Liberty Elementary

June 2019 Newsletter

From the Principal…

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This school year has flown by! It has been a year of successful year due to our amazing staff, students, parents and volunteers! It takes a village, and the Liberty village puts education at the forefront.

Liberty's staff (teachers and aides) as you know, are some of the finest in the country. They have worked hard this year to guide students through content standards, helped them learn social and emotional skills, and engaged them in fun activities. Because there is a spirit of collaboration and teamwork at Liberty, students continue to make great academic gains.

Molly Morse, Jana Pierce, Stephani Simon, and Jenissa Phillips, our Parent Club officers, once again provided leadership and much of their free time organizing activities such as the lap-a-thon, carnival, book fair, and much more. Because of all their time and effort, all of these fundraising events were successful and helped Liberty purchase or funded over 30 chromebooks and a cart, field trips to enhance instruction, teacher classroom accounts, our wonderful Art program, hundreds of Scholastic books for our library and classroom and so much more! In addition to organizing the fundraising events, these amazing people also volunteered in classrooms!

A special shout out to Amy Huskey! She not only organized and facilitated fall and spring Mileage Club and Family Mileage Club, but the parent resource center books and bookshelf near the office. She has procured hundreds of dollars from local businesses and organizations, such as Friends of the Library, to fund both endeavors and is working on other Wellness Program features, including parent information presentations for next year. She has put in many hours outside of the school day as well, writing letters requesting financial support and creating brochures to share the Wellness Program vision. Thank you so much for your dedication to this program, Amy!

Speaking of volunteers, let me just say, "Wow!" We have the best volunteers ever- some coming twice a week to work in classrooms. Others have chaperoned field trips and helped with special classroom projects. For classroom parties, many families contributed food, drink, games, and plates. I have been so impressed by the involvement of parents and families at Liberty. **The total number of volunteer hours invested in our students as of May 24th was 1971!** You all show, through your support and time, that education is extremely important and for that, I thank each and every one of you.

Thinking to the future...Next year we will stay with our current bell times, with an 8:45 first bell and 3:25 dismissal. This will mean that morning supervision will start at 8:35, and early release days will end at 2:25 each Wednesday. We will have a new parent loop constructed this year as well as a new health room added near the office. For other bond projects being completed this summer, see the district website at https://albany.k12.or.us/. Due to construction, the school will be closed from June 18th - August 16th. Mrs. Thompson and I will return the first of August, but will be working out of Liberty's library.

As we transition to summer, I hope that families are able to relax and enjoy each other's company. Taking a trip, having a "staycation", spending lazy days reading or playing outside, benefit the social, emotional, and intellectual well being of students. Need some ideas about how to keep kids busy when they are not reading a good book this summer? Visit Liberty's website and get the link (coming soon) and provided by FACT; Families and Communities Together.

Staff and I wish you all a restful, fun and family-filled summer!

Sincerely,
Tracy

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JUNE

May 30-June 5 5th grade Bike Safety (Mattingly/Rider)
3 Character Awards at Monday Morning Gathering—8:45am in Gym
4 West Albany High School Senior Walk through-12:10
Liberty Singer Musical performance-2:30
Liberty Singers Musical performance-6:30pm
5 Early Release—2:25pm
6 Self-Manager reward—9:15-11:30am at Boys & Girls Club
Talent Show rehearsal—2:10-3:15pm
7 AR Deadline
5th grade field trip to YMCA—9-2pm
10 AR reward—9:30-11:15 at Albany Community Pool
Riderville—12:45-1:45pm in the Gym
Talent Show rehearsal—2:10-3:15pm
11 Talent Show—9-10am in Cafeteria
5th grade potluck—4-6 at Tennis Club in Albany
12 FULL DAY—3:25 Release
All School BBQ—11:05am
5th grade promotion—2:30pm in Cafeteria
LAST DAY OF BOYS & GIRLS after school care
13 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—11:55AM RELEASE (No lunch served)
18-Aug 16 LIBERTY OFFICE CLOSED FOR SUMMER

Office Hours
8:00am-4pm
School Hours
8:50am-3:25pm Grades K-5
Wednesdays released at 1:35
Supervision 8:35am-3:35pm

From PTC

Thank you for all who participated in the Del Taco fundraiser. Over $500 was raised for Liberty!
Money raised by PTC this year was used for field trips, classroom supplies, electronics and an art teacher to name a few. Thank you to all who've donated time, energy, and money to make our school better!

We have new PTC leaders! Jenissa Phillips will be our new President and Tichelle Staten will be our Vice-President. Jana Pierce will remain the Treasurer and Stephani Simon will be our Secretary.

Thank you, Molly Morse, for everything you've done for Liberty in the years you led PTC!

Have a great summer and we hope to see many of you at our first PTC meeting in September!

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5th Grade Promotion

The 5th grade promotion will be **Wednesday, June 12th in the cafeteria at 2:30pm**. Doors will be open for seating at 2pm. All parents and family members are invited to attend as we celebrate the accomplishments of these students and send them on their way to middle school. If you have a Liberty sibling that you would like to attend the promotion please be sure to send a note to the teacher and let the office know as well so that we can get these students to the cafeteria in time for the ceremony.

5th Grade Clap-Out

Liberty has a fun tradition that all parents of 5th graders are invited to join. On the last day of school, June 13th at 11:50, the whole school and parents line the hall and clap as the 5th graders leave for the last time. Please check in the office first before joining.

All School BBQ—June 12th

A hot dog lunch will be served to ALL students for FREE from 11:05-12:00pm on Wednesday, June 12th. This will be the only lunch served. Students may bring a lunch. Parents are welcome to attend. There is a suggested donation of $3 for adults for lunch, however everyone will be served regardless of payment. We hope to see many families there!

Library Books

ALL library books were due back to the library on **May 29th.** Unpaid fees for books not returned will follow the student until it is paid in full.

Medication Reminder

Just a reminder to parents that ALL medication, including epipens and inhalers, that we have in the office need to be picked up by an adult by **June 14th**. **All medication left at the school will be discarded.**

Report Cards

Report Cards will be mailed home the week of June 17th. Please be sure all bills are paid and library books returned. **The office will be closed June 18th-July 31st.**

Are You Moving?

Are you moving out of our area this summer? Please let the office know as soon as possible so we can better balance our class lists for next year as well as ensure that your child's records are transferred properly. Using your address, you can check to see which school is within your boundaries at http://www.infofinderi.com/ifi/?cid=GAS05831238478

Lost and Found

Please come and check our lost and found in the lobby. We have many coats, jackets, sweaters and lunch boxes that have been left at the school during the school year. We also have several glasses and smaller items in the office.
We will donate these unclaimed items to a local charity on Monday, June 17th.

Hot Lunch Charges

As we get close to the end of the school year, it's important to make sure mealtime balances are paid in full. Parents can check balances and make payments two ways; online at mymealtime.com or by cash or check in Liberty's office.

With the Mealtime computerized system, any money left in their account will be a carried over into the new school year. The lunch account balance for our 5th graders will be transferred to their GAPS middle school. If your child is leaving the Albany School district, the office will refund any money left in their account.

For any fifth grade student that has lunch charges or lost library books that have not been paid before the end of this school year, **these outstanding fees will continue to follow the student while attending the GAPS School District until paid or returned.**

LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL-JUNE 10-13TH

Monday, June 10th

NO Monday Morning Gathering
AR Swim at Albany Community Pool 2-5th grade students that qualify (MUST have Signed permission slip)
5th grade Leadership luncheon-11:45
Riderville in GYM 12:45-1:45
Talent Show Rehearsal-2:10-3:15pm
Purchased yearbooks given to teachers to decide when to hand out during the week.

Tuesday, June 11th

Talent Show-9-10:00am in Cafeteria. Parents are welcome to attend. Seating is very limited.
Students will eat lunch outside pending the weather
5th Grade Potluck & Pool Party-4:00-6:00pm at Albany Tennis Center. Students will need to provide their own transportation & an adult must be present at the party.

Wednesday, June 12th –NO EARLY RELEASE - Students released at **3:25pm**
ALL School BBQ- FREE hot dog meal-apple, chips & bottled water will be served in the GYM Families are invited (Adults-$3 suggested donation). This is the only lunch option served. Students may bring a sack lunch.
Seating outside

- 11:05-Kindergarten/3rd grade served in the gym
- 11:10-1st/4th grade served in the gym
- 11:15-2nd/5th grade served in the gym
- Students will eat lunch outside or under covered primary recess area
- ALL school lunch/recess 11:05-noon
- ALL school PM recess 2-2:10 (Kinder -4th grade)

5th Grade Promotion at 2:30pm in the Cafeteria (Cafeteria doors open at 2:00 for seating)
Last day of Boys & Girls Club after school program

Thursday, June 13th LAST DAY OF SCHOOL -Students Released at 11:55am
Breakfast will be served/NO LUNCH served due to early release time
End of Year Awards Program & Slideshow-9:15am in Cafeteria
ALL school recess-10:30-10:40
Yearbook signing & Autograph Books in the halls-10:40
11:50am -5th Grade Clap Out

June 17th-report cards mailed home with online registration information & PIV number

Other Reminders:

- Mealtime accounts are paid in full. These charges will follow the student in GAPS. Any money left in Mealtime accounts will be carried over to next school year.
- Return ALL library books.
- Pick up any medication, EpiPens, inhalers, etc. from the office. Unclaimed items disposed on June 17th
- Claim Lost & Found items from front hallway. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity June 17th
- **AUGUST 1ST COMPLETE ONLINE REGISTRATION. You will need the PIV number provided with report cards to access Registrar. Report cards mailed to Contact #1 address. Contact Liberty to request extra report card and address change information.**

Liberty will be CLOSED June 18h