



# Liberty Elementary

## Dec./Jan. 2017-18 Newsletter

### *From the Principal...*

Dear Liberty Families:

Oh, the weather outside is frightful, but the fire is so delightful, and since we've no place to go (between December 15th - January 1st), let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! Okay, so snow could complicate travel and shopping, so never mind. Let's just enjoy the holiday season! Whether you are staying close to home or traveling to visit friends and family, the Liberty staff wishes you the merriest of times during this break.

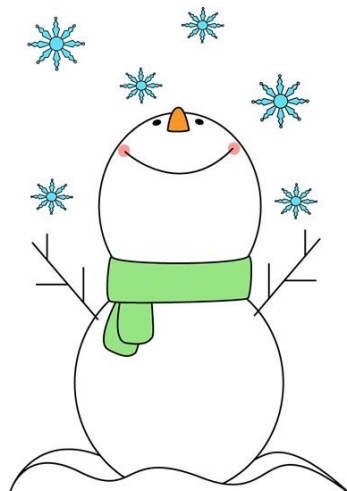
November's and December's **Character Trait** theme is **Responsibility**. *Responsibility is a great theme to follow our focus on respect, which was October's trait. Students will continue to participate in school discussions focused on developing responsibility as well as hearing the definition each day during the morning student announcements. Thank you for reinforcing this trait at home through activities such as chores, homework/reading*

*time, or caring for a pet!*

Winter break lends itself well to spending quality time with friends and families. The days off also allow time to get some extra reading done. Whether it's a magazine, comic or picture book, time with "eyes on text" makes a difference in reading acquisition and literacy!

Happy holidays and we'll see you "next year", Tuesday, January 2nd!

*-Tracy*



### Liberty Elementary

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#### December

- 1 AR Deadline
- 4-15 Water Awareness for 3rd-5th at Albany Comm. Pool
- 6 Dental Screening—8:30am  
**Early Release—1:35pm**
- 7 Lockdown Drill
- 8 Kindergarten Field Trip to Storybook Land—8:30-12
- 11 Monday Morning Gathering  
Self-Manager recognition—7:45am  
All-Star Recognition at D.O.
- 13 **Early Release—1:35pm**
- 15 Wear Holiday Attire  
Fitness Friday  
Holiday Assembly—1:50pm
- 16 Liberty Hiking Club hike—10am at William L. Finley Wildlife Refuge
- 18-Jan. 1—**NO SCHOOL/Winter Break**

#### January

- 1 **NO SCHOOL-Winter Break**
- 3 **Early Release—1:35pm**
- 9 PTC Meeting—6:30pm
- 10 **Early Release—1:35pm**
- 15 **NO SCHOOL/MLK Day**
- 17 **Early Release—1:35pm**
- 18 3rd, 4th, 5th Music Performance—7:45am and 6:30pm on Stage
- 19 Fitness Friday
- 20 Liberty Hiking Club—Peavy Arboretum at 10am
- 21 Immunization Expulsion Day
- 24 **Early Release—1:35pm**
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#### Liberty Web Page

<http://www.albany.k12.or.us/>

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Office Hours	School Hours
7:10-3:30 pm	7:40-2:35pm
	Grades K-5
WEDNESDAY EARLY RELEASE—1:35 PM	

### **A message from our District Office about transfers:**

2017-18 second semester transfer window opened Nov. 15th and closes at 5:00 pm on Dec. 31st. If you are interested please go to <http://albany.k12.or.us>, click on the Parents tab and look for Transfer Requests under the Information column. This is where you will find the online application and a timeline of the approval process. If you have questions you are welcome to call the district office at [541-967-4515](tel:541-967-4515).

### **Albany Schools Foundation Grant**

Liberty received a \$1,900 grant from the Albany Schools Foundation to purchase volleyball poles and nets for P.E. We want to thank the foundation for keeping these valuable experiences available for our students. Remember to support the foundation at the iRun (March) and iCelebrate (April) fundraisers. Thank you, ASF!

### **School Supply Stock-Up**

Sometimes at the midway point of the school year a student's school supplies can run low. Now is a good time to check in with your child and see if there are any supplies needed to get them through the rest of the year. It's also a great idea to check in with the teacher to ask about classroom supplies needed as well. Thank you!

### **Emergency Drills**

Two times a year the district requires schools to practice a "Lockdown/Lockout" drill. Liberty will be having this drill in December. A memo will go home with kids, on the day we have the drill, with more information.

### **Second Semester**

January 25th marks the end of the first semester and the start of the second. Report cards will be sent by February 2nd. All kids will participate in mandatory reading testing (DIBELS) from January 8th-12th. Please schedule appointments and vacations accordingly to help all kids get tested.



### **Winter Music Program**

Mr. Herb will be leading the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students in a winter music program on January 18th. Students should be dropped off at 6:15pm with the performance starting at 6:30pm. Look for a PeachJar flyer the week of the performance for more information.

## **From PTC**

### **Coin Drive**

Our Holiday Civil War Coin Drive was a huge success in November (Beavers "won")! **The students raised \$291.32** and, along with a donation from PTC, **12 Liberty families received Thanksgiving meals.** Thank you all for your generosity and support!

### **Canned Food Drive**

November was also the annual canned food drive. 607 items were donated! Mrs. Pierce's class brought in the most amount of food at 128 items. The food was boxed up and were donated to families during Thanksgiving break.

Thank you! We appreciate all of the donations and fundraising that have made these purchases possible.

### **Book Fair**

**There is one day left for the book fair! Come to the Liberty Gym from 7:15-7:40am on Friday, December 1st for your last chance to check out the great selection of books and gifts at the Scholastic Book Fair. This is a great time to get gifts or stock up on books for your child or their classroom!**

### **No PTC Meeting in December**

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 9th at 6:30 p.m.** We hope to see you there!

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## Lost & Found

Our lost and found is getting very full. Please be sure to have your student check items in the lost and found located in the cafeteria. We also have a lost and found in the office for small items like glasses and hair accessories.

**All unclaimed items will be donated to charity during the winter break!**



## Keeping Warm

Liberty kids play outside for recess, even in the cold weather. Please make sure your child has a warm winter coat as well as gloves and hat on especially blustery days. Please let the office know if this is a hardship and we will do our best to help.

## Health Considerations:

Children who have a fever or who are not feeling well should remain at home. Students who have a temperature of 100.5 degrees or higher, and/or vomiting, and/or diarrhea will be sent home. They should remain home for at least 24 hours past the last occurrence of vomiting, diarrhea, or fever without the use of fever reducing medicine. **You will still need to call the office before 8am even if we sent your child home the day before.** Thank you for your cooperation in keeping Liberty healthy!

## Immunizations Expulsion Day- Feb. 21st

The Oregon Immunization Program wants to remind parents that now is the time to make sure kids' vaccination records are complete. State law requires that all children in the public and private schools have up-to-date immunizations, or have religious or medical exemption. Parents or guardians will receive a letter in late January or early February if their child's immunization record shows that he or she has not received the required vaccinations. **Children will not be able to attend school starting February 21st if their records on file show missing immunizations.**

Call your doctor or local health department for an appointment now. For information about low cost immunization services near you, call 1-800-SAFENET (723-3638).

## Holiday Classroom Celebrations

The last day of school before winter break is December 15<sup>th</sup>. Each teacher will hold a class celebration that week, and will send information, with specifics, home with students within the next couple of weeks. Teachers/room parent will contact volunteers, so please do not send any treats if you did not receive a message. Be sure to check with the classroom teacher to see if there are any food allergies to consider before bringing treats. Thank you so much for your generosity and willingness to help!



## **Dress Like an Elf/Santa/Reindeer or Holiday Attire Day December 15th**

Liberty students, let's celebrate the holidays! This is your chance to dress like your favorite elf, Santa, reindeer or dress in holiday attire. Liberty will have a holiday assembly in the cafeteria on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:50pm. Parents are welcome to attend the assembly, but please be sure to check in at the table in front hall before going into the cafeteria. Seating is very limited. Classroom parties will be before the assembly.





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November 2017,

Dear Parents:

Sometimes we have to close school, delay the start of school, or release early because of bad weather. This is the annual reminder of procedures for school closures or schedule changes due to inclement weather.

When the decision has been made to close school or delay the start, we rely on local radio and television stations for notifications. Closure and delayed start information will ordinarily be broadcast by 6:30 a.m. Closure information will also be posted on the district website at [www.albany.k12.or.us](http://www.albany.k12.or.us).

Our district also subscribes to FlashAlert. This service forwards school closure information to local radio and television stations. Staff, parents, or community members wishing to receive these notices directly can register at <http://www.flashalert.net/news.html?id=879>. Notifications then will be sent to you via email. For those of you with tablets or smart phones, you can also receive messages by downloading the FlashAlert Messenger app. This app is available on Google Play or the iTunes app store. There are no costs to the recipients for using the email or app for notifications.

All addresses registered on FlashAlert will remain confidential. You will receive an email message once per year asking if you wish to continue your subscription and to confirm your email address. Subscribers should be aware that some email spam filters may prevent messages from being received.

**Below are some of the radio and television stations who will be notified of school closures:**

**Radio Stations**

KFLY FM 101.5  
KGAL AM 1580  
KLOO AM 1340, KLOO FM 106.3  
KOOL FM 99.1  
KRKT FM 99.9  
KSND FM 95.1 (Español)KWBY  
AM 940 (Español)

**TV Stations**

KATU Chan 2  
KEZI Chan 9  
KGW Chan 8  
KLSR Chan 34 Emergency  
KMTR Chan 16  
KOIN Chan 6  
KVAL Chan 13

If you have questions about the procedures summarized above, please contact the school or contact the District Office at 541-967-4501.

Sincerely,