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Common High School
Newsletter

What's Happening at LCS K-6th

Nov. 29: Kindergarten
Concert, 6:30 p.m.
Performance Hall, LCS

Dec. 9th and 10th:
"You're A Good Man
Charlie Brown" - 7:00 p.m.
Performance Hall, LCS-
Tickets: \$5/students, \$8
general admission. See
order form on page 5.

Dec. 12 - 6th Grade Band/5th
and 6th Choir Concert, 6:30p.m.
Performance Hall, LCS

Dec. 16- Liberty T-shirt Day

Dec. 16- Registration
deadline for Lil Dribblers

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Board of Directors Meeting:

Liberty Common School
December 15, 2011
1725 Sharp Point Dr.
Faculty Room
7:00 p.m.

Liberty Common School

Hopes You and Your Family Had a Wonderful Thanksgiving



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 chaperoned by a parent or guardian.

Calling All Kindergarteners for 2012-2013 School Year

We have begun filling 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.

Plan Ahead for Holiday Buying

Plan ahead - order your Liberty logo wear now. Hooded and crewneck sweatshirts, long-sleeve and short-sleeve t-shirts, stadium chairs and blankets, they all make *great holiday gifts*. Place your order by Friday, December 2nd and it will be delivered to LCS by Friday, December 16th. Order forms are available in the Front Office.

Lil Dribblers Intramurals

Lil Dribblers Intramurals Basketball for 1st and 2nd grade boys and girls will begin Jan. 14th. Registration deadline is December 16th. Please see page 6 for more information and registration form.

Attention Parents: Picking Up Your Child After School

If you pick up students in the playground area (middle pick up), we are asking that you pick up your child and move your car forward through the line. We have noticed a lot of cars stacking up. This causes the carpool line to back up onto Sharp Point. The staff will be asking students to not play on the play equipment outside so that they can get to their cars. This should help keep the line moving.

If you would like to allow your child time to play, we would ask that you park your car and accompany them to the playground. Thanks for your

Grandparents Day A Huge Success Thank You to Our Great Volunteers

Grandparents Day would not have occurred without volunteers willing to donate their time and energy to make it happen. A big thanks to parents Erin Mihulka, Melissa Reinke, Erin McHugh, and Bob Schaffer who gave their time and energy to organize this year's event. In addition, many parents donated food and time as greeters and helpers. Thank you! If your child's grandparents could not attend but would still like to join the Liberty Grandparents Club, please send an email to Ed Haynes at gpc@libertycommon.org.

If Grandparents Day is an event that you would like to see continue at Liberty, please consider donating approximately 2 hours per month starting next September to serve on the Grandparents Day Committee. The current committee must add members to make this event a success in 2012. If interested, please contact Amy Redstone at chookela@hotmail.com.

Purchase Scrip Cards for the Holidays

The holidays are fast approaching and now is the perfect time to purchase scrip cards. There are only two more dates for orders to be made before the holidays. We have over 100 merchants that have scrip cards available and many donate more than 5% back to Liberty Common School.

For the holidays some merchants are offering a bonus % back— Land's End & Bath & Body Works 18%, L.L. Bean 17%, Macy's 10%, Outback Steakhouse 10% to name a few. 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.

Please remember to submit your scrip order **by 8:00 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12th**. Cards ordered on this date will be available for pick up on **Friday, Dec. 2nd, by 4:00 p.m. This will be the last Scrip order before Christmas.**

Anyone that is interested in helping with this program or has questions, please contact Tracy Horst at dthorst@msn.com or (970) 223-7282. We need more volunteers to make this program successful and profitable. .

Attention Lady Hoopsters Girls Basketball for 6th, 7th and 8th Grade

Attention all 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls interested in playing basketball for LCHS: Tryouts for the 2011-2012 season are Friday, December 16th from 3:30 –5:00 and Monday December 19th from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Teams will be announced on Monday, December 19th after practice. In order to tryout, it is absolutely necessary to have a physical card and a completed sports packet turned into Mr. Torgeson, prior to Friday, December 16th. When all forms are turned in Mr. Torgeson will issue a “blue card” to the athlete. Girls will not be able to participate until a they have a “blue card.” Forms may be picked up in the front office of both schools. If you are not going to be in town for tryouts but are interested in trying out, please notify Coach Steve Ronen as soon as possible. Any questions contact Wade Torgeson, Athletic Director at wtorgeson@libertycommon.org or Steve Ronen, Coach at aronen@libertycommon.org. Go lady eagles.

Liberty’s New Volunteer Computer Kiosk Up and Running

Our new volunteer computer kiosk is up and running. There are still some kinks in the system but our great volunteers have been very patient. Thank you. Please remember to arrive a few minutes early prior to your volunteer time to locate your name badge and sign in. If you have any questions about the new system, please contact the ladies in the front office.

Music Volunteers Needed

Ms. Palfreeman is looking for volunteers to help with: ***5th and 6th Grade Band**

- Classroom set-up for band classes (about 7:30 a.m. before class)
- Classroom aides: 5th- Tu/Th 8:00-8:45am, 6th– 8-8:45 a.m.
- Volunteers who play instruments (flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, percussion) who can work with individuals or sections who need extra help

- *Classroom Aides: 1st/2nd Grade**
- *Bulletin Boards and Hanging Work**
- *Guitar Tuning (Weekly)**

If interested, please contact Ms. Palfreeman at jpalfreeman@libertycommon.org

6th-8th Grade Girls Soccer News

Who’s ready for soccer? This spring will be the first time that Liberty will field a junior high girls’ soccer team! My name is Chuck Hubbeling and I’m excited to be the coach of the Liberty Eagles this spring. I have been certified at the state level with an “E” license and coached girls soccer for eight years of which four are at the 6th to 8th grade level.

My philosophy is that Liberty soccer is an extension of the school. Consequently, we will work hard, play to the best of our ability and reflect a high standard of conduct. Before the season begins, I am inviting all girls grades 6-11 to join in on one or more of the kick-around dates. We meet at LCS soccer field.

Kick-around Dates - (Schedule is subject to change):

12/3: 11:30-1:30

12/17: 11:30-1:30

1/7: 11:30-1:30

1/21: 1-3:00

2/4: 1-3:00

Enjoy the sounds of the holidays Attend a Liberty Common School Musical Event

November 29- Kindergarten Concert, 6:30 p.m. Performance Hall, LCS

December 12- 6th Grade Band/5th and 6th Choir Concert, 6:30 p.m. Performance Hall, LCS

December 13- LCHS Holiday Concert, 6:30 p.m., location to be determined.

****Be sure to purchase your tickets for LCHS Musical, You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown. See page 5.**



A Truly Grand Affair

By: Bob Schaffer, LCHS

Liberty's second-annual Grandparents Day was...Grand! Mark your calendars now for next-year's Grandparents Day, November 20, 2012.

We welcome our scholars back after a restful, five-day Thanksgiving break. Many are still talking about the special time we all experienced last Tuesday as our school was full with grandparents from throughout the country.

It was a true honor to have them spend a few hours here considering our academic approach and celebrating the intellectual progress of their grandchildren. In turn, grandparents really seemed to take satisfaction in the assurance their grandkids do well attending a high-caliber school.

Of course, given such an opportunity, we loved the chance to show off. We put our science, math, engineering, English, history, economics, foreign language, music, art, physical education, computer sciences, academic support and college counseling programs on full display.

Mr. Ed Haynes, chairman of the **Liberty Grandparents Club**, urged all grandparents to sign up and join the club. It's a grand way to facilitate those who just want to be better connected to their grandchild's school or to play a role in growing and strengthening the Liberty family.

Members of the Liberty Grandparents Club receive periodic email updates to stay abreast of activities at Liberty. They also sometimes assist with school projects, function as guest speakers and tutors, or just cheer on the school.

If you'd like to join the club please [CLICK HERE](#) or call the school.

Special thanks go out to **Amy Redstone**, Liberty Board Member and Chair of the Grandparents-Day Committee, and to all the other stalwart members of the Committee: **Erin Mihulka**, **Melissa Reinke**, **Erin McHugh** and LCHS House Captain **Christiana Spicer** who led the students of *Domus Prudentiae* in planning the high-school portion of the day.

Other *Domus Prudentiae* leaders who stepped up to help in the planning are: **Morgan Kaminky**, **Anna Gilbertson**, **Nate Trout** and **Eva Morrison**.

Mrs. Tamara Rhoads got the Grandparents-Day merchandise designed, printed up and ready for the event. For her, we're grateful. Thanks also to elementary-school principal **Casey Churchill**, **Jill Ronen**, **Julie Russell** and **Bev Hanawalt** in the LCS front office.

Thanks, as well, to **Marianne Rieb**, **Marilyn Pullin** and **Susan Groeger** at the LCHS front office for pulling things together in splendid fashion.

Richard Rencher, **Viola** and **Jose Olveda**, **Dan Rappenecker** and **Tim Stoltz** of the custodial staff also did heroic work setting up, cleaning up and preparing both campuses for the crowd of appreciative grandparents.

Of course, the entire teaching staff deserves HUZZAS! They displayed the school in its best light and made everyone feel like family.

Moms, dads, siblings and students – BRAVO! Thank you for negotiating morning traffic, getting grandparents to and fro, and for facilitating their participation.

Throughout the day, grandparents were treated with respect and honor – just as they should be always.

For great photos from Liberty's First-Annual Grandparents Day festivities [CLICK HERE](#). Also, be sure to see the nearby video link for a video recap.

We're already identifying volunteers to help plan next year's event. If you can help (this is a serious request for a very important need), please [CLICK HERE](#).

We had much for which to be thankful this Thanksgiving. In every way, it was a truly grand affair.

Liberty Common High School Presents

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"

December 9th & 10th, 7:00 p.m.

Pre--purchase your tickets at a discounted price for You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, and pick them up at will-call the night of the play. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

All tickets will be reserved seating, so reserve yours today!

Visit www.libertycommonmusic.com for more information.

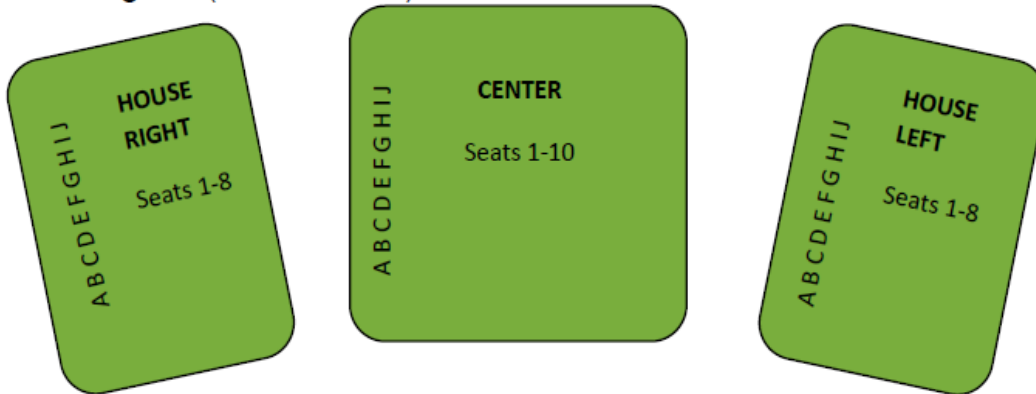
Tickets: \$8/adult
\$5/student

Name: _____
Email: _____ Phone: () _____ - _____
of tickets for Friday _____ or # of tickets for Saturday _____

Seating preference: (1-3 with 1 being your first choice)
Seats are assigned in the same order that the form is received.

House Right _____ Center _____ House Left _____
OR Best Available _____

House Diagram (for reference)



\$ included for tickets:
Check #

Please attach your check to this flyer and return to the LCHS Front Office
no later than December 6, 2011 .

Checks are appreciated, made out to Liberty Common School.

Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door both nights.
(\$10/adult, \$7/student)



Lil Dribblers Intramurals



1st & 2nd Grade Boys and Girls

When: Saturdays - Jan. 14th, 21st, 28th and Feb. 4th and 18th
(Games will run approximately every 40 minutes) When teams have
been picked a schedule will be released with times your team will play



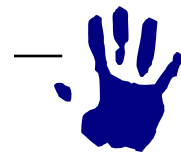
The first Saturday will be a practice day. Fundamentals will be taught to the teams
and a basic explanation of the rules will be given.



Where: Liberty Common School Facilitated by: Mr. Wilcox

Registration Deadline: December 16th, 2011

Cut along line and turn form in with registration fee



1st & 2nd Grade Basketball League Form

Name _____ Grade _____ Basketball Experience (years) _____



Leagues will be formed according to the numbers in each grade that sign up. Ideally we would
like to offer separate gender brackets, but that will be determined by how many children sign
up. There may also be a limited number of spots and those with their fee and attached form
turned in first will be guaranteed a spot.

The teams will wear colored pennies for the games.

COST will be \$15.00. Make Checks payable to Liberty Common School.

Please turn into Mrs. Ronen in the front office.

