

Liberty Center Local Schools

The Liberty Link

October 2018

The “Link” Between the School and the Community

Dr. Tod A. Hug, Superintendent

FROM THE DESK OF TOD HUG:

Fall is a great time of the year. The weather seems a bit confused, though. As I write this portion of the Liberty Link, the temperatures are in the mid-80s. I hope this publication will provide you with useful information concerning the school district. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

CENTRAL OFFICE CHANGES:

The central office has moved into the new office space in the 1995-98 school building. This space was renovated from the areas that previously housed the middle school office, Mrs. Panning’s 6th grade classroom and Mrs. Tejkl’s biology lab. The area that was previously Mr. Luke Crozier’s chemistry lab has been renovated to make room for a dedicated large conference room and Board of Education meeting room. Unless otherwise noted, future Board of Education meetings will be held in this room, which is located adjacent to the new Central Office.

The central office includes the CFO/Treasurer’s office and the Superintendent’s office. The CFO/Treasurer’s staff include Assistant to the Treasurer, Mrs. Janice Freeman; part-time Accounts Payable Specialist, Mrs. Kristin Bauman and CFO/Treasurer, Mrs. Jenell Buenger. The Superintendent’s office personnel include Education Management Information System Coordinator (EMIS), Mrs. Ruth Niese, and Superintendent, Dr. Tod Hug.

Recently, Mrs. Cindy Creps, Central Office Executive Assistant, resigned her position to take another job outside the school system. To replace Mrs. Creps, Mrs. Bauman has agreed to increase her hours to full-time status, taking on the duties of the Central Office Executive Assistant, while continuing to maintain her accounts payable responsibilities.

We wish Mrs. Creps the best of luck as she transitions to her new position. Additionally, I want to commend her on her 15 years of service to the Liberty Center Local Schools.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

The end of construction is close to reality. The few items yet to be completed include the majority of the landscaping in all areas of the new construction and renovation areas.

Grass seed is in the process of being sewn, trees are being planted, as well as the ground-cover that will go in the landscaping at the entrances to the building.

The OFCC provides for an “Eleven-Month Walk-Through” to ensure that the construction is complete and the punch-lists have been properly completed, ensuring that the building is operating as intended and the construction has been completed as per the specifications and expectations of the OFCC and the school district. This walk-through is scheduled for November 21st. There is no school on this day which will allow unfettered access to all classrooms throughout the new K-12 building.

MR. RICHIE PETERS HIRED AS NEXT SUPERINTENDENT:

During a special Board of Education Meeting held on October 2nd, the Board of Education officially hired Mr. Richie Peters as the new Superintendent. He will begin his duties on January 1st, 2019 (my first official day of retirement begins that same day).

Since August of 2010, Mr. Peters has been serving as the Middle School Principal at the Defiance Middle School. Prior to this administrative post, Mr. Peters served as the middle school assistant principal and athletic director and prior to that as the high school assistant athletic director at Defiance City Schools. He began his career teaching Physical Education at Defiance.

Mr. Peters earned his bachelor of science in education from Defiance College and a master of education from Bowling Green State University in 2004.

Mr. Peters is planning to move to Liberty Center along with his wife Ashley, and children Roston and Ayla.

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Peters to the Liberty Center Schools.



Important Dates

End of First Nine Weeks: November 2nd
Parent Teacher Conferences:
November 20th 3:30-7:30 PM
November 21st 7:30-11:00 AM
No School November 21st
Thanksgiving Break:
November 22nd-23rd
Christmas Break:
December 24th – January 2nd



Finance Office News

By: **Jenell Buenger, Treasurer**

As a staff, we are constantly looking for ways to be more fiscally responsible. Each teacher and administrator who wants to make a purchase must submit a document called a requisition. The requisition contains all of the pertinent information for the purchase: vendor information, product description and price, as well as the accounting code where the item is charged. Once a requisition has been submitted, it goes to the staff member's supervisor for review. If they feel the purchase is needed and approve it, the requisition comes to me for review and approval. Once I approve it, the requisition goes to the superintendent for consideration. If he also approves of the purchase, the requisition is then converted into a purchase order, and the order is processed with the vendor. This multi-approval process allows many eyes to review the purchase and talk with others to determine if the purchase is necessary. Our goal is to make sure that every dollar spent is for the benefit of the district.

To go along with this purchasing process, a cost saving measure we implemented this year was cutting our supply budget by 5%. Through the current building project, we also renovated the 1995 building addition to utilize the space for the District Office. We did not purchase new furniture and instead are using furniture we had in our previous office space.

With the recent resignation of Cindy Creps, Executive Assistant, we decided to combine this full-time position with the part-time Accounts Payable position from my office. We will be distributing some of the two position's duties between members of the district office staff to make this feasible. This will allow the new superintendent time to decide his vision for the Executive Assistant position and whether or not it should remain combined with Accounts Payable or move back to two separate positions. This will also provide some cost savings to the district.

We will continue to look at ways to save the district money and remain fiscally responsible. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Attention High School & Middle School Parents

You will be receiving first quarter grade cards in the mail in the next couple of weeks. Along with the grade card, you will find your student's school fees for the 2018-19 school year. You can pay fees online, using Pay For It, or send a check made out to Liberty Center Schools to the office. PowerSchool log-in information will also be included in the mailing so you can check your student's grades/progress. This will be the only grade card you will receive until final grades in the summer.

2018-19 Tigeron Yearbook

The 2018-19 Tigeron yearbook is now on sale. The high school book is available for \$48 and will carry the theme of "On Our Journey." The PreK-8 book is on sale for \$18 with the theme of "Where All Your Dreams Come True." Order forms are available in the office and will also be sent home with students. Books can also be purchased by credit card when you visit www.yearbookforever.com. There are a limited number of 2017-18 yearbooks available for purchase. For any yearbook questions or purchases, please contact Mr. Ressler by email at jressler@libertycenterschools.org.

Class of 2025 Walk-A-Thon



Thank you to the Liberty Center Community and Beyond for all of their generous donations and pledges to help our kids go to Camp Willson. If you would still like to donate, please contact Kim Jones at 419-533-0020 extension 4206 or via email at kjones@libertycenterschools.org.

High School Guidance Office Dates

FAFSA Info & Workshop Night

Tuesday, October 23rd at 6:00 PM
Room D107 (Mr. Green's Room)

This event is specifically for the Class of 2019 and their parents! We will be informing you about FAFSA updates, as well as helping you complete your FAFSA application for the first year of college. Bring your Chromebooks and your FSA login and pin information, otherwise we will not be able to help you complete your application.

LCHS College Credit Plus Info Night

Thursday, November 15th at 6:00 PM
Varsity Gym

This event is **MANDATORY** for all students and parents that are interested in taking CCP courses during the 2019-2020 academic year. If you are not able to attend this meeting, please contact the High School Guidance Office immediately.

2018-19 Middle School Student Council Members

5th Grade, First Semester: Annaliese Keene, Tyler McDougle, Reagan Zeiter, Reese Hartbarger and Gretchen Scott

5th Grade, Second Semester: Quinn Bailey, Gabbie Conrad, Kylie Pinson, Mylee Overmier and Marleigh Myers

6th Grade: Janelle Sattler, Zander Zeiter, Leah Orr, Paige Mason, Peyton Hageman and Suzanne Walker

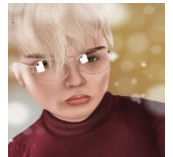
7th Grade: Maryn Findling, Eliza Jones, Kiersten Mass, Elle Mohler, Molly Perry and Jillian Stevens

8th Grade: Meredith Bowers, Kaelyn Gerken, Calla Oelkrug, Matthew Orr, Mallory Stark and Samuel Zeiter

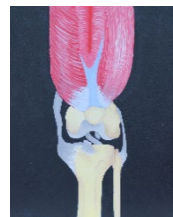
High School Art Students

Congratulations to the following Liberty Center High School art students on having their artwork displayed in the Swanton Chamber of Commerce Art Show at Valleywood Golf Course on October 13-14, 2018:

Becky Sanders



Dezaire Marr



Amanda Wiemken

Digital Empowerment

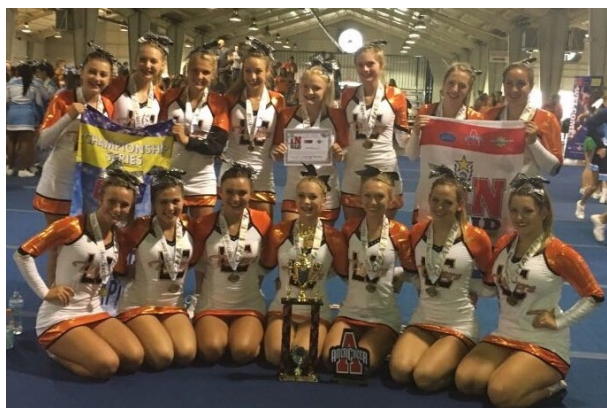
On September 26, retired Sheriff's Captain Scott Frank spoke to grades 5 - 12 about the digital world they are a part of everyday. Captain Frank is a retired cyber-crimes against children investigator from Ottawa County. In the past 13 years, he has spent countless hours investigating the dark side of the social media world. His message for students was clear: if you are not careful and know who you are communicating with, you are putting yourself in potential danger. His message for parents was you don't know what you don't know but you need to take the time to find out.

His challenge to the student body was to *invest* your time, *inspire* others and *impact* the future. You can use the digital media to help you to make the world a better place.

For those looking for more information go to <https://digitalempowermentproject.com> on the web.

National Cheerleading Competition

The Liberty Center Competition Cheer Team will be competing in the National Cheerleading Competition at Disney World in March of 2019. They are excited and honored to have this opportunity to showcase their skills and hard work on such a large stage. The team has already captured many 1st place titles this year. If you would like to make a donation to help offset the cost, please contact Coach Shelley Davis at 419-579-0845.



FFA Soil Judging

The Liberty Center FFA Chapter recently participated in the District One Soil Judging CDE held at the Williams County fairgrounds. The students from Liberty competed with other FFA Chapters from around the district. They were divided into two groups who judged the soil based on a rural or urban scorecard. Each group had three pits of soil to judge and a written test. While at each pit, the students had to determine different aspects of the soil to discover the best management practices to use based on the texture of the soil. They determined if the soil could be used for building and other limitations a company would have to overcome. The students studied various information about soil to prepare for this event. Thank you to Williams County for hosting.

The Liberty Center Chapter is also planning on participating in the Dairy Judging, Food Science, and Job Interview CDE's coming up. The FFA fruit sale will begin on October 13th.

-Sam Engler, LC FFA Reporter



Cafeteria Prices

Lunch (Grades K-8) \$2.90
Lunch (Grades 9-12) \$3.00
Lunch (all grades) reduced price \$0.40
Milk (all grades) \$0.50
Breakfast-(all grades) \$1.25
Breakfast (all grades) reduced price \$0.25

School Fees

School fees for Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6 are \$50.00 per student. Grade 4 student fees are \$55.00 per student, which will allow the fourth graders to keep their recorders from music class. Middle School and High School fees will be mailed home with first quarter grade cards.

Sixth Graders Code with Ozobots

Sixth graders have been working on robotics, programming and math. They are learning these skills by coding robots called Ozobots. Ozobots are small robots that use visual codes. They can be used by drawing color-specific codes on paper. The ozobot then follows that code using sensors. Ozobots can also be coded by using a drag and drop programming language online called Ozoblockly. Sixth graders are learning to use Ozoblockly to program the ozobots. They are presented with a challenge and then use coding concepts like if then statements, loops, conditions, functions, and variables to direct the robots to travel a specific route and solve the challenge. The robots are even able to play musical notes and flash specific colors of light when programmed. Students are having a lot of fun while learning important problem-solving skills.



Middle School Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following September Middle School Students of the month:



Back Row: Isabelle Walbolt (Grade 8), Cheyenne Segura (Grade 6), Landon Smith (Grade 7) and Ronnie Klostermeier (Grade 8). Front Row: Owen Weirich (Grade 6), Hannah Culler (Grade 5), Lilah Krueger (Grade 7) and Tyler Rohrs (Grade 5)

Fall Play

The Liberty Center High School Drama Department is proud to present *Ax of Murder* on November 8th, 9th and 10th in the Auditoria. Tickets will be available in the High School Office, or by phone at (419) 533-6641, starting October 22nd.

Everyone's heard of a haunted house. Probably even a haunted theater. But a haunted play? Could it be haunted by the spirit of a man who recently died at the theatre? No...it's not possible! At least that's what theater director Bonnie Bagwell tries to convince the other members of the troupe as writer Colin Chambers hints at the trail of horror that has cursed his script, *Ax of Murder*. Unfortunately, curiosity gets the best of the actors and, despite Colin's adamant warnings, they open the script and start reading the play. It soon becomes apparent the play is mirroring their theater and even the specific actors. When a police sergeant shows up on cue stating he was called in on a murder, people begin to wonder. Wonder turns to fear when someone IS murdered on stage! And it seems as if no one could have done it. No BODY, that is, but perhaps a ghost.



Thank you!

The Liberty Center Public Library Staff, Board of Trustees and Friends are grateful for your support. Your participation in our fundraising efforts help to make our library an asset to our community. With your help, we were able to raise just over \$1100 at the Book Sale!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friends of the Library Week: Oct, 21-27

November 1- National Family Literacy Day

Christmas Basket Silent Auction on December 1, during the LC Christmas Open House. Donations of items or themed baskets are appreciated.

Be sure and check out upcoming events on the new library website:

<https://www.libertycenterlibrary.org/>

Meeting Dates: (7PM at the LC Library)

November 6, 2018

***December 4, 2018 (Annual Meeting) ***

January (no meeting)

February 5, 2019

March 5, 2019

April 2, 2019

May 7, 2019

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Charlyn Barrett*Leo Barlow*Shirley Barlow
Betty Bartels*Janice Benson*Linda Bischoff*Charlene
Bloomfield*Kelly Bodenbender*Todd Bodenbender
Margaret Bollman*Chris Bonner*Jennifer Bonner*Francis
Brown*Justin Bucher*Cecil R. Burkett*David Busick*Janette
Carpenter*Michael Carpenter*Marianne Carpenter*Mike
Carpenter*Chambers Control*Cinda Creager*Ralph Creager*Bev
Curtis*Mike Cymbola*Davis Farm Service*Virginia Elling*Karen
Ellinwood*Chris Engler*John Engler*Julia Yaney Engler*Arla Fry*Larry
Fry*Blake Garretson*Erin Garretson*Heather Garretson*Karney
Garretson*Shane Garretson*Sue Garretson*Margaret
Gyurasics*Robert Gyurasics*Aletha Halvorsen*John Hartford*Jean
Hefflinger*Mary Ellen Hefflinger*Ron Hefflinger*Pat Heilman*Laura
Hill*Mary Hill*Patty Hill*Deborah Hoffman*Terry Hoffman*Karen
Howell*Kip Kern* Kyle Kern* Michelle Kern*Kody Kessler*LeaAnne
Kessler * Mary Ann Kessler* Ula Kessler* Leigh Anne Kraft* Jack
Krueger* Margaret Krueger* Marilyn Krueger* Phil Krueger* Judith
Kutzli* Lucille Laver* Judy Leininger*Donald C. Loar*Jack
Loudin*Mary Ann Meyer* Mary K. Meyers* Don Mickens* Sue
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Margaret Mueller* Anthony J. Muniz* Kathy L. Muniz*Ardith Myers*
James Myers* John Myles* Sara Myles*Rachel Orr*Bev
Overmier*Jennie Parsons*Nancy Perry*Doris Reighard*Milt

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Russell Strayer*John Strock*Judy Studer* Ron Studer
Tom Swartzlander*Becky Utz*Rick Utz*Arvis Weaks*John
Weaks*Katie Weaks*Elaine Weaver*Karol Westhoven
FAMILY MEMBERS 2017-2018 Ken & Karen Bergstedt* Joel &
Rebecca Brown* Don & LeRena Callahan* Tom & Bev Curtis*Jerry &
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Kern* Jason & Jeannie Meyer*Terry & Sharon Miller* Tom & Cindy
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Marlene Hamlin*Tenny & Sue Krugh* Bernice Lee*Bonnie Ohlrich* Bill
& Sharon Sharpe* Tree & Linda Wineland* Marty & Robin Wymer*
Ron & Julie Zenz

SINGLE MEMBERS 2017-2018 Katy Benson* Jennifer Hartford*
Rosemary Hartford* Kathleen Helbling*Carol Krieg* Polly McCaig*
Sherie Gerken*Rodger Meyer* Lyle Miller*Bob Moyers* Doris
Piercefield* Lori Rosiak* Eva Saneholtz* Peggy Shamy* Pat Snyder*
Kathleen Veigel* April Vollmar **2019** Katy Benson*Louise
Dalton*Lucille McGary* Rodger Meyer*Ana Sims

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___ Summer Reading

___ Other fundraisers

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