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Mark Your Calendar For These Important Dates

Sept. 8|Chessmates

Sept. 13-15|6th Graders at Pingree Park

Sept. 15|Chessmates

Sept. 22|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

Congratulations to **Natalie**(School Nurse) and **Jared Dybzinski**(English instructor at LCHS) on the summertime arrival of **Marian Grace Dybzinski**. The



baby arrived on Saturday, June 24, 2017, weighing 4 lbs 10 ounces, and measuring 18 inches long. Marian sibling's, include **Lydia**, **Ambrose** and **Genevieve** who is a first grader at LCS.



Welcome Samuel Charles Grandprey. Parents Erin (Music and Art teacher at LCS) and Josh Grandprey are the proud parents of Samuel Charles, born August 25th., at 7:40 p.m., weighing 8lbs., 20 oz. and 19 inches long. Samuel joins his siblings Ashlynn (Kindergartener at LCS) and Josiah. Congratulations to the entire Grandprey family.

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.

Grandparents Day Volunteers Needed

Liberty parents, are you looking for a way you can help your child's school that's unique, fun, rewarding, and a great way to meet new parents? The 100% parent-run Grandparents Day Planning Committee really needs a few new

members. Grandparents Day is a beloved, cherished Liberty tradition which takes place at both Liberty campuses. It's a special day



to honor those very special people in our children's lives, Grandma and Grandpa. The event occurs annually on Tuesday of Thanksgiving week. The day begins at the elementary school with a truly delicious hot breakfast and student performances, followed by visiting the student's classrooms. The upper school next honors grandparents with afternoon performances, classroom visits, and snacks. This event is now in its eighth year and has evolved and improved each year. The committee has done amazing things to accommodate over 600 grandparents. We are looking for some fresh ideas, fresh faces, and fun parents to plan and execute the best Grandparents Day so far in Liberty's history. The committee meets **every Friday morning at 8:30AM** from early September until the event to brainstorm ideas and tackle action items. These few hours per month (for less than three months) produces what I, the committee chairperson, can personally say is one of the most rewarding and heartwarming events at our school. If you are interested in joining our committee, it's never too late to contact me, Mrs. Erin Mihulka

Fun At The Fair Fall Festival Coming Soon



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. A Sign-Up Genius Link will be out soon. Check this column weekly for updates.

News from the Front Office



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.

• 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.



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.



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



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** (<u>reinke.taylor19@libertycommon.org</u>) or **Vivian Stein** (<u>stein.vivian18@libertycommon.org.</u>) 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!

Update from Liberty's Board of Directors



New board member **Brad Kreikemeier** and his family.



New board member, Secretary, *Tricia Diehl* and her husband **David** attending the Liberty Spring Gala 2017.

We are glad to announce that we have new Board of Director officers:

- Patrick Albright, Chairman
- Kelly Notarfrancesco, Vice Chair
- Joel Goeltl, Treasurer
- Tricia Diehl, Secretary

Additional Board members include **Brad Kreikemeier**, **Aislinn Kottwitz**, and **Paulette Hansen**.

The Board has five committees. The Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) is led by Joel Goeltl. The committee advises the Board on financial matters and business operations of the school. Kelly Notarfrancesco is the Board liaison to the Academic Advisor Committee (AAC), which advises the Board on matters of curriculum and the school's academic program. Kelly also leads Liberty Common Fundraising Committee efforts. Paulette Hansen leads the School Accountability Committee (SAC) which advances the educational program of the school. It is also known as the School Improvement Team. For this school year, it's primary function will be to increase the understanding and alignment with our values and philosophies among the school community. Aislinn Kottwitz is leading the Strategic planning committee.

In April, the Board and administration held a strategic-planning session. We determined several priority areas. They include:

- Re-commitment to educating the LCS community on school philosophy.
- Refinement and research to continuously improve; one result being the adoption of the Headmaster structure.
- Financing to help become more autonomous.

We will hold an additional strategic-planning session in September so stay tuned for more progress. We are looking forward to a great year!

From Dan Knab, Athletic Director

This Week in Jr.-High Sports:

Cross Country Wednesday, 9/6, 4pm, @ Eaton Middle School (Away) Boys Soccer Friday, 9/8, 4pm, @ Boltz (Away)

7th Volleyball Wednesday, 9/6, 4pm, vs University (Home)

8th Volleyball Wednesday, 9/6, 4pm, @University School (Away)





