



Liberty Elementary

October 2018 Newsletter

From the Principal...

We're Off to an Excellent Start!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Fall is officially upon us and the leaves are full of color! I don't know about you, but September has flown by for me!

What an excellent start to the 2018/19 school year! Thank you, parents/guardians for your support and extra patience dropping off and picking up your children each day. With limited space in front of the school, it can be tricky. Thank you also to our amazing teachers and support staff at Liberty who have worked (and continue to work) many hours preparing engaging, standards-based lessons.

I want to thank parent, Amy Huskey, who organized and has been running Mileage Club this year! She not only funded the cards, chains, and charms, but she also created the boards to hold the cards and bulletin board to show the collective accumulation of miles each day of Mileage Club! We also have a regular group of volunteers who are out there punching each student's "foot" card as they complete a lap. We have had great participation each Tuesday and Thursday at lunch recess, with students completing over 500 miles as a school! Students are having a great time being active and setting goals!

Lap-a-Thon will take place Thursday, October 4th. Molly Morse, our Parent Club president, kicked things off during Monday Gathering on September 24th, and students have been collecting donations each day. Each day a volunteer collects classroom donation tickets and then a prize drawing takes place at the end of the day. This is the Parent Club's only major fundraiser, so thank you in advance for supporting their efforts by donating! With these funds the Parent Club helps to pay for Art instruction, Accelerated Reading, teacher classroom funds, evening activities like family moving night and the school carnival, and much more. Liberty staff and students are very fortunate to have such an outstanding Parent Club! Interested in getting involved? Come to any meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.

Parent/Teacher conferences are this month. This is an important opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to see where your child is academically as well as socially, and how you can support them at home. I want to thank you in advance for attending and being an essential part of your child's school team!

Happy October!

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Important Dates

October

- 1 Nazarian & Goschie 5th field trip to Andrew Willey Park - 9-2pm
- 2 3rd grade field trip to OSU - 9:15-2pm
- 3 **EARLY RELEASE - 2:25PM**
- 4 Lap-A-Thon
- 5 Free/Reduced lunch form deadline
- 8 School Board meeting - 7pm
- 9 School Pictures
Volunteer Training Make-Up - 6:15pm
PTC meeting - 6:30pm
- 10 **EARLY RELEASE - 2:25PM**
- 12 **NO SCHOOL/INSERVICE**
- 13 Liberty Hiking Club - 10am at Jackson Frazier Wetland
- 16 Vision Screening
5th grade field trip to Starker Forest—9-2pm
- 17 **EARLY RELEASE - 2:25PM**
- 18 AR Deadline
- 19 **NO SCHOOL/GRADING DAY**
- 22 School Board meeting - 7pm
- 23 Kinder field trip to Davis Farm—9-11:30am
- 24 Bus Evacuation Drill
EARLY RELEASE - 2:25PM
Parent/Teacher conferences - 4-7pm
- 25 Parent/Teacher conferences - 8-4pm & 5-7:40pm
- 26 **NO SCHOOL**
- 29 Self-Manager recognition at morning gathering - 8:50
Boys & Girls club dental screening at Liberty
- 31 Halloween Parade - 1:35pm
EARLY RELEASE - 2:25PM

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Office Hours

8am-4pm

School Hours

8:50am-3:25pm Grades K-5

Wednesday Early Release

8:50am-2:25pm

Morning & After School Visitors

We understand that sometimes it's difficult for children to transition from parents to school in the morning. We do, however, expect students to walk to the gym by themselves in the morning. This is to promote independence and to get kids in a regular routine. In addition, **every adult on school grounds must be wearing a Liberty badge.** This is for the safety of all the students. Please check into the office and receive a badge if you are wanting to go beyond the lobby 8:35am - 3:25pm.

No Parking & Morning Drop-off

The yellow zone in front of the school is a "no parking" zone from 8am-4pm every school day. This is to allow for emergency vehicles and bus access to the front of the school. In the morning when dropping off your child, however, please pull over to the yellow curb briefly to allow your child to safely exit your vehicle. We understand there is a lot of traffic in the morning and after school, but for the safety of all students, please don't stop in the middle of the street or across the street to let your child out. Thank you for your help!



Picture Day

ALL Liberty students will have their pictures taken on **October 9th**. These photos will be included in our yearbook, which will be available online or order forms will be available in April. Picture packets will be sent home with your student closer to picture day and extra packets will be available in the office. You may also go online <http://mylifetouch.com> to order. The Liberty Picture Day ID is: FO528155Y0.

A Special "Thank You" to Samurai Grower Supply for the polly film for the raised beds in the Liberty garden!



Halloween Activities

On Wednesday, October 31st, activities for Halloween at Liberty include:

- Parade in their costumes at 1:35pm
- Class parties will follow the parade

Students may wear costumes to school, but hats and masks may only be worn for the parade. Character education is a very important part of Liberty's curriculum please be sure to choose an appropriate costume. No make up, swords, knives, or guns.

Please check in at the office if you are wanting to be a part of the festivities. Siblings may only attend with a parent present.

Vision Screening

On **Tuesday, October 16th**, Kindergarten through 5th grade will have their vision screened by the Lion's Club at no charge. **Students that wear glasses need to be sure to bring them to this vision screening.** As a reminder, students that are 7 years of age or younger are now required to have a vision screening certification on file at the school. This will be a good opportunity to meet this state requirement if not already done. We need 1 parent volunteer for this day. Contact- tara.thompson@albany.k12.or.us. if interested.

From PTC



Liberty's main fundraiser every year is the annual Lap-A-Thon. This is a really fun opportunity for kids to raise money for their school, earn prizes and get some exercise. 100% of the money earned goes straight to PTC, which funds field trips, assemblies, school improvement projects, family events and more. If each student raised only \$30, we could reach our goal of \$10,000! Donations can be collected through October 4th. On the 4th, each grade will have about half an hour to run/walk/skip/jump around the West Albany track. If you'd like to join your child, please sign in at the office first.

Lap-A-Thon times:

9-9:25am—1st grade
9:30-9:55am—Kindergarten
10-10:25am—2nd grade
10:35-11am—3rd grade
11:05-11:30am—5th grade
11:30-11:55am—4th grade

The next PTC meeting will be on Tuesday, **October 9th at 6:30pm**. We will be going over the budget for the year. This is a great opportunity to have your opinion heard, see what PTC is all about and get involved with your child's school. We hope to see you all there!

PTC Board:

President, Molly Morse
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Vice-President, Jenissa Phillips
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Treasurer, Jana Pierce
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Secretary, Stephani Simon
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Attendance

It is so important that your child has excellent attendance. Students can fall behind if they miss just a day or two every few weeks, or as little as ten days a year. In addition, being late can lead to poor attendance as well. A few tips to make sure your child has excellent attendance:

- ~ Set a regular bedtime and morning routine. Remember, bedtime is different than sleep time – no phones, TVs, video games, etc.
- ~ Make bedtime a positive routine. It is an excellent time to read together and unwind.
- ~ Schedule doctor's appointments after school hours when possible and minimize the time away from school for appointments during the school day.
- ~ Keep an accurate calendar that shows school breaks. Plan family vacations when school is not in session. State law does not count family vacation as a legitimate reason for missing school.

We're off to a great start for the school year! Your support is much appreciated!

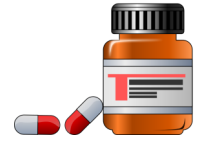
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GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ILLNESS

The following are general guidelines for parents to follow that may be signs of illness in a child:

- Fever
- Runny nose, sneezing, or coughing.
- Chills
- Body Ache
- Headache
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.
- General fussiness or crying that is usual
- Flushed (red) face, hot, dry skin or unusual paleness (white, gray, or green look) or coldness.
- Drowsiness in a usually active child, restless sleep.
- Unexpected sweating, damp skin.
- Watery or glassy appearance of eyes.
- Hoarse or husky voice or cry.
- Loss of appetite.
- Rash, bumps, or breaking out of skin.
- Pain in ear, head, chest, stomach, abdomen, or joints.
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Medication Administration Guidelines for Parents:



- **A parent or guardian must bring in both prescription and non-prescription medication to the office** as well as fill out paperwork in order for office staff to administer medication. **Students should not be sent with medication to school.**
- Non-prescription medication (including cough drops) must be brought in by a parent/guardian in the original packaging. Staff must follow the directions on the label for administration to students.
- Prescription medication must be in the original container with the prescription, child's name, doctor, and directions on the label. Staff will follow the directions on the label.
- School staff are not authorized to administer the first dose of any new medication.

A CHILD MAY BE SENT HOME FROM SCHOOL WHEN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS EXIST:
(These children must stay home for 24 hours after condition has ended.)

- 1. Temperature at or above 100.5° F**
- 2. Throat: Sore, red, painful or pustules on back of throat**
- 3. Runny Nose: If discharge is yellow or green and thick**
- 4. Eyes: Severe pain or discharge**
- 5. Diarrhea: Watery, frequent, green**
- 6. Vomiting: Within the last 24 hours**
- 7. Behavior: Listless, cranky, and very tired children who are suspected of illness**

RASHES AND SKIN CONDITIONS:

Children may get heat rashes, allergy rashes, etc. and these are no problem to other children. Most rashes that can spread disease to other children have a fever first. Anytime there is a rash with fever, the child should see a doctor. If there is no fever, discuss possible source with parent/teacher. If there is a concern that the child may be ill with an infectious disease, exclude from school until seen by a doctor. Some rashes may indicate a possible infection such as meningitis or measles. These are easily spread to other children and can lead to death.