



Liberty Center Local Schools
The Liberty Link

The “Link” Between the School and
the Community

June 2017- End of School Year Edition

From the Desk of Superintendent, Dr. Tod A. Hug

UPDATE ON THE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT:

The K-12 construction project continues to move forward at an alarming rate. If you have driven by the site recently, you surely have noticed the status of the project. The exterior brick veneer is completed and the metal roof is in the final stages of completion. As with residential construction, the interior systems are where all the action is taking place. The east wing of the building that houses the elementary grades is the most progressed portion of the project. The walls have finish paint, the ceiling grids are in place and the systems “above the grid” have been finalized and inspected. The casework in the elementary rooms and office areas is approximately 90% complete and the terrazzo flooring is in process.

The west wing is the least advanced part of the project. However, the HVAC system, electrical wiring, plumbing, and fire suppression systems are all progressing on time. Our move-in date is scheduled for Christmas Break later this year.

After moving into the new school, we will still have many challenges. Keep in mind that after the construction is completed for the new K-12 building, we will still have to demolish the existing buildings, except for the 1995/98 building that will house the spectator (varsity gym) and classrooms to be used for Preschool. This demolition process will create many difficulties with parking, as well as the drop-off and pick-up of students. We have developed a plan in response to the high volume of traffic in the morning and afternoon, but it will in no way be optimal. The entire project, including the demolition and construction of new parking areas and driveways, will not be completed until late August of 2018.

As you can see, we have many challenges behind us, but there are many more still confronting us. We ask for your continued patience as the project progresses during the next 14 months.

STAFF CHANGES:

The end of this school year marked the retirement of only one employee from our district, but we have several more staff changes:

- Ms. Diane Gwynn, a bus driver for the past 27 years, has decided to retire.
- Mr. Tyler Short has resigned as a Vocational Technology Teacher.
- Mrs. Janette Cooper has resigned as High School Spanish Teacher.
- Mrs. Kaitlyn Goble has resigned as Middle School Counselor. Ms. Shelley Ahleman, our current High School Counselor, will replace her.

- Ashley Braucksieck will be replacing Mrs. Ahleman as the High School Counselor. Mrs. Braucksieck previously served as a High School Counselor at Toledo Christian High School.
- Ms. Melissa Zenz has resigned as an Intervention Specialist. Mrs. Tracy Krueger will be moving from the Elementary to the Middle School Intervention Specialist position. Ms. Danielle Helberg has been hired as an Elementary Intervention Specialist. Ms. Helberg previously served as an Intervention Specialist with the Defiance City Schools.

1 to 1 LAPTOP INITIATIVE CONTINUES:

Last school year, our district took a huge leap forward in the use of technology by supplying all students in grades 3-12 with a ChromeBook laptop and providing the laptops and iPads, which were previously used by the grades 3-12 students, to students in grades K-2.

Whether you are keeping up with the technology trends of our current world, or not, we have to provide our students with quality instruction utilizing up-to-date technology. This is a priority for all K-12 educational entities, as well as career tech and post-high school educational and skill development programming.

We will continue to offer our staff quality professional development. Changes of this magnitude do not happen overnight and we will continue to strive to provide the most timely uses of technology in order to prepare our students for the world in which they will live.

The students took excellent care of their laptops this past year. Of course, there were the usual mishaps that occurred. In many cases, students damaged their laptop screens because they left their earbuds on the keyboard when closing the laptop or they stuffed their computer into an already overloaded book bag causing the laptop to bend, which also damaged the screen. These errors could have been alleviated by simply paying attention to the care and handling of the device. Please talk with your child periodically to encourage their due diligence with this extremely important educational tool.



Congratulations to the Top Ten Students of the Class of 2017!

Selected as the Top Ten Students from the Class of 2017, in alphabetical order:

Emma Babcock

Libby Ball

Zachary Carpenter

Katherine Clawson

Ashley Davis

Christian Dawe

Blake Graber

Finn Haughn

Alicia Maassel

Phoebe Phillips



The second grade enrichment students completed a STEM activity as our last project for the year. Students completed a self-paced learning module that I created on google slides to learn more about resources and energy--which includes notes, videos, news articles, and discussion questions. They used this information along with their own research to plan and construct their own solar cooker. Students tested their solar cookers on a sunny 70 degree day and got to taste the smore's, hot dogs, and nachos they put into their cookers.

Ms. Stephanie Echler
Second Grade Teacher



Finance Office News

While the halls in the school are a lot quieter with students and staff on summer break, we are now entering our busiest time of year. Now that teacher negotiations have concluded, we have been making updates to the salary schedules, contracts, and supplemental contracts. There is a lot of work involved in preparing salary notices and uploading all of the new contract information for each employee into the State Software system. We are also a few weeks into using our new purchasing system, SCView. We successfully processed a few orders from our office, and the teachers are

now using it to enter their orders for next school year. June 30th is the end of our fiscal year, and once we have closed out the 2016-17 school year, we will be able to take the information from SCView and load it into the State Software. From there we will be able to process the purchase orders that provide students with the various items they need in the classroom – everything from crayons and glue to Scholastic magazines, workbooks, and Chromebooks. In addition to the traditional classroom supplies, we also process annual purchase orders for bus fuel, electricity, custodial supplies, water, and all other things necessary for the successful operation of our school district.

Since our May board meeting, I have received a few questions regarding our five year forecast. The five year forecast is completed each year in October and then updated in May. The forecast is divided into two sections: revenues and expenditures. Our revenues consist of local and state funding--mainly property taxes, income taxes, and state aid. Salaries, benefits, purchased services and supplies comprise our expenditures. Salaries and benefits represent over 75% of the school district's expenditures. A variety of things affect the forecast, such as state budgets, tax levies, enrollment numbers, salary increases, and insurance costs. For example, the current state budget has Liberty Center Schools forecasted to lose approximately \$260,000 each year for the next two years. For more information, you can view the forecast by visiting the school website and going to the Treasurer's Office under Departments.

Summer is an exciting and busy time as we close out one school year and prepare for the next. We hope that you have a safe and fun summer!

Summer Hours for the Finance
Office are 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday
Closed on Friday



Lydia Shank, Freshman, was overwhelmingly chosen as the People’s Choice” award at the Art Show held on May 15th.

LEAP Students Send Letters to Marines

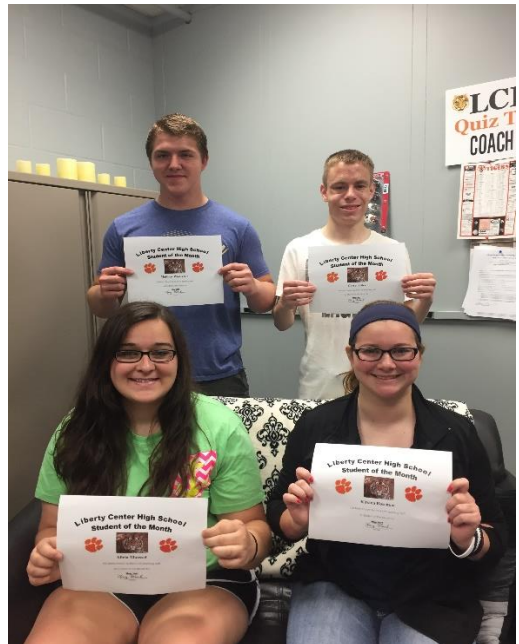
Third, Fourth, and Fifth graders in the after school LEAP program wrote letters to recruits at the Marine Corps Boot Camp in Parris Island, South Carolina. Mrs. Mericle’s nephew was a member of a recruit platoon and distributed the letters (some including drawings) to his platoon members. These students recently received responses from the recruits, who were pleased to receive correspondence from elementary students.

Middle School Students Earned Perfect Attendance Awards

- Grade 5: Kailey Blanton and Logan Estelle
- Grade 6: Cody McDougle
- Grade 7: none
- Grade 8: Kelsie Drewes, EricaRae Herrick, and Max Phillips

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 from your mobile device’s App store.



High School Students of the Month for May
 Students were selected by faculty based on character, work ethic, and achievement.

Pictured are Front: Senior Alicia Maassel and Junior Kirsten Roseman
 Back: Freshman Matthew Winterfeld and Sophomore Garret Seiler

Community Service at the Zoo

In April, high school students in the National Honor Society assisted the Toledo Zoo with preparing their tents for the summer camping season. Students matched poles with tents, many of which were multi-person enclosures.



(Pictured L-R) Emily Carpenter, Shyann Minnich, Jillian Knipp, Zack Carpenter, Drew Morris

National Junior Honor Society Members

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) induction ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 10th at 7:30 a.m. in the High School Gym. Students were selected based on their scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship. New students inducted into NJHS were:

6TH Graders

Madison Amstutz
Peyton Arney
Paige Bartels
Brin Baumbarger
Mariah Bostelman
Meredith Bowers
Jacob Brandeberry
Eva Brink
Kylie Diemer
Derek Dulle
Reagan Dulle
Cassandra Elieff
Killian Garretson
Kaelyn Gerken
Alyssa Giesige
MaKayla Hessler
Tanner Kline
Delaney Krugh
Cody McDougle
Adrianna Meyer
Haley Mohler
Courtney Myles
Calla Oelkrug
Matthew Orr
Chelsea Sattler
Julian Shoemaker
Mallory Stark
Jonathan Tammarine
Jeffrey Zacharias
Zane Zeiter

7th Graders

Isaiah Estelle
Makayla Mays
Carly Roth
Alexis Watkins

8th Graders

Morgan Garber
Sophie Long



L.C. Public Library's Summer Schedule

Because of the construction project at the library the June classes will be held at the fire station.

The first class will be Tuesday, June 13th for children ages 3-6. Two classes will be offered at 9:30-10:15 and another one at 10:30-11:15.

Following the "Build a Better World" theme programs will be centered on STEM activities for 1st-8th grade students. They will be creating Super Bots, Paper Circuits and fun activities and crafts.

On Tuesday, June 20th the class will be doing STEM projects for children in 1st-3rd grade (grade completed). One class will be offered from 9:30-11:00 at the fire station.

Tuesday, June 27th will be a fun-filled class for children in grades 4th-8th (grade completed) they will also be challenged with creating circuits and gear driven writing robots or "Bots". This class will run from 9:30-11:00 at the fire station.

Building community projects will be on the schedule for teens and adults, creating a Book Walk, community herb garden, and a free little library. Creating a community herb garden will take place on Thursday, June 15th at 9:30.

We will meet and start at the library for this special project.

A special family night will be held to help work on the community projects on June 20th meeting at the library at 6:30.

Join us this summer in "Building a Better World". Patrons are invited to try something new at home, in the community, throughout the country, and around the globe. Read a new book, read an EBook, try a new craft, meet new people, and learn about new places.

Middle School Principal's List

Students in grades 5-8 who received all A's and were on the Principal's List for the first three quarters of the 2017-18 school year.

5th Grade

Logan Estelle
Maryn Findling
Shalyn Findling
Hudson Keefer
Reese Kessler
Lilah Krueger
Elle Mohler
Xander Myers
Vance Norrington
Molly Perry
Gavin Podach

6th Grade

Madison Amstutz
Peyton Armye
Paige Bartels
Mariah Bostelman
Meredith Bowers
Cassandra Elieff
Tanner Kline
Delaney Krugh
Calla Oelkrug
Matthew Orr
Zane Zeiter

7th Grade

Audrey Bowers
Riley Garretson
Alexa Kay
Bryce McCloud
Kathryn Mohler
Gwynett Murrey
Hope Oelkrug
Madison Overmier
Cole Roth
Cheyanne Shambarger
Jensen Sonnenberg

8th Grade

Elle Craft
Samantha Engler
EricaRae Herrick
Asa Killam
Ryan Tonjes

President's Award for Educational Excellence

The President's Award for Educational Excellence was established by former President Ronald Reagan and is continued today by President Donald Trump. This award is only given to 8th grade students and the criteria to receive the President's Award for Educational Excellence is challenging. A student must maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher throughout all of middle school and must have achieved advanced scores in Language Arts or Math sections of the Ohio State Tests. The following students received a certificate signed by President Donald Trump and the Secretary of Education, Betsy Devos, along with a pin.

Claire Atkinson
Elle Craft
Evan Cramer
Brecken Garretson
Samantha Graber
Sarah Graber
EricaRae Herrick
Sydney Jones
Asa Killam
Lydia Lauharn
Madison Perry
Ryan Tonjes

Athletes Competed at the State Track and Field Meet

Liberty Center had two athletes qualify for the State track and field meet in Columbus. Ryan Demaline, a senior, completed his career in the Shot Put with a 5th place finish and a throw of 55 feet 10 inches. Ryan also finished 4th in the Discus with a throw of 163 feet 11 inches.

Nate Meller qualified for State in the 800 Meter run. Nate, a Sophomore, finished 14th in the State with a time of 2:02.38. Nate was also recognized as Academic All Ohio by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA). To receive the award the athlete must have at least a 3.5 GPA and qualify for the State track meet.

Congratulations to the Track and Field team on a successful season!



John Weaver

John Weaver is the current President of the Liberty Center Board of Education and is in his last year of his first four-year term of office.

He grew up in Liberty Center just two miles out of town on St. Rt. 109. He graduated from Liberty Center High School in 1987 and went on to earn Bachelor of Science (1991) and Master of Science (1994) degrees from Ohio State. Currently, he is the Manager of the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters at the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency at the Northwest District Office in Bowling Green.

He has been married for 21 years to Gwen and they have twin children, Max and Mallory, who will be Juniors at L.C. this fall. Mr. Weaver and his family live about a half mile east of Liberty Center.

Mr. Weaver said he was prompted to run for the Board of Education when some critical issues surfaced back in 2013 and 2014 that he believed needed a fresh perspective. He said, "Looking back on the decision to run for the position, I'm glad I did it. I think the last four years have been very productive in a number of ways and my wish is for it to continue."

He says he likes being part of a team that helps the school function and he enjoys seeing the district's students and residents benefit from the board's decisions. However, he knows that not every decision will make 100% of the people happy. "You just do the best you can with the data that is available and try to make decisions that are in the best interest of the students. That's what it's all about."

When asked what he is passionate about he replied, "The older I get, it's about making a difference in people's lives. We are on this planet a short time, so let's be givers and not takers. It's easy to be impatient and bitter, but tough to be fair and equitable – believe me, I know."

Mr. Weaver would like to encourage district resident folks that if they ever have any questions about what's going on at the school, to go to monthly Board of Education meetings, talk to school staff and your elected Board members. He said, "We try to be as transparent as we can, but if we don't know the questions, we can't try to answer them. There are a great group of people at the school who work for a great school district."

In his free time, John says he enjoys watching football, spending time outside puttering in the yard, sawing firewood, biking, and fishing. However, he does not enjoy putting up Christmas lights!

For Grades 5-12

Class Schedule and Chromebook Pick-Up Dates

Students may pick-up their schedules, information packets, and Chromebooks in the Cafeteria on:

Thursday, August 17 from 1:00-6:00 p.m.
and

Friday, August 18 from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Students must have a signed (by parent) Chromebook Agreement, \$20 deposit, and be present to get their Chromebook.

School Pictures will be taken on Monday, Sept. 25th.

2017-18 School Fees will be mailed home with students' first quarter grade cards.

The First Day of School is Tuesday, August 22. Classes begin at 8:00 a.m.

LIBERTY CENTER ATHLETIC BOOSTERS



FALL & WINTER SPORTS PROGRAM

Greetings!

The Liberty Center Athletic Boosters is proud to announce that we have now taken over the project of the fall & winter sports program that is sold at our athletic events starting with the 2017-18 sports seasons. It is our intention to make these programs informative, unique & desirable items for everyone who attends LC athletic events in the fall or winter seasons. These programs will be sold at football, soccer, volleyball, cross country, golf, boys basketball, girls basketball & wrestling events making it seen by thousands of people each year. With multiple covers that will feature a variety of sports & an inexpensive purchase price, we anticipate selling a significant amount of these programs over the fall & winter seasons.

As part of making these programs possible, we have two different ways for you to contribute:

1. **ADVERTISEMENT:** Like many print publications, we offer businesses the opportunity to include an advertisement in our sports program. We have multiple options in terms of sizes, prices, color & premium spots available which can all be found on the second page of this mailing. These ads are a great way to make a donation while also getting valuable exposure for your company. You can include coupons, contact information, logos or anything else you deem worthy in your ad.
2. **TIGER CLUB:** We understand that not everyone who wants to contribute has a company to promote or an advertisement to run. Our brand new "Tiger Club" program gives individuals, families & businesses the opportunity to become a LC Athletic Booster member at several different donation levels. These different levels (or "Clubs") can be found on the second page of this mailing. Members of the Bronze Club & above will be publicized in the sports program & they will be recognized in various ways at the sporting events themselves. These donations can be made anonymously if you prefer. Donating at any of these levels makes you a booster member for that year & also allows your children to apply for our college scholarship.

The Liberty Center Athletic Boosters are a not-for-profit organization that spends every dollar we make to better the athletic experience of each student-athlete who wears the orange & black. In recent years we have funded or helped fund the following projects at Liberty Center:

Padded Chairs for High School Gym	Basketball Shooting Machine (Dr. Dish)	Hudl Video Exchange & Hudl Assist
Wrestling Mats	Track Pits & Tent	Tiger Timing System for Track
Cross Country Heart Rate Monitors	Baseball Cold Weather Jackets	State Recognition Patches (All Sports)
Football Helmet Reconditioning	Cheerleading Tumbling Mats	Volleyball Net Poles & Padding

And that's just to name a few! We sincerely hope that you will consider donating either by advertisement or by joining the "Tiger Club". The more participation we receive, the more we can give directly back to our kids. Thanks for your time & we thank you in advance for your generosity!

Sincerely,
The Liberty Center Athletic Boosters

LIBERTY CENTER ATHLETIC BOOSTERS



FALL & WINTER SPORTS PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT

As mentioned in our letter, advertising in our sports program is a GREAT way to donate to a worthy cause while also gaining valuable exposure for your company. Below is the list of advertising options available to you:

(Check one & Return this Form)

- Full Page Color Premium (3 available) \$400
- Full Page Color \$300
- Full Page Black & White \$240
- 1/2 Page Black & White \$180
- 1/4 Page Black & White \$120
- 1/8 Page Business Card Ad (B&W) \$60

(Check One)

- Check Enclosed
(Checks Payable to: LC Athletic Boosters, PO Box 23, Liberty Center, OH 43532)
- Send Invoice to the following address:

Business Name

Contact Person

Phone/Email

Please email your ad copy (pdf file) by July 15th to: ads@lcboosters.com

If you need assistance with your ad please contact our printer instacopy1@aol.com & include "LCHS Ad" in the subject line

TIGER CLUB

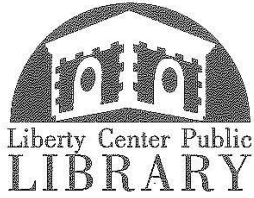
Our second way of donating is by becoming a booster member at one of the following donation levels. Bronze Club & above will not only be recognized in both fall & winter sports programs but you will also be acknowledged in various ways at the LC athletic events.

(Check One & Return this form)

- Lifetime Legends Club \$2,500 (A one-time donation that makes you a booster member & Legends Club member for life)
 - Orange & Black Club \$500
 - Stripes Club \$250
 - Silver Club \$100
 - Bronze Club \$50
 - Individual Member \$5

Please list your name:
(EXACTLY as you'd like it to appear in the program)

Checks Payable to: LC Athletic Boosters
Check sent to: PO Box 23. Liberty Center, OH 43532



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April 2017

Dear citizen,

The Liberty Center Public Library is providing many different activities, programs, and services for library patrons. The total foot traffic for 2016 was 72,571 with total checkouts of 64,489. To accommodate the increasing volume of users and continue to provide quality programs and services, the library is currently in the process of completing the renovation of the library annex.

When completed, this new space will house adult fiction and non-fiction, providing easier access in the current library for our young adult section. A community meeting room and genealogy area are also part of the plans. When completed, patrons will be able to read and relax in a cozy and comfortable atmosphere.

The majority of the funds to complete this project have been raised. This, however, does not include the finishing touches such as furniture, window treatments, additional shelving, etc. We need your generosity to help in finishing this project.

No donation amount is too small. Every amount makes a difference in your library and is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Liberty Center Public Library Board

Please fill out this form and include it with your donation made payable to:

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PO Box 66
Liberty Center, OH 43532

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Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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