

# The LionBacker Ledger

May/June, Newsletter 8

Hello LionBackers and welcome to another addition of the LionBacker Ledger!! *First things first!* Thanks so much to everyone who sent emails confirming that you actually do read our newsletters, and that you find them informative. Just for you, we will continue to report, on at least a bi-monthly basis, all of the great things we do to support our student athletes, and on our ongoing initiatives to ensure our fields, and our facilities, demonstrate our LIONS PRIDE! Need information now and don't want to wait for our email? Please remember to visit [www.libertyathletics.com](http://www.libertyathletics.com) anytime you want schedules, athletic forms, policies, contacts, spirit wear, membership renewals, sponsors/sponsorship information, etc., etc. There is even live Liberty High School Twitter and lighting updates so it's a pretty comprehensive resource. Check us out today, and check back *often*.

It is very hard to believe but, as we write this, we are nearing the close of another spring season and a fun, hard-fought, competitive, and overall "hugely successful" 2015-2016 campaign. Our teams have done well. Our student athletes had fun. Year # 1 of the "Cowan vs. Hersh divisions" has been a *blast*, and the Boosters, as always, have been BUSY!!

## [Here's how we ended the year strong and how we're already gearing up for next season!](#)

**Spring Field Clean Up Day!** We'd like to give a special shout out and a big THANKS to the hearty few (*but exceptionally productive*) parents and student athletes who braved a "not so spring like" day to come help us clean up trash/leaves/weeds, and to get our fields (and track) ready to host the spring season. Your efforts in painting and cleaning up the sand pits, shot put area, and all around the stadium, were greatly appreciated. Don't lose those rakes, hoes, and weed eaters! Our FALL "Clean Up Day" will be on the calendar soon and we'll need an even bigger turn out to tackle the summer weeds in preparation for Friday Night Lights.

**MOD Pizza Fundraiser Success!** We are blessed to have such a wide variety of local area businesses willing to lend a hand (and their hard earned money) to our fundraising efforts. We are also thankful for each of you for so aggressively promoting our MOD Pizza Fundraiser and for coming to check out the Modness. We raised over \$1500 in a single 4-hour period of time, thanks to MOD's generous "50% of the proceeds" donation. If you haven't tried them yet you definitely should.

**Membership & Sponsor Renewals!** 2015-2016 was our best year ever in terms of overall membership (150 Athletic Booster Club Members) and overall sponsors (30+ sponsor banners proudly displayed in our stadium)...but we *think we can do even better for the 2016-2017 campaign!* You can help in two very important ways. (1) Sign up early to renew your membership at [www.libertyathletics.com](http://www.libertyathletics.com) and then please tell a friend about us—especially all of those 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents who will be new to Liberty next year and (2) If you have a local business, or know a local business interested in an ad in our stadium, please contact us via our website or send a note to Mike Bowling at [mandkbowling@verizon.net](mailto:mandkbowling@verizon.net). 2x3 banners are \$250 per year and 3x5 banners are \$500 per year, a small investment when you consider the community exposure, plus all the good stuff your investment will fund as a result!

**Get Ready for a Painting Party!!!** You know that long, gray, concrete, *ugly* wall outside of our school which borders the outside basketball court? You know the one. It's where the Lacrosse and tennis teams constantly throw their balls against. Well...we are going to work with the very talented Liberty High School Art students to create an awesome mural on both sides filled with Lion's Pride! Our job, WITH YOUR HELP THIS SUMMER, is to power wash, prep, seal, and paint a base coat on that wall to create a canvas for the magic. Be on the lookout for some painting party dates. It's a BIG wall and we'll need lots of help!

Here is a quick summary of our fundraising efforts for the year!

**Fundraising Ledger:**

Money Earned	Money Invested	Upcoming Investments
2015-2016 \$56,108.02	2015-2016 \$39,582.58	2015-2016 \$19,000.56
Stadium Banners Bull Roast Membership Sales Snack Shack Donations Other Fundraisers	Sod for Field Hockey Field Benches Outside of Locker Room Snack Shack Maintenance Volleyball Net/System Gym Logo & Dugout Repair Other Sport-Specific Purchases	Scholarships Outside Art (Mural) on Basketball Court Wall Cement outside Locker Rooms Cement for Softball Dugouts Track Warm-up Uniforms
<b>2015-2016 Major Investments</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased student scholarships from \$3,000 to \$4,000</li> <li>• \$9,000 investment in field maintenance (stadium sod)</li> <li>• \$3,000 investment for “student artwork logo” on new gym floor this summer               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$8,000 investment for indoor/outdoor track warm ups                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2,500 for volleyball nets and equipment</li> <li>• \$1,000 for baseball equipment</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

**Did You Know?...**that **Forever Wall Bricks are still available!** Attention Senior Parents and everyone else who'd like to forever memorialize their students in the hallowed halls of Liberty High School! You can go to [www.libertyathletics.com](http://www.libertyathletics.com) today and order your Forever Brick Wall. Starting at only \$50, and *customizable* in many ways (sports, music, drama, lion, and other graphics available), Forever Wall Brick are an awesome way to cement (*get it*) your legacy at Liberty.

**Monthly Meetings.** We meet formally the first Wednesday of every month and always have more requests than we have money for, but our goal is to maximize every hard earned dollar in order to benefit the *most kids (and sports teams)* possible here at Liberty. In order to meet this goal, we need help from our parents, members, and sports teams. Feel free to attend our next meeting; we would love to have you there.

**Upcoming Events.** Be on the lookout for (1) Painting Party, (2) Fall “Clean Up” Day, and (3) Annual Bull Roast dates soon. After our June meeting (first Wednesday of the month), we should have these dates all set and ready to add to your 2016-2017 calendar...but in the meantime, if you're like us and already *itching* for the next season to begin, here are important **Fall Sports Dates** to remember. All student athletes must have impact tests performed every two years.

- **Impact testing dates** for the upcoming fall season are scheduled for 5/31, 6/1, 6/2 at 3pm, 4pm, and 5pm and on 8/4 and 8/8 (same time slots) Email Ed DeVincent to save a spot at [erdevin@carrollk12.org](mailto:erdevin@carrollk12.org) today!
- **Student Athlete paperwork hand-in dates** are scheduled for 7/25 (7:30am to 12pm), 8/2 and 8/4 (7:30am to 12pm) and on 8/9 from 3pm to 7pm. Go to [www.carrollcountymval.org](http://www.carrollcountymval.org) or to our website at [www.libertyathletics.com](http://www.libertyathletics.com) for all required forms. These must be handed in directly to Ed (our Athletic Director) on the days referenced above.
- **Falls Sports Tryout dates** begin on 8/10 and will last for 3 days (minimum).
- **Liberty Athletic Night** is scheduled for August 30<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 9pm One parent for every student athlete must be present. Athletic fees are \$105 per child per season or \$150 (total for the season) with multiple kids in the program. Corollary sports fees are \$50 per season.

## Final Thoughts for the Year as we Gear up for the Next

If there are any Senior Parents out there, reading our fine newsletter for the last time, here are some words of wisdom from the Great Dr. Seuss to help get you through this tough time.

**“Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.”**

Or how about this one?

**“You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, So... get on your way!”**

**— Dr. Seuss, Oh, The Places You'll Go!**

As always, thanks for listening and for your continued support!!

***Go Lions!!!***

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