



Liberty Elementary

November 2018 Newsletter

From the Principal...

Dear Liberty Families,

Happy November! The leaves are turning, there is a chill in the air, and students are busy with learning tasks. November is when we take time to give thanks for all that we have in our lives. I am especially grateful for the consistent parental support we receive at Liberty from parents and families. I am also thankful for staff who work extremely hard to education the whole child. They not only care about knowledge and skills acquisition, but the socio-emotional well being of children.

We had a record Lap-a-Thon fundraiser- over \$14,500.00 this year- which will support activities such as field trips, class projects, chromebooks, and assemblies. Thank you to our Parent Club officers, Molly Morse, Jana Pierce, Jenissa Phillips, and Stephani Simon for their time on this important fundraiser, as well as the many volunteers who came out to cheer students on, pass out snacks and water, and punch Mileage Club cards.

Gratitude also goes out to Farmer's Insurance, Grant Scheele agent, for the donation of three boxes of copy paper (30 reams) and Parr Lumber for the generous donation of wood and building supplies for our new picnic tables that Mr. Nazarian, Mrs. Perry, and students are painting. Mr. Naza-

rian will use the painted wood to replace the current wooden tops and benches in the courtyard that are decaying from age and weather.

As a school instructional team and with our Site Council parents, Kevin Foster and Tim Hanson, we are in the final stages of setting three school improvement goals for the 2018/19 school year around reading, math, and student behavior. Families can help support these goals by reading at home, working on math flexibility, and talking to their students at the dinner table about their day.

We are seeking volunteers to help with art classes every Monday- no artistic ability required. If you have time and would be willing to lend a hand with this program, please contact the office or stop by and sign up for a time slot in the art binder. New volunteers just need to do the online background check and an in-person orientation with Mrs. Day, which is a quick ten minute meeting.

Don't forget to set your clocks back on the 4th, and thank you for your support and dedication to your children and Liberty Elementary School!

Tracy

Liberty Elementary School
 2345 Liberty St.
 541-967-4578
 Fax: 541-924-3710

November

- 1 No Liberty Singers
- 2 5th grade "Wax Museum" - 9-10:30am
- 4 Daylight Savings
- 5-16 Canned Food/Coin Drive
- 5 Academic All-Stars—
6:30pm at SAHS
- 7 **Early Release—2:25pm**
- 9 Family Movie Night—
"Incredibles 2" at 6:30pm
in the Cafeteria
- 12 **NO SCHOOL**
- 13-16 Spirit Week
- 13 PTC meeting—6:30pm
- 14 **Early Release—2:25pm**
Classified Staff Appreciation Day
- 17 Liberty Hiking Club-10am
- 19 School Board meeting—
7pm at District Office
- 21 **Early Release—2:25pm**
- 22-23 **NO SCHOOL/
Thanksgiving Holiday**
- 26-30 Book Fair
- 28 **Early Release—2:25pm**
Picture Retakes
- 29 Boys & Girls Club CLOSED
Liberty Singers Performance—6:30pm

School District Home Page:
<http://www.albany.k12.or.us/>

Liberty Web Page
<http://www.albany.k12.or.us/liberty/>

Staff e-mail:
 first.lastname@albany.k12.or.us

Office Hours
 8:00am-4:00pm

School Hours
 8:50-3:25pm Grades K-5

**Wednesdays students are
 released at 2:25pm**



Thanksgiving Dinner

If you or your family are in need of some extra support for the Thanksgiving holidays, please contact the Liberty office at 541-967-4578 and ask to be put on the Thanksgiving basket list or contact Gene Vey of F.A.C.T. at 541-924-3720. Liberty has a coin and can drive to help Liberty families with a holiday meal during the Thanksgiving holiday.



Mileage Club

Students at Liberty have been on the move! Twice a week, during lunch recess, students have had the opportunity to run or walk around the West Albany track. Exercise is not only healthy, but they've also been able to earn charms for each 5 miles they run/walk. We have collectively gone more than 2,000 miles! November 1st is the last day of Mileage Club. A big thank you to Amy Huskey for putting it all together and all the volunteers who helped each week!

Picture Retakes- November 28th

Picture retakes are on Wednesday, November 28th. Retake information packets will be sent home with the students. Students that were absent on Picture Day will have their picture taken. These pictures will be included in our 2018-19 Class Photo and the Memory Book. If you did have your picture taken and are planning on having retakes please bring the complete, unwanted picture packet to retakes on November 28th.



Mealtime Charges

Many of our students' mealtime accounts currently have negative balances. There is no cap to how much a child can charge. Negative balances will follow your child through high school as long as they are in the district. You may make a deposit anytime at mymealtime.com or in person during school office hours. Free/Reduced applications are available both online and in the office. Please note: you are still responsible for all charges incurred prior to a change in eligibility. Please call Liberty with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE

November 26-30th in North End of Gym



Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Liberty

All students & teachers can create "Wish Lists" on Monday, November 26th when classes visit the Book Fair. "Wish Lists" can be viewed by parents for possible gift purchases. All online orders will be shipped to the school for free.

The Book Fair will be open to students and families purchasing items:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday—8:15-8:40am and 3:25-3:50pm
Wednesday 8:15-8:40am and 2:25-3:00pm
Friday-8:15-8:40am only

Special hours on Thursday, November 29th from 6:00pm until 1/2 hour after Liberty Singers performance ends.

Encourage & support literacy with the gift of a book! All books purchased = NEW classroom materials supporting the C.C.S.S (Common Core State Standard) of increasing the amount of informational text students read K-12 to better prepare them to read college and career-ready texts.

Liberty Elementary School

541-967-4578
2345 Liberty St SW
<http://www.albany.k12.or.us/liberty/>

From PTC

Liberty Lap-A-Thon 2018 Over \$14,000 raised!

This year's Liberty Lap-a-thon was a huge success! Liberty students brought in a record breaking \$14,500 for this year's Lap-a-thon! Many thanks to the generous donations of parents, grandparents, family and friends. Without this support the Liberty PTC wouldn't be able to offer activities and student enrichment programs to all students. This year, we will continue expanded Art instruction to all grades, fund field trips, and increase the budget for holiday meals. Thank you to the teachers, staff, and volunteers who helped make this fundraiser a success!

The annual Coin and Canned Food Drive is upon us! November 5th-16th Liberty will be collecting canned/boxed food as well as money to help purchase meals for families in need of help for Thanksgiving. In the office we'll have OSU and UofO containers for money collection. It's always fun for the kids to see if Beavers or Ducks "win".

PTC Board:

President, Molly Morse
molarmama@yahoo.com

Vice-President, Jenissa Phillips
jenissa.phillips@yahoo.com

Treasurer, Jana Pierce
janapierce@gmail.com

Secretary, Stephani Simon
chrisandstephani@comcast.net

PTC Meetings every second Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Cafeteria:

November 13th	February 12th
December 11th	March 12th
January 8th	April 9th

Art Volunteers Needed!

Mrs. Perry teaches art to students every Monday in the Cafeteria. She would love more hands on deck! If you are able to volunteer, please call or sign up in the office.





LIBERTY SPIRIT WEEK ACTIVITIES

November 13-16th

Come help us celebrate Fall and the "Spirit of Giving" at Liberty.

November is a time for a couple of Liberty traditions - Holiday Food Drive and Civil War Coin Drive. Both these activities help raise money to purchase Thanksgiving meals for our Liberty families. Students can also participate in the dress up days listed below.



If you or your family are in need of some extra support for the Thanksgiving holiday, please contact the Liberty office at 541-967-4578 and ask to be put on the Thanksgiving meal list or contact Gene Vey of F.A.C.T. at 541-924-3720.

DRESS UP DAYS - November 13-16th

Tuesday, November 13th – FLANNEL/PLAID DAY

Wednesday, November 14th – PAJAMA DAY (NO slippers please)

Thursday, November 15th – CRAZY HAIR/MISMATCH DAY

Friday, November 16th – OSU  vs. U of O 

Students may wear a hat on Friday with any donation to the coin drive.

Class Food Drive Competition - November 5-16th

The food drive is an opportunity for the students of Liberty to bring in donations of non-perishable/non expired food items to help Liberty families in need. Donations will be collected through Friday, Nov. 16th. Please bring food items to the classroom to be counted.

OSU & U of O Coin Collection Competition - November 5-16th

The Civil War coin drive allows students to show their support for either the Beavers or the Ducks leading up to the Civil War. No prizes will be being awarded, just bragging rights. **The last day to contribute to the coin drive is Nov. 16th.** All money collected will be used to purchase Thanksgiving meals for Liberty families in need.



ADMIT ONE



Liberty Movie Night

Friday,
November 9th
6:30pm

Liberty
Cafeteria

FREE

Students must be accompanied by an adult.

Bring a comfortable chair or blanket.

Concessions will be available

Movie Licensing USA

A Division of United Motion Pictures, Inc. • The United, United