



# Liberty Elementary

## March 2019 Newsletter

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### *From the Principal...*

Dear Liberty Families,

February ended with a few weather surprises, which brought us a couple of snow days. I hope everyone was able to frolic a bit and maybe even create a snow angel or two! The school board will decide how those days will be made up, but in the meantime, here's to no more missed days!

As we change the clocks ahead and start state assessments later in March, I want to stress the importance of encouraging a growth mindset. People with a growth mindset understand that intelligence and other qualities, abilities, and talents can be developed with **effort**, learning, and dedication. That belief is even more important as students look to the last few months of the school year.

I want to thank Tara Thompson, Liberty's office manager, for organizing Liberty's Dr. Seuss week again this week! In addition to decorating the halls and cafeteria, she also set up the OSU men's basketball team visit on the 25th. Unfortunately, nature had another plan and we didn't have school. They couldn't come any other day of Dr. Seuss week, but we are still in contact with the OSU Athletic Department and are trying to get them back in April to help with Mileage Club. Thank you to the Parent Club for providing and distributing birthday cake for Dr. Seuss's birthday March 1st. This was such a fun week for staff and students!

A shout out to Holly Rose who organized the second Family Movie Night on the 22nd. We had many families attend, enjoying *Ralph Breaks the Internet*. Thank you also to the volunteers who helped sell popcorn, water, and other items.

Thank you to Amy Huskey who will, once again, organize and facilitate Mileage Club starting April 2nd. She already has many volunteers signed up to punch

cards, but if you'd like to help sign up in the office or go to, [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16xMHNfQuth9EGXdVRb9Rqj5\\_mFJDjFKTN3E2MfdjqY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16xMHNfQuth9EGXdVRb9Rqj5_mFJDjFKTN3E2MfdjqY/edit?usp=sharing) In addition to the twice a week student run/walks, she is offering family Mileage Club. More information is coming, but this will be an opportunity to spend some quality time with your family and promote fitness as a habit. Thank you, Amy, for all your work on Liberty's Wellness program!

March's character trait is self-discipline, which means controlling or improving one's pattern of behavior, knowing and following rules, setting and achieving goals, and meeting timelines and due dates. As I make my way to classrooms to read a picture book about self-discipline, we will discuss these qualities. But just talking about it isn't enough. I also stress the "doing" part of the character trait. The staff and I will look for and recognize students exhibiting self-discipline in the classroom, on the playground, in the cafeteria- in all areas of the school.

Spring break is the 25th to the 29th this year. I hope families will be able to spend time together, reading, playing games, walking in nature, or getting away and out of town. This is also a fantastic opportunity to check on student school supplies.

Happy Spring!  
 Tracy



### **March**

- Feb. 25– Mar. 1 Dr. Seuss week
- 1 Invention Convention (5th grade)—9-10:30am  
Crockett/Fortner read-in in the Gym—12:30-1:30pm
  - 1-14 Heart Challenge fundraiser
  - 4-8 National Free Breakfast Week
  - 4 Monday Morning Gathering (Future Chef announcement and Character Education awards)—8:45am in Gym
  - 6 **Early Release—2:25pm**
  - 7 Spring Pictures
  - 8 AR Deadline
  - 11 School Board meeting—7pm at District Office
  - 12 PTC meeting—6:30pm
  - 13 **Early Release—2:25pm**
  - 14 3rd grade papermaking—1-3:15pm in the Cafeteria
  - 16 iRun—9am at West Albany Memorial Stadium  
Liberty Hiking Club—10am at McDonald Forest
  - 18 Self-Manager recognition at Monday Morning Gathering—8:45am in Gym
  - 20 **Early Release—2:25pm**  
Liberty Singers Performance—6:30pm in Caf 
  - 21 3rd grade insect displays—9-9:45am in Caf 
  - 25 School Board meeting—7pm at District Office
- 25-29 NO SCHOOL/Spring Break**

**School District Home Page:**

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

**Liberty Web Page**

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

**Staff e-mail:**

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**Office Hours**

8:10am-4pm

**School Hours**

8:40-3:25 Grades K-5

EVERY Wednesday—release at 2:25pm

**Supervision 8:35am-3:45pm (2:45 Wed)**



## Knitting Help

Do you know how to knit and have time to help assist kids? On Fridays, some of our 3rd-5th graders choose to attend a knitting class taught by Mrs. Crockett during elective time. There is a need for assistance in the class from 2:50-3:20pm. Please contact the office if you would like to help. Background checks and Liberty volunteer trainings required.

## March 7th Spring Pictures

Spring pictures will be taken on Thursday, March 7th. Students will have the option to have their pictures taken. Picture proofs will be sent home with the option to purchase. Please make checks payable to Life-touch. You can go online at mylifetouch.com to purchase pictures. Picture ID# FO568006Y0.



## Mileage Club

Student Mileage Club will start again April 2nd. It will run Tuesdays & Thursdays through May 23rd during lunch recess. This is a fun opportunity for kids to exercise with friends and create habits that will keep them healthy! Students will have "feet" to track miles and small prizes for participation. Volunteer sign-ups will be in the office. Volunteers, as always, need to have a current background check as well as Liberty Volunteer Training. Also, look for information about a Family Mileage Club coming soon!

## Registration for 2019-20 Kindergarten

Calling all Kindergarten students who will be age 5 by September 1st! If you have a Kindergarten student (or know one) who will be coming to Liberty next year, please call Tara at 541-967-4578 to get on our mailing list.

## Conferences in April

Parent conferences will be held on April 12th and 15th. These days will both be no school days. Teachers will be communicating conference times with parents as we get closer to those dates.



## Liberty Kids Heart Challenge Fundraiser March 1-14th

Our school is proud to partner with the American Heart Association (AHA) this year! Students will learn how to keep their hearts healthy and happy, participate in jump rope activities during PE and have the option to raise donations for AHA. Fundraising packets will go home with students on Friday, March 1st. Deadline to turn in AHA fundraising packets and money to the office or Mrs. Stevens is Thursday, March 14th.

## iRun for Kids - March 16th

Each year, over 650 runners gather in Albany, Oregon for the annual iRun for Kids race. This event, which is a fundraiser for the Albany Public Schools Foundation, is in its 16th year. The race will begin at 9am and will start and finish at the West Albany High School stadium. This is a great run for the serious racer as well as a fun run for all ages. Event proceeds benefit the Albany Public Schools Foundation. Visit <http://www.albanypublicschoolsfoundation.org/> for more information.

## From PTC

Hello Liberty Parents!

It's that time of year to start planning the SPRING CARNIVAL which will be Friday, May 3rd. We are looking for VOLUNTEERS. If you are able to help us out, please respond by contacting Molly or Jana. See contact info below.

The silent auction is always a successful event at the carnival. If you would like to donate an item, have a business, or work for an employer that might be interested in donating to the auction, please contact Jenissa Phillips.

Mark your calendars for the Spring Book Fair, April 8-12th. If you are available to help with this fundraiser, please let Molly Morse know.

The next PTC meeting is March 12th at 6:30pm in the school's Cafeteria.

### PTC Meetings at 6:30pm-Cafeteria:

April 9th

May 14th

### Liberty PTC Leadership

President, Molly Morse

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