

Liberty Bell Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to October and cold crispy nights! The athletic teams are thriving and we enjoyed seeing all of you who attended Open House.

Our HSPE scores are among the highest in the state, with 87.5% of the 10th grade students meeting the standard in reading, 87 % meeting the standard in writing, 63.8 % meeting the standard on science and 96.4% meeting the standard on the End of Course test in math. The 8th grade students also did well with 76.4% meeting the standard in reading and 52.7% meeting the standard in math and 60% meeting standard in science. The 7th grade students excelled with 74.4 % meeting the standard in reading, 74.4% meeting the standard in writing and 73 % meeting the standard in math. The results can be viewed on the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website at www.k12.wa.us. Thank you to all the students, staff and parents working together to surpass the state average.

Advisory looks different this year. Mondays and Tuesdays are study hall days, Wednesdays are a chance for students to be tutored by National Honor Society students and Thursdays are fun days, a time to build camaraderie with students across grade levels. The seventh and eighth graders planned a carnival day for all advisories. We will soon prepare for student-led conferences November 9th and 10th.

Dr. Wenzel, Mike Wilson and I spent lunch and advisory with the high school ASB and class officers to identify ways the school can improve. They worked in small groups to share experiences they've had in school concerning learning and school culture and challenges that may need to be addressed. These students then worked with fellow students to get their input as well. Some of the big ideas are to offer project based learning in all classes, relating that is what they remember, increase school spirit and work on respect for each other and the teachers. We will compile the results and develop action items to implement in the coming year.

Sharlene Cardoza and Lois Garland spent two days training ten students to be peer mediators. Several students told me they thought the training was very well done and they are anxious to use their newfound skills at conflict resolution.

I look forward to the second month of school and all the knowledge and events to come. It is a pleasure to work with such a dedicated staff and with all of your students.

Respectfully,

Deborah DeKalb



Counselor's Corner

COLLEGE TESTING

For juniors and seniors interested in the ACT test, the next test will be given at Liberty Bell on:

December 10 at 8:00 am. The registration deadline is November 5. You may find practice tests and register online at www.actstudent.org

The next SAT test will be given in May at Liberty Bell. Go to www.collegeboard.com for practice tests and more information.

All juniors planning to attend a four year college should take the Spring ACT and SAT tests. Both are accepted by four year colleges as an application requirement.

The PSAT will be given on October 12 at 8:25 am in the multi-purpose room. This year we have sixty 10th and 11th graders taking this test to prepare for the SAT.

HONORS DIPLOMA

If you plan to earn an Honors Diploma, make sure you have all the requirements. The plan form should be turned in to Ms. Cardoza by October 18. She has met with seniors to assist them with the requirements and filling out the form and will meet with the other grades over the next two weeks to inform them of the Honors Diploma requirements.

GOOD SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Check out these websites to get information on the college search, testing, scholarships, financial aid and more.

www.act.org www.collegeboard.com www.princetonreview.com www.petersons.com
www.fastweb.com www.gocollege.com www.fafsa4caster.com www.scholarships4school.com

Congratulations!! Mr. Nick Allgood has been hired as Liberty Bell's College Advisor through the support of the Public School Funding Alliance. He is available on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm and will visit classrooms and meet with four year college bound seniors.

If students or parents have questions or would like to schedule a meeting with Ms. Cardoza or Mr. Allgood, please call the office at 996-2215 or send an email: scardoza@methow.org or nallgood@methow.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS

ESA Foundation Coca Cola Scholarship Horatio Alger Scholarship	Various Due Oct. 31 Due Oct.30	Varies Varies Varies	www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/esa-foundation www.coca-colascholars.org www.horatioalger.org/scholarship/
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Who's Who At LBHS

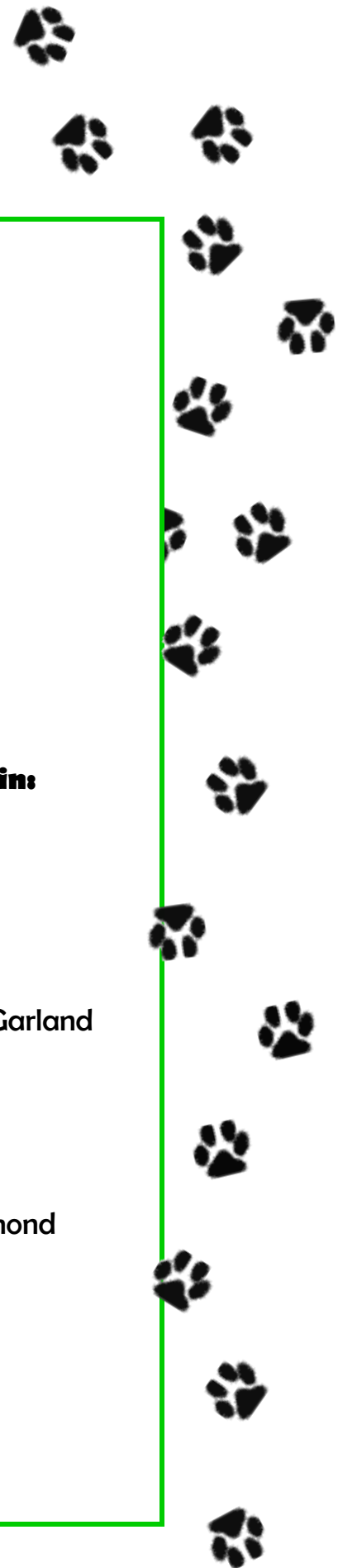
Principal	Ms. Deborah DeKalb
Counselor	Ms. Sharlene Cardoza
College Advisor	Mr. Nick Allgood
Athletic Director	Mr. Mike Wilson
Registrar-Office	Ms. Laurie Fisher
Secretary-Office	Ms. Debbie Bair

ASB President	Natalie Rodriguez
ASB Vice President	Ema Manzo
	Keelan Christianson
ASB Treasurer	David Lone
ASB Secretary	Christina Purtell

Club; and Activities; that you might like to participate in:

Athletics Baseball, Basketball, Football, Knowledge Bowl, Soccer, Softball, Track, Tennis, Volleyball, Wrestling, Cross Country

Activities: FCCLA—Ms. Linda Wilson
National Honor Society—Mr. Adam Kaufman
Peer Mediation--Ms. Sharlene Cardoza & Ms. Lois Garland
Key Club (Kiwanis)—Mr. Roy Reiber
Drama—Ms. Jane Orme
Pep/Jazz Band—Dr. Mark Johnson
Yearbook —Ms. Jane Orme
JH Builders Club (Kiwanis)—Mr. Roy Reiber
JH Math Counts— Mr. Mike Brands & Dr. Ann Diamond



Homecoming 2012!

Homecoming Week is October 17-22!

The ASB, Class officers, and Ms. DeKalb have been meeting to plan all the important aspects to make Homecoming week and the dance a great success. The Leadership class is working along with the ASB to ensure the week is a fun and spirited time for everyone. Everyday there will be an assembly for the classes to perform their air band and skit. There will also be small competitions between classes. Students are encouraged to show school spirit by dressing up to gather points for their class. The schedule for dress up is as follows:

Monday- Outer Space

Tuesday- Career Day

Wednesday- Class Pick

Thursday- Spirit Day

Friday, October 21 @ 7pm- Football game

Saturday, October 22 @ 8-11pm- Dance

Peer Mediation

Peer Mediation is Back at Liberty Bell!

The Peer Mediation program is up and running this year as a two day training was held on September 22nd and 23rd at Twisp Works. Ten enthusiastic students were trained by Sharlene Cardoza and Lois Garland. The program revolves around teaching young people to understand conflict and develop effective ways to deal with it. The benefits of the training go beyond learning the techniques and mediation process. The students learned to use effective listening skills and to express themselves in a clear positive way. Students also discovered new ways to deal with conflict or misunderstandings constructively, both as mediators and in their day to day lives. Referral forms are available at both the high school and counselor's offices. The peer mediators are working in pairs and have had successful mediations already. We will continue meeting to work on our skills.

The following peer mediators are helping to build a positive school culture:

Amalia Webber, Farleigh Walker, Christina Purtell, Larkin Hubrig, Molly Hunt, Chase Kieffer, Tommy Zbyzewski, April Oakes, Lily Schlotzhauer and Teddi Smith.

For more information please visit the following website: <http://www.cruinstitute.org/>



Espresso and Smoothies!



Entrepreneur experiences are taking over the Family and Consumer Science room. Third year Foods students, Katie Jensen and Payton Johnson, are keeping the room buzzing with before school and lunch time beverages.

Senior class president, Payton Johnson, is taking his summer job and foods class experiences and selling smoothies to earn money for the class of 2012. "Payton has done a great job setting up a smoothie business. He's researched products, analyzed costs and begun production. He has a growing customer base," said instructor Linda Wilson.

Katie is using her experiences in Foods classes to develop her Senior Project. "Katie is one of the best independent thinkers in the school. Give her a project and watch her go," quoted Mrs. Wilson. This year for her work base learning experience Katie is interviewing business owners about their espresso businesses. She also plans to job shadow at several locations. Katie opens "Get Up and Go" espresso daily before school and after lunch is served. She trains students in the Foods class to work in different stations. The money the shop earns goes back into the class to pay for supplies.

Stop by before school or during lunch to see the students in action. Tasty beverages served daily.



LUNCH ACCOUNT

Parents, please remember to keep funds in your child's lunch account. When their balance is negative they are asked to call home as a reminder. Some students have chosen not to eat when their account is deficient. We definitely want everyone to have a good lunch as it is important for students to think clearly. You may set up an email alert on Skyward to be notified when your lunch account is low.



Construction Tech students recently collaborated with Garden in Bloom to retrofit apple carts and turned them into compost bins. They did a great job!



JH Tech Ed students were given a bag of materials to design and build a “Humpty” paper car to transport an egg as the passenger down a steep incline without damaging the egg and traveling the furthest distance. Students had fun while learning about the design process.



Design Tech students are designing a World Class Jr/Sr High School.

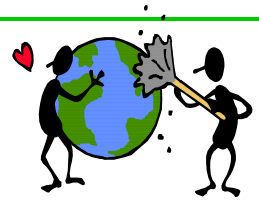
BOOSTER CLUB!



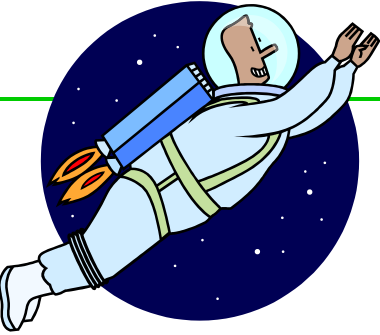
The Liberty Bell Booster Club is kicking into high gear this year with all of the budget cutbacks and our goal is to sell, sell, sell calendars. The Birthday Calendar is a fun way to have birthdays, anniversaries, memorials and in service names of community members, family and friends. Not to mention that all of the profits help our school activities. We are extending our “Recession Buster” price of \$10 for one more week. Call Pam Purtell at 997-2294 to reserve your copy or email at pampurtell@yahoo.com – GO LIONS !!!

Wildcat Job Excursion!

The Wildcat Job Excursion is a job skills class. Carla Caughell is the manager and Chuck Long is the team leader. Members of the team are Ethan Williams, Janette Dominguez, Jesse Schulz and Bryan Holm. They meet every 6th period in room 123, then head out and complete jobs around the school. If any staff member needs help, they may contact Carla Caughell.



Washington Aerospace Scholars



Washington Aerospace Scholars (WAS) is an educational program for high school juniors and teachers across Washington state. Phase One is a NASA-designed **online** curriculum covering the history and future of human space exploration and consists of ten bi-weekly modules and a final project from late-December to May. Each module requires two to three hours of work and consists of online reading and quiz, a 500-word essay, and a math problem. Phase One performance is used to determine qualification for Phase Two: a free six-day Summer Residency hosted by The Museum of Flight in Seattle. Summer Residency sessions are held in June and July, and include:

- planning a **human mission to Mars** with guidance from engineers,
 - competing in **hands-on engineering challenges**,
 - touring **engineering and aerospace facilities**, and
- briefings from **experts in space exploration**, aeronautics/astronautics, and other fields.

Both teachers and students can apply. **For more information go to: www.museumofflight.org/was**

HIV Prevention Curriculum

HIV Prevention Curriculum Available for Review during Conferences

In 1988, the Washington State Legislature mandated that a program of prevention education be presented to students annually, beginning with the fifth grade. Liberty Bell Junior/Senior High School will be teaching the KNOW HIV/STD Prevention Curriculum to all 7th-12th grade students this year in the following classes:

7	Slostad
8	Beavon
9	Slostad
10	Wilson
11	Kulsrud
12	Kulsrud

The KNOW curriculum will be available for parent preview during Fall parent/teacher conferences scheduled November 9th and 10th. If after previewing the curriculum, you want to keep your child out of the class, you may email lbrumfield@methow.org for an exemption form.