roots." The organizers of this year's event set out to honor and recognize many of the original founders, parents, and staff of our wonderful school and succeeded in their mission! Many of the Liberty Common School pioneers were in attendance. It was heartwarming to see everyone gathered together once again. Who would have thought that many years ago the idea of a "Revolution in Education" would eventually lead to a school that is recognized as one of the top schools in Colorado and has received national recognition as well? And now a final step to the original vision of the school is taking place. The school is now going to go all the way through twelfth grade. We are so grateful to our founders for working so diligently and enduring so much hardship to get this school started. It was great to have this opportunity to recognize and show our appreciation to the founding parents and staff of Liberty Common School at the "Back to Our Roots" Spring Gala.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to **Wendy Thomas, Marnie Dame, Qeryldine Hofinger, Marilyn Pullin, Jill Wear, Lola Colwell, Marie Eldridge, Kayleen Fraley, Rebecca Hicklin, Beth Molenaar, and Liz Spencer**. They worked hundreds of hours to pull this event together. The venue at Embassy Suites was spectacular. The auction itself was very well run and the bidders could choose from unique and impressive items. Thanks to everyone who attended and supported this fundraising event. It was a great evening of fun, food, friends, festivities and fundraising. We once again raised a significant amount of money that will help Liberty maintain its excellent education, fabulous faculty and fantastic facilities.

I love Liberty Common School!

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.

Important Dates 2012-2013 School Year

Classes Begin - August 15, 2012
Labor Day - September 3, 2012
Thanksgiving Break - November 21-23, 2012
Christmas Break - December 24-January 4, 2013
Spring Break - March 18-22, 2013
Last Day of School- May 24, 2013

Wizard of Oz Tickets On Sale Now

Ticket are now on sale for the 5th and 6th Grade Dessert Theatre. Shows are Friday April 20th and Saturday April 21st. To purchase tickets, go to libertycommonmusic.com. Tickets are only available to purchase online. See you at the show.

Clothes Closet Needs Donations

Let the spring cleaning begin. The clothes closet is in need of short sleeve polos in all sizes and dress code colors and size 6, 10, 12, 14, 16 shorts in all dress code colors. Please make sure all clothing meets dress code and is without stains or holes. Thank you!

6th Graders "Moving On Up"

Dear Liberty Common School 6th Graders,

You and your parents are cordially invited to officially kick-off your Junior High career at Liberty by joining us at the "Moving On Up" open house/orientation on **Tuesday, April 17th** at Liberty Common High School (2745 Minnesota Drive) from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

The evening will include presentations about the 7th and 8th grade academic program, the Order System (student government), social activities, athletics, extracurricular activities, and daily routines. Of course some tasty treats and cool, refreshing beverages will be available as well. The evening will conclude with a tour of the building.

We are thrilled that you have chosen Liberty for your Junior High. We pledge to work hard at providing you the greatest education possible. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, April 17th.

Sincerely,
Russ Spicer

Semper Excelsius – The Liberty Way (Always give your best!)

BOD Candidate Forum Available for Viewing

If you were not able to attend the BOD Candidate Forum held on April 12th. Please educate yourself on how each candidate stands on issues that affect Liberty Common School. Click on video link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?zgzPRWxn5T0&feature=youtu.be> You can also find the link under "What's Happening Now" on our website.



Spring Gala Thank You

The Liberty Common School Spring Gala has developed over the last three years into a wonderful community building, as well as successful fundraising event to support our school. The dedication and generosity of our parents, students, staff and the Fort Collins community have made this event possible. Without the support and participation of so many individuals and businesses this event would not be the success that it is. The Liberty Spring Gala Committee would like to thank everyone who supported this year's event. We look forward to another fun and successful gala in 2013!

Wendy Thomas,
2012 Gala Committee Chairwoman

Scenes from the 3rd and 4th Grade *Granny Awards*



2011-2012 Concert Season

APRIL

20/21- 5th/6th Dessert Theatre, 6:00 p.m.
Performance Hall, LCS
Tickets: \$5/students, \$10/general admission. To purchase tickets, go to www.libertycommonmusic.com.

MAY

- 1-** 5th/6th Band & Choir Concert, 6:30 p.m.
Performance Hall, LCS ***Please note date change**
- 15-** LCHS Band, Choir, & Orchestra Finale Concert, 6:30 p.m. Performance Hall, LCS



Support Liberty-Buy Scrip

Please remember our Scrip Program as you consider purchasing gifts for upcoming occasions like Teacher Appreciation, Mother's Day, birthdays or graduations. Here are some great specials Great Lake Scrip is offering for a limited time. Celebrate teachers with a \$5 Starbucks Teacher Appreciation card available 4/7-5/11/12 with a 7% contribution rate. Other bonuses running right now are Bath & Body Works (a great Mother's Day gift!) all cards offering an 18% contribution rate 3/31 - 4/27/12. Red Robin \$25 gift cards offering an 11% contribution rate 3/31 - 5/11/12. Kmart \$25 gift cards offering a 6% contribution rate 3/31 - 4/27/12. **Our next order is being placed April 23rd, so take advantage of any of these great offers.**

If you don't see a card for the merchant you want, please feel free to ask, it may be available but not listed on the current order form. King Soopers gift cards are available in \$25 and \$100 increments and are reloadable at the register for any amount.

Questions can be answered by **Tracy Horst** at dthorst@msn.com or (970) 223-7282. To enroll just [click here for a form](#) or get one in the front office. [Click here for the policy page](#). [Click here for an order form](#)

Needed: Dessert Serving Platters

Dear Parents,

Many thanks go out to those that supported us and brought in the much needed juice boxes. However, we need your help once more.

We are looking to borrow as many dessert serving plates and trays as possible for the night of April 20th and 21st. We are in need of tiered trays and platters to display the wonderful desserts we have those two nights. We would prefer non-plastic items. Please label your platters and trays so that we can get them promptly returned to the rightful owners.

Thanks again for all your support of our school and kiddos.

Dhipanee Mayes, Volunteer Coordinator for Wizard of Oz

2012 Jr. High Girls Soccer

***All Home games played at the Fort Collins Soccer Complex**

Wed, April 18th Home KQA (2) 4pm

Mon, April 23rd Away KQA 4pm

Wed, April 25th Home Frontier 4pm

Playoffs – TBD

Qtr. Finals – Wed, May 2nd Higher Seed Hosts 4pm

Semi Finals – Mon, May 7th Higher Seed Hosts 4pm

Finals – Wed, May 9th @ LCS 4pm

2012 Jr. High Track Schedule

Wednesday - April 18 at Severance M.S. 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April - 24 at Liberty - FINALS 4:00 p.m.

Sports Camps Available for all incoming 6th, 7th and 8th Graders

*Boys soccer, girls volleyball, and boys & girls basketball camp will run from July 30-Aug.3 at the elementary school.

*Boys soccer and girls volleyball will be held from 9:00-11:30 and boys & girls basketball from 12:30-3:00.

*Contacts: Boys soccer will be with Mr. Reeves, volleyball with Mr. Wilcox, girls basketball with Mr. Ronen, and boys basketball with Mr. Dybzinski.

*Girls soccer (new this year) will run with Dr. Hubbeling the week of Aug. 6-Aug. 10 from 5:30-7:00 at the elementary school.

*Cost for one camp will be \$50.00, two camps \$75.00, and for the girls all three camps \$100.00.

Watch Monday Notes for registration forms available soon.

Attention: All 6th, 7th and 8th Girl Hoopsters

All girls going into 6th, 7th, and 8th grade interested in playing summer basketball please contact Lori Lunn at lunn@sax@msn.com.

Summer Math Camp

The Summer Math Program is a **supplementary math enrichment course** for students going into grades 4 – 12 who either struggle with mathematical concepts/skills or those who want additional reinforcement of a particular topic in order to be successful at the next level. The course runs for 4 weeks and uses the Accelerated Math computer program coupled with individualized instruction from Mr. Lovely, Liberty Common School's Math Specialist. Advanced students may also enroll as an enrichment opportunity. See registration form for more information.

Liberty 2 Liberty 5KRun/Walk

Begin your training now for the Liberty 2 Liberty 5K Run/Walk! Saturday, May 12th, 9:00am. This Liberty tradition is being organized by the three houses at LCHS, to raise money for the house system's various activities throughout the year. The route starts at LCHS, goes down Drake to the Poudre River Trail and ends at LCS.

We are looking for sponsors at any level, so if you are interested, please contact House Director Dave Lunn at dlunn@libertycommon.org by **April 12th**. Sponsors will have their names or logos printed on race t-shirts, brochures and posters. We are also looking for individuals who would like to help provide snacks for runners at the end of the race and prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Come join us for this awesome event involving the whole Liberty community! Register at either school before April 26th, \$15 fee includes a cool t-shirt to wear on race day.

Registration forms available on page 6.

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

Wow! This year's Liberty Spring Gala was spectacular. The only word I can think of to describe it is really...Wow! First of all, the volunteers who worked to put this event together did such an incredible job that attendees commented on the quality of the gala almost all night long. Second, Liberty mom and extraordinary volunteer **Wendy Thomas**, chaired the event committee, and clearly deserves three cheers, pats on the back, and endless thanks from all of us. Not only was the event a first-class affair, elegant in many ways, and of course loads of fun; the gala raised some serious money for the school – which was the central goal of the gala.

We grandparents are proud to have been able to do a small part. Some of us volunteered. Others donated items for auction. Others just attended, enjoyed ourselves, raised bids somewhat, and even took home a few fabulous auction items. If you missed this year's gala, make sure you don't make that mistake again. It was an awesome time to celebrate the great things going on at Liberty, and to draw our community of families closer together. I can't wait to do it all over again next year!

Summer Math Camp registration forms are available in the Front Office.



Thanks and Gratitude By: Bob Schaffer, LCS Principal

Last Wednesday evening, around 7:00 p.m., I wandered through the teachers' lounge at the elementary school and happened upon a large crowd of Liberty volunteers working vigorously on final details for last Friday's Spring Gala. They were stuffing envelopes, coordinating donated auction items, finalizing decorations, and doing anything else that needed to get done. All were happy, smiling and cheerful.

Thanks to them, Friday's Spring Gala and auction was truly phenomenal. A huge portion of the Liberty family thoroughly enjoyed the chance to gather, celebrate the strength of our school, and grow enormously as a community.

Being at the gala, in an expansive hall filled with so many who are passionate about their kids' school, was an awesome thrill. The money raised for our kids is significant, and everyone at the school came to work today grateful to be supported by such a wonderful Liberty family.

When Colorado's charter-school law passed back in 1995, this is just what the Act's authors had in mind. Liberty is exactly what a charter school should be, and pitching in through events like our gala is a glorious expression of Liberty's character.

There are lots of people to thank for pulling off such a magnificent event. Topping the list is **Wendy Thomas**. She was the chair of the 2012 Gala Committee and poured a good chunk of her life into the effort. It really showed, too.

The list of volunteers is long, and it's important that everyone recognize these heroes and heroines for the yeoman's work they did on behalf of our school community:

The Steering Committee included **Lola Colwell** who coordinated classroom baskets, art and decorations; **Marnie Dame** worked on classroom baskets, art and volunteers; **Marie Eldridge** handled invitations and reservations; **Kayleen Fraley** spearheaded founder relations; **Rebecca Hicklin** tackled procurement; **Qeryldine Hoffinger** took on classroom baskets, art and decorations; **Beth Molenaar** organized the auction-description inserts, and was the basket treasurer; **Marilyn Pullin** handled sponsor relations and the founder film; **Liz Spencer** coordinated the auction software and computer management; **Jill Wear** organized the venue, food and beverages.

Student **Megan Davis** and Liberty mom **Heather Fontenot** coordinated babysitting.

The dessert auction was orchestrated by **Joy Archer**, **ButterCream Cupcakery** – **Robin Pavel**, **Patti Cochran**, **Brenda Farstad**, **Heather Fontenot**, **Tracy Horst**, **LaCreperie** – **Carole & Jean Claude Lucas**, **Shelley LaMastra** (Coordinator), 

Staci Lanford, **Rae Mullenix**, **Dollie Perez**, **Denise Sheret**, and **Janice Stuber**.

Christina Crooks was the event photographer. The Founder Film was made by **Craig Evans**, **Scott French** (Producer), and **Wade Turner**. **Dunja Widhalm** was the event webmaster.

Grab bags were organized by **Linda Kreibich**. **Linda Magloughlin** and **Victoria Vidalia** handled mailings. The PowerPoint presentation was prepared by **Tansy Diaz**. Procurement was conducted by **Marie Beck**, **Melanie Claxton**, **Gina Hastings**, **Rebecca Hicklin**, **Dhipanee Mayes**, **Kelly Notarfrancesco**, **Diana Sherman**, and **Dunja Widhalm**.

Special projects were coordinated by **Tamara Rhoads** and **Tracy Tan**. **Terrie Fisher** organized the student art. Volunteers for the Liberty Grandparents Club included **Susie & Larry Coldren**, **Ed Haynes**, **Scarlett & Wayne Reimer**, and **Tammy Thomas**.

Event volunteers included **Britta Butman**, **Melanie Claxton**, **Theresa Chavez**, **Ann Cinabro**, **Susan Ellis**, **Gina Hastings**, **Kristin Heston**, **Sondra Iverson**, **Staci Langford**, **Lori Larson**, **Mansoor Mazhar**, **Jenny McElwain**, **Greg Molenaar**, **Kelly Notarfrancesco**, **Brien O'Malley**, **Tami O'Malley**, **Amy Redstone**, **Jennifer Riley**, **Janelle Rohrbaugh**, **Cindi Ross-Bell**, **Cindy Sherman**, **Tina Spicer**, **Buck Thomas**, **Tammy Thomas**, **Cassie Turner**, **Julie Werst**, and **Cherie Young**.

Those from the Liberty faculty, staff and administration who worked on the event included **Casey Churchill**, **Bob Schaffer**, **Russ Spicer**, **Tim Ricketts**, **Tiffany Burgess**, **Meg Ellis**, **Erin Grandprey**, **Susan Groeger**, **Bev Hannawalt**, **Beth Huelle**, **William Kranz**, **Tracy Nichols**, **Marilyn Pullin**, **Marianne Rieb**, **Jill Ronen**, **Julie Russell**, **Angie Selgren** and **Tom Stokovaz**.

It's highly likely a name or two was accidentally left off this list. If so, just let me know and I'll include it in next week's column. And certainly, the multitudes of people who showed up, wrote checks and made in-kind donations to the event deserve endless thanks, too.

On behalf of Liberty's Board of Directors, the school staff and mostly our wonderful students, I extend my deepest and sincerest thanks and gratitude to everyone who made this year's Liberty Spring Gala such a brilliant success.



