



Liberty Common School

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Asst. Principal, Mrs. Sandy Stoltzfus

Next Board Meeting | March 29, 2018, 6 p.m., LCS Staff Lounge. **Please note date change*

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Mark Your Calendar For These Important Dates

March 23|Kindergarten Roundup

March 23|Liberty T-shirt Day

March 26|Kindergarten Music Concert, 6:30 pm

March 26|Character Education Assembly. Speaker is **Diana Montgomery**, LCS Kindergarten Teacher Assistant. Mrs. Montgomery will speak about her experience participating in the Polar Trek 2001. **[CLICK HERE](#)** to learn more about her adventure.

March 28|Liberty Lecture, Dr. Temple Grandin, LCHS, 6:30-8:00 pm

March 29|Teacher Surprise, 2:40 in the gym. Reward for collecting 4036 non-perishable food for our annual Liberty canned food drive.

March 29|BOD Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LCS Teacher Lounge

March 30|Good Friday, **NO SCHOOL**

April 2| 5th Grade Human Development Parent Night Informational Meeting, 6:00 pm

April 4|Grandparents and their Liberty Common grandchildren invited to Scholastic Book Fair, 7:30 a.m.

April 9| 5th Grade Human Development Parent/Child Session, 6-8 pm

April 13/14|5th and 6th grade Dessert Theatre, 6:00 p.m.

April 20|Free Dress Day, reward for collecting 2018 non-perishable food for our annual Liberty canned food drive.

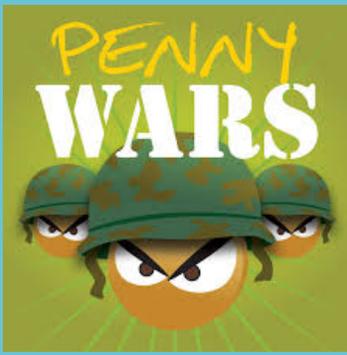
April 23|Public Info. Night, 6:30 p.m.

April 23-27|Liberty Spirit Week, stay tuned for more information

April 26|BOD Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

April 27|Liberty T-shirt day

April 28|7th Grade Induction Ceremony and evening celebration, time not yet determined.



Penny War Winners. Congratulations to 1st place winners, 1st Grade and 2nd place winners, 3rd Grade. Liberty collected a total of \$3350.63 for [Realities for Children](#). For claiming 1st place, 1st grade will enjoy a root beer float party. Thanks students and families for an awesome display of citizenship.

Announcements and Happenings

Dear Liberty 6th Grade Parents, I met with your 6th grade children on March 9th., regarding the 7th-grade course registration process. I discussed the 7th grade courses and walked them through the course registration process. [CLICK HERE](#) for the 7th grade course-registration form and [here](#) for 2018-2019 Junior High Curriculum Guide. **Students are required to complete their paper registration form, have it signed by a parent, and return it on Monday, March 19th to the front office.**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the course registration process, do not hesitate to contact me, wkranz@libertycommon.org.

Thank you,

Bill Kranz
Computer Science Teacher
Academic Advisor
Liberty Common High School
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Registration Open for Liberty Common Academic Summer Camp (students entering 1st - 6th grade).

Participating in a LCS summer academic camp is a great choice for LCS elementary students who need some extra support in reading and/or math over the summer months. The goal of our summer camps are to support students who need to remediate their reading or math skills. All grade levels indicated are for the 2018-2019 school year.

Summer courses are operated and organized by the individual faculty members indicated. All questions and concerns regarding course content, logistics, and attendance should be sent to the faculty member directly.

Be sure to register early, space is limited and seats will fill up quickly

Summer academic programs are managed by the program instructors. Any questions pertaining to the curriculum, attendance, schedules, policies should be directed to the course instructor. Please click on the instructors name to access their emails.

Reading 1 st -2 nd	Sherilyn Galeener
Math 1 st -2 nd	Sherilyn Galeener
Reading 3 rd - 4 th	Rhonda Hilpert
Math 3 rd - 4 th	Deb Wood
Reading 5 th - 6 th	Jennifer Cardenas
Math 5 th - 6 th	Jennifer Cardenas
Individual Tutoring	Coordinated by Mrs. Stoltzfus

Course descriptions, dates and detailed registration information are available in the curriculum guide and on the registration/payment website.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the LCS Summer Academic Camp Curriculum Guide.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the *Efunds Registration and Payment website.

*All registration and payments must be made through Efunds, we cannot accept cash or check.

Questions or concerns regarding registration and payment should be sent to [Sandy Stoltzfus](#), LCS Assistant Principal and Summer School Coordinator (K-12).

SUMMER ACADEMIC PROGRAMS



LCCHS Summer Academic Opportunities

Dear LCCHS students and parents,

Participating in a LCCHS summer program is a great choice to enrich a student's knowledge in a multitude of content areas. We offer English, math, and foreign language supplemental courses for students enrolling in grades **7 thru 12**, as well as opportunities for students enrolling in grades **8 thru 12** to meet some junior high and high school course requirements. [CLICK HERE](#) for the LCCHS Summer Academic Camp Curriculum Guide. All grade levels indicated are for the 2018-2019 school year.

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The LCS Scholastic Book Fair is April 2nd- 6th

Liberty students, welcome back from spring break. If you didn't get a chance last week to snap some pictures of you and your pets reading together, you still have time.



Send photos to pgowing@libertycommon.org and have you and your furry friend featured at this year's Paws for Books fair. We can't wait to see what you'll come up with. Happy Reading.



Calling all Liberty Grandparents to the Paws for Books, Book Fair

You're invited to a special shopping spree at this year's Paws for Books Book Fair. The Library will be open before school at **7:30 am Wednesday, April 4th**. Come in and shop for some "pawesome" books **with your amazing grandchildren**. Breakfast and coffee provided. We hope to see you there.

Join the Colorado Charter Advocacy Network. The Charter Advocacy Network is the vehicle by which charter-school parents and staff are informed about pressing issues affecting charter schools. It's also the method for distributing action alerts to activate the Colorado charter-school community in defense of charter-school students and their interests. As charter-school opponents become more sophisticated, organized, and outspoken, it is crucial we stay informed and take action on pressing issues. To join, [CLICK HERE](#). Please also encourage friends to join.



Be Political. Political involvement among Liberty parents is good for the school. We encourage all parents and grandparents to be registered to vote, to vote at every occasion, to work on campaigns and actively support charter-school-friendly candidates and causes, to voice support or opposition accordingly to legislation affecting charter schools; and when all else fails, to run for office. You can

register to vote in the LCHS front office – it takes 3 minutes. It is also an advantage for Liberty parents to sign up as part of the Colorado Charter Advocacy Network as a way to stay informed and stay connected.

Job Openings. Liberty Common has begun the search for multiple teaching positions. Job specifics and application instructions can be found [here](#). We are excited about the prospect of finding the newest additions to work with the administration team, and faculty. These positions are critical in setting the culture of LCS as well as developing students. If you know anyone who would be a good fit, please forward details.

Next Liberty Lecture – Dr. Temple Grandin. Mark calendars now for the next Liberty Lecture on **Wednesday, March 28th 6:30 – 8:00PM in the LCHS Great Hall**. Guest lecturer Dr. Temple Grandin will walk Liberty students and families through an odyssey of the human brain, how we establish relationships, and some



fascinating characteristics of autism. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about **Dr. Grandin's** accomplishments, and unique perspectives on these topics. [CLICK HERE](#) to see a movie trailer promoting the 2010 HBO feature film about her.

Dr. Temple Grandin is our next Liberty Lecturer on Wednesday, March 28th, 6:30PM in the LCHS Great Hall.

Liberty Common School Presents

The Musical Adventures of



OLIVER TWIST

ADAPTED FROM THE CLASSIC NOVEL BY CHARLES DICKENS

Friday, April 13 7:00pm
Saturday, April 14 2:00pm
Saturday, April 14 7:00pm

ADULTS \$10
STUDENTS/STAFF \$5

LIBERTYCOMMON.TICKETLEAP.COM/OLIVERTWIST

Tickets are on sale now for the 5th/6th grade production of The Musical Adventures of Oliver Twist. Purchase your tickets today by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Mark Your Calendars for State Testing

- CMAS math & English assessments (3rd-8th grades)
- CMAS science assessments (5th, 8th, & 11th grades)
- PSAT exams (9th-10th grades)
- SAT exam (11th grade)

Given this advanced notice of these tests, please plan student appointments and schedules accordingly. When students are absent during testing, it creates a burden on the classroom instructors. We ask for your consideration in this matter when making daytime appointments.

The LCS testing can be viewed by [CLICKING HERE](#).
The LCHS testing schedule can be viewed by [CLICKING HERE](#).



I think I can, I think I can
by: Casey Churchill, LCS Principal



“Chug, Chug, Chug. Puff, Puff, Puff. Ding-Dong, ding-dong. The little train rumbled over the tracks. She was a happy little train for she had a jolly load to carry. Her cars were filled full of good things for boys and girls.”

This is the first paragraph of Watty Piper’s 1930 children’s story classic “The Little Engine That Could”. What a great story of perseverance. For most of us, this was probably the first exposure to this foundation stone.

Things seem so jolly and fine at first but as the hill gets steeper, the train can move no more. Other trains come along but are unwilling to help. Then, along came the little blue engine. She was not sure she could help, but she tried. “I think I can, I think I can”, slowly turned to, “I thought I could, I thought I could” as she came down the other side of the mountain.

Even today, we hear children and adults refer to this story when challenged. Classic stories like this stick with us forever as they hold meaning to the challenges we face.

Have you heard the announcements at the elementary school in the morning lately? For this coming month, I give the definition for our foundation stone perseverance. I almost have this memorized from saying it so much.

Every day I say, “This month’s foundation stone is perseverance. Perseverance is sticking to a purpose and never giving up on what one has to do; being determined to improve; being committed to justice; not leaving things unfinished; striving for excellence”.

We have purposefully placed perseverance at the end of the year because this can be the most challenging time of the year. The weather is nice, school may be getting old, and teachers are working to get all the content taught before students leave for the summer. All of these variables come crashing down this time of year.

We couldn’t ask for a better time to discuss perseverance with our children. Please take time to encourage your child(ren) to finish the year strong. We can model this by making sure we eat well, get plenty of sleep, check homework each night, arrive to school on time, ask how their day went, etc. This is the time more than any other time in the year to participate in family discussions about what our children learned in school this week.

Maybe read them Watty Piper’s classic. [Click here.](#)

Liberty Common Volunteer Opportunities



Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Liberty, April 2-April 6. We need volunteers...we need **YOU!** Volunteering at the Book Fair is the perfect way to stay connected to your child at school and help students find the books they can't wait to read. Sign up now and get ready for a fun and rewarding volunteer experience. [CLICK HERE](#) for Volunteer Sign In.



and 6th grade dessert theatre. Please bring donations to the Front Office by **April 12th**. Thank you.



It is time to have your fingerprint scanned. If you are parent or a volunteer at Liberty Common and have not had a fingerprint scan, allowing you to enter the main hallway, please make it a priority the next time you are in the building. The process takes less than 5 minutes and is done in the front office. Thank you.



Liberty Sports by Dan Knab, Liberty Common Athletic Director

Coming Next Week: We will be sending out a survey to our community next week to plan for our future. We are exploring ideas to add a few sports to Liberty Common High School, and we value your input.

This Week in Jr.-High School Sports:

JH Girls Soccer

Practice this week will be from 3:30pm - 5pm, except for Tuesday. **Tuesday there is no practice.** 1st game is 4/4 at Weld Central.

JH Track & Field

Thursday, 3/22, 4pm, Away, at [Valley High School](#)

1st - 6th Grade Basketball:

Elementary-school-basketball Saturday clinics:

1st - 3rd Grade: 9am - 10am

4th - 6th Grade: 10am - 11am

Every Saturday at elementary-school gym. Cost: \$10/Saturday.

Fundamental basketball skills taught by **Coach Arend**.

Jr. High Basketball Drop-In (Male and Female)

Saturdays, 2pm - 4pm in high-school gym.

Jr. High Volleyball

Contact [Coach Krueger](#) for information on teams happening now.

Summer athletic information will come out in Monday Notes in April.

This Week In High-School Sports:

HS Baseball

Wednesday, 3/21, 4pm, Away, at [Lyons High School](#)

Friday, 3/23, 3:30pm, Away, at [Estes Park High School](#)

HS Soccer

Tuesday, 3/20, 5:30 (JV), 7pm (V), Away at [Denver Christian](#)

HS Track & Field

Friday, 3/23, 12:30pm, at [Rocky Mountain High School](#) (French Field)

High-School Coaches Contact Information:

HS Baseball - Contact [Coach Bissell](#)

HS Women's Soccer - Contact [Coach Salehi](#)

HS Track & Field - Contact [Coach Mayes](#)

High-School Volleyball: Contact [Coach Camp](#)

Attention high-school volleyball athletes - Coach Camp is holding an athlete/parent meeting to go over the off-season tomorrow, Tuesday, 3/20, 6:30pm, high school gym. Be there if you are interested in high school volleyball. (9- 11 grade only)

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Gym Banners

Ever wonder how to get your business advertised in the high-school gym? Contact Rebecca Finkel at libertycommonbooster@gmail.com



For jr.-high and high-school athletic score updates, throughout the week, check out Liberty Common Athletic Booster Club's Facebook page by clicking, [HERE](#).

...and another benefit to LCHS graduates...

Free admission to all LCHS home games. Forever.



Ways to Support Liberty

Close the Gap

When you shop with the King Soopers reloadable gift card Liberty Common gets 5% back on all purchases. Stop by either LCS or LCHS front office for cards.

They are free!



Improve Your "Gap-Closing"

Technique. Improve Your "Gap-Closing" Technique. Liberty's fundraising team has worked hard to provide all families and supporters with really easy techniques to help the school "Close The Gap" when it comes to ongoing school-funding needs. We need to always be on offense in our fundraising efforts to make up the difference (the gap) between state funding Liberty receives, and the higher amount regular government-owned public schools receive. Scroll further down in today's Monday Notes for easy directions on King Soopers reloadable gift card participation, Amazon Smile accounts, and other ways to financially support our excellent school.

Amazon is tripling the donation amount to 1.5% when customers make their first eligible smile.amazon.com purchase from March 12 - 31.

3x your impact! From **March 12-31**, Amazon is tripling the donation rate on your first smile.amazon.com purchase! Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/84-1354344 and



Now your support goes 3 times as far

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Amazon Smile. Earn money for Liberty while you shop. Simply go to <http://smile.amazon.com> and enter “Core Knowledge Charter School Foundation.” CKC School Foundation is the technical name for our non-profit organization. You will not find us by searching for 'Liberty.'

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases back to Liberty.

Announcements Worth Repeating

2018-2019 Calendar Approved



Aug. 27 | First Day of School
Sept. 3 | Labor Day
Oct. 26 | Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 21-23 | Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 24-Jan. 4 | Winter Break
Jan. 21 | Martin Luther King Day
Feb. 15 | Professional Development Day
Feb 18 | Presidents' Day
March 18-22 | Spring Break
April 19 | Good Friday
May 24 | Last Day of Classes-1/2 day, dismissal at 11:00



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