

Liberty Center Local Schools

The Liberty Link

April 2019

The “Link” Between the School and the Community

Mr. Richard A. Peters, Superintendent

From the Desk of Richie Peters:

Welcome to April! Hopefully the mild spring weather is here to stay. The winter weather was harsh, which caused several school delays and cancellations. I am optimistic that winter weather is behind us as we head into the last portion of the school year, which is a very busy time and tends to go by very quickly.

My time as Superintendent of Liberty Center Local Schools began January 2, 2019. Since that time, I have had the privilege and opportunity to meet several students, staff and community members. My family and I have been truly impressed and grateful for the warm welcome that we have received. We are in the process of building a home in Liberty Center and are looking forward to putting down roots and becoming members of this community.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight a few of the happenings throughout our District. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or anyone in the District offices.

Construction Update: We are in the final stage of the construction process of the new K-12 building. While the building has been occupied for over a year, we are working diligently to address any construction issues prior to closing out the project. If everything goes according to plan, the project will be closed out this summer. It's a beautiful facility and something of which the Liberty Center community can be very proud for many years to come.

Veteran's Memorial Project:

The construction of a new Veteran's Memorial at the corner of Young St. and St. Rt. 109 will begin as soon as the ground is fit. The Liberty Center Education Foundation has sold over 187 pavers to be installed as part of this memorial. The pavers and memorial head stone from the old elementary reading circle will also be incorporated in the design. The goal is to have the project completed before Memorial Day.

Early 5's Program:

A new Early 5's program will be offered for the 2019/20 school year. The all day, every day program will provide children with an opportunity to work on their physical, social, emotional, and intellectual skills in a more developmentally appropriate setting. Children will be placed in the Early 5's program for a variety of reasons, but mostly because they are simply not ready for the demands placed on them by a traditional kindergarten classroom. It will act as a bridge for children who need an extra year between preschool and kindergarten. If you have any questions about the new program, please contact the Elementary Office at 419-533-2604.

Important Dates

Easter Break:	April 19 th & 22 nd
Graduation:	May 26 th at 2:30
Memorial Day:	May 27 th
Students' Last Day:	May 30 th

Finance Office News

By: Jenell Buenger, Treasurer

The threat of fraud is something we are constantly challenged with, both personally and professionally. The State laws and regulations for school finance are constantly changing and evolving to help districts prevent fraud. As a district, it is our duty to be diligent with the school's funds, and my staff and I attend trainings on fraud so we can learn how to recognize potential threats.

Whether we like it or not, technology is the way of life. It is how we communicate, function and process transactions in school finance. But it also comes with added risks. One of the greatest threats that has been frequently discussed is ransomware. Ransomware is a type of malicious software that can infect a computer and block access to all of your files or computer until a ransom is paid. These can be delivered via email or a malicious website. Phishing emails tend to appear genuine, but if you look closely, the spelling might be slightly different with a word transposed, or if you hover over a link, it might actually direct you to a malicious website. They are attempting to get you to provide personal or secure information or infect your computer. Spoof emails are also common. They are an attempt to appear as an email from a co-worker or administrator requesting an immediate payment or a report with confidential information. Again, these are just a few examples that we have learned about during our fraud trainings.

Chances are likely that you have experienced fraudsters attempting to steal your personal information, whether it be via email, a website, or a phone call. Please keep the following in mind: be careful using public Wi-Fi networks, keep your passwords unique and secure, do not

divulge personal information, and lastly, if something does not seem right, chances are it's not!

Kindergarten Clinic

Beginning April 1, 2019, all parents of children who will be 5 years old by August 1, 2019 and live in the Liberty Center School District are asked to phone the Liberty Center Elementary School at 419-533-2604, to register their child for kindergarten next year. When you call to set up your appointment we will need the following information: your child's name and date of birth, parents' names, address, and phone number. There will be an Early 5s Program geared towards children who turn 5 between May 1st and August 1st or are not ready for the demands of a kindergarten classroom. An informational meeting on the Early 5s program will be held on April 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Media Center.

Our clinic will be held Thursday, May 2nd and Friday May, 3rd at the school. Please plan on the appointment taking approximately 1 ½ hours. It is imperative that you attend this clinic with your child. We are required by law to screen each child before kindergarten. Typically this means that children who do not go through screening in the spring will need to be brought in by parents during the first day of school in the fall to complete the screening process before they can begin regular school attendance.

Entering school for the first time is exciting for both the child and parent. We look forward to working with you and your child to make this experience a memorable one for many years.

Middle School Events

- May 9th – National Junior Honor Society Induction: 8:10 a.m. in the Auditoria
- May 17th – Jr. High Student Council Dance: 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Auditoria
- May 24th – Grades 5/6 Talent Show: 1:45 p.m. in the Auditoria
- May 29th – Grades 7/8 Talent Show: 1:45 p.m. in the Auditoria
- May 30th – Middle School Awards: 8:15 a.m. in the Auditoria

High School Events

- April 24th – National Honor Society Induction: 5:00 p.m. in the Auditoria
- May 22nd – Senior Awards: 7:00 p.m. in the Auditoria
- May 23nd – High School Awards: 9:30 a.m. in the Auditoria
- May 24th – Graduation Rehearsal/Lunch: 8:30 a.m. in the Varsity Gym

Spelling Bee 2019

The Liberty Center Middle School spelling bee was held on Thursday, February 7th at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditoria. The top spellers were selected from each grade level to participate in the school-wide spelling bee.

5th Grade: Jackson Zeiter, Jonathan Brink, Joy Brown, Kenasyn Meyer

6th Grade: Gavin Grubaugh, Paige Mason, Leah Orr, Suzanne Walker

7th Grade: Madeline Embree, Reese Kessler, Lilah Krueger, Kiersten Maas

8th Grade: Caleb Hoffman, Alfredo Villasana, Evie Brink, Riley Benson

County Spelling Bee

Liberty Center Schools hosted the Henry County Spelling Bee on March 19, 2019. Reese Kessler, a seventh grader at Liberty Center won the event. Eighth grade student Alfredo Villasana finished in second place.

Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibit

Congratulations to Paula Rebasti! Her photograph, *The Drop*, was selected as a Regional Finalist for the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition. This juried competition is now in its forty-ninth year and is dedicated to the educational and artistic advancement of the talented young people in the state of Ohio. It is open to all of Ohio's 1,112 high schools. The purpose is to provide all budding young artists of the state with opportunities to advance their talent, through scholarships and/or experiencing the process of entering their work in a competition.

Paula shares: "I am an exchange student from Germany at Liberty Center High School, and

I'm 16 years old. I took the photo for my Digital Photography class and my teacher, Mrs. Evans, suggested I should submit it to the Regional Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibit. We were doing macro photography and I decided to make the faucet my subject. I took over 100 pictures and crouched in front of the faucet for quite a while, but I think it was definitely worth it. It is probably one of my favorite pictures ever and is currently my phone wallpaper so I can show it to basically everyone I meet."



High School Quiz Team

The Liberty Center High School Quiz Team was proud to honor graduating members at Senior Night on January 7, 2019 at a home meet hosting teams from Pettisville and Patrick Henry. Senior members include: Elyse McMaster, Morgan Jones, Emma Bowers and Thomas Chadwick.



Elementary Art Show

The Elementary Art Show will be from May 13th – 17th at the Liberty Center Public Library during their business hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Grades 7-12 Art Show

The Art Show for grades 7-12 will be held in the Varsity Gym Lobby May 6th – 10th during school hours, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Competition Cheer Team

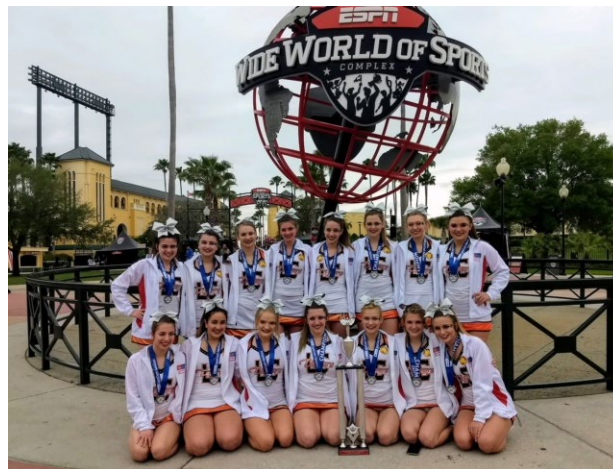
The Liberty Center Competition Cheerleaders had an exciting couple weeks as they competed in the OASSA State Cheerleading championships in Columbus and the Americheer International Championships in Orlando, Florida. The team was able to capture a 1st place finish in both competitions.

This was the 3rd consecutive State Championship, with the first time in 2012, for the Tigers. The LC competition team has competed in the state competition 8 times, winning four and runner up in 2016. The State competition is held in St. John's Arena on The Ohio State campus.

This is the first time the cheerleaders have competed in the Americheer International competition. It is held at the Disney ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando Florida. The squad was able to enjoy some team bonding, visiting Animal Kingdom, Magic Kingdom, Epcot, including a Victory Party on Sunday night, and Hollywood Studios before returning to L.C. on Monday night. The competition was two days, as the team competed Saturday night, with 40% of the score counting and Sunday afternoon with 60% of the score counting. The Tigers were in 1st place both days and won the championship. This was a great way to end their competition season. The team is very thankful to all the sponsors that contributed to their fundraising efforts to make this trip possible!

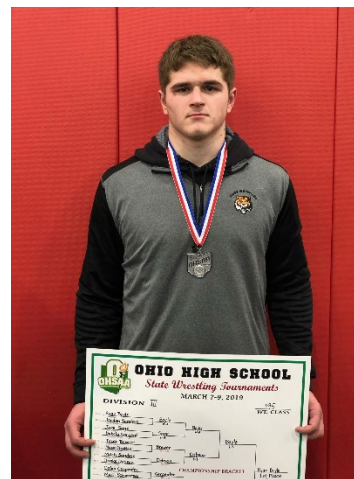
Cheerleading has changed a lot over the recent years, adding more tumbling skills along with jumping, dance and crowd leading. This was a veteran team with seven seniors, MacKenzie Arme,y, Burgin Bachman, Baylee Curtis, Kerrigan Kania, Lydia Long, Maddie Meienburg and Tristan Murdock; six juniors, Ashlyn Dulle, Victoria Ellinwood, Bailey Johnson, Lexi Mohler, Mallory Vollmar and Meredith Zeiter; sophomore Claire Atkinson; and freshman Jensen Sonnenberg. These girls are strong athletes and have worked hard as a

team making the cheer program at Liberty Center very successful, and carrying on the tradition of excellence from all the past cheerleaders at LC. The team will be looking to add more talented, athletic, team members for next year. The team is coached by Shelley Davis, Liz Spangler and Jody White.



***Crescent-News* Wrestler of the Year: Caleb Carpenter**

Congratulations to Caleb Carpenter for being selected as the *Crescent-News* Wrestler of the Year. Caleb competed at the OHSAA State Tournament and placed second in his weight class. This is the fourth time that Caleb has qualified for the OHSAA State Wrestling Tournament. Caleb finishes his senior year with a 37-2 record in the 195 pound weight class. Way to go Caleb on a great season and great career!



Elementary 3rd and 4th Grade Spring Testing

ELA: April 16th and 17th

Math: April 30th and May 1st

The Elementary will be on a regular schedule.

Middle/High School Spring Testing

Spring is finally here and that means we will soon be participating in the State of Ohio's testing. In an effort to reduce the amount of time spent testing and to provide more time teaching and learning, as a district, Liberty Center is administering the tests differently this year.

During the testing dates, we ask that you would encourage your student to get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast and, most importantly, be at school. Please refrain from making appointments during this time so that your student can have the best chance of success. Chromebooks will need to be charged each testing day prior to coming to school. Additional chromebook chargers may not be available for students during testing.

Testing will begin on Monday, April 15th and wrap up on Friday, April 26th, with Easter break falling in on April 19-22nd. Here are the dates that your student will test along with the test they will be taking:

Date	April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26
Middle School Tests	ELA 5 ELA 6	ELA 5 ELA 6	ELA 7 ELA 8	ELA 7 ELA 8	Science 5 Math 7 Math 8	Science 5 Math 7 Math 8	Math 5 Math 6 Science 8	Math 5 Math 6 Science 8
High School Tests	ELA 1 ELA 2 Am. Gov.	ELA 1 ELA 2 Am. Gov.	Biology Algebra 1	Biology Algebra 1	Geometry	Geometry	Am. History	Am. History

Each testing day grades 5-12 will be on a 2-hour delay schedule. We will give the test during the 2-hour delay and then we will have a normal school day once testing is complete.

If your student is NOT scheduled for a test, then they may stay home during the delay; however, the busses will only run at their normally scheduled time. The busses will NOT run at a 2-hour delay time. If you wish to send your student into school on the bus, we will provide educational programs, a space for them to do homework or to enjoy the opportunity of some free time.

Teachers reserve the right to require students to attend school during non-testing times. These students will receive direct assistance from their teacher to equip them to be as successful as possible on the State Tests.

You can find the testing schedule on the school website. The Middle School schedule is on the Middle School page, and the High School schedule is on the High School page.

As always if you have any questions about testing please feel free to contact our offices.

Middle School: 419-533-0020

High School: 419-533-6641



Friends of the Liberty Center Library Upcoming Events:

- April 2- Friends of the LC Library Monthly Meeting at 7PM
- April 9- **National Library Workers Day:** This day is designated to honor all library staff and the valuable contributions that they make. Come up to the library and let our fabulous staff know what a great job they do.
- April 13- **Cabin Fever:** The Friends will be having a used book sale. There will also be items for raffle for adults and children. If you haven't renewed your membership, you can do that too!
- May 7- Friends of the LC Library Monthly Meeting at 7PM
- June 4- Friends of the LC Library Monthly Meeting at 7PM

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A Universe of Stories

2019 Summer Reading Program

Summer reading at the library will kick off Tuesday, June 7 with a Space Magic show. Get ready for a summer of exploring the mysteries of the universe through books, activities, special speakers and more!

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