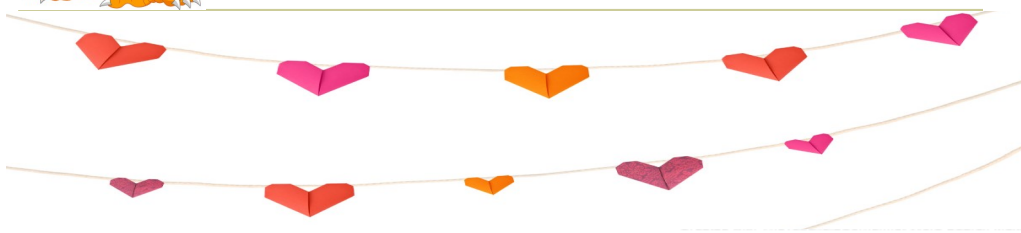




Liberty Elementary

August/September 2019 Newsletter



Liberty Staff Welcomes You Back!

Try to find all the last names of Liberty's 2019-20 staff members.

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TRACY	WILSON			

*Liberty's monthly newsletter will be sent in English and Spanish via PeachJar (e-mail) throughout the school year. A limited amount of paper copies will be available in the office..

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 2345 Liberty St.
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September

- 2 NO SCHOOL/Labor Day
- 3 First day of school 1st-5th
- 4 NO EARLY RELEASE/3:25pm
Kindergarten Interviews
- 5 Kindergarten Interviews
- 6 Kinder class lists posted
Kindergarten Meet Your Teacher—1:30pm
- 9 First day for Kindergarteners
Boys & Girls Club after school care opens
- 10 Liberty Singers Free Open Enrollment—7:45-8:45am
Volunteer Training—6:15pm
PTC meeting—6:30pm
- 11 EARLY RELEASE/2:25pm
- 12 Liberty Singers Free Open Enrollment—7:45-8:45am
MMS Band Night—6:30pm at Memorial Middle School
- 17 Liberty Singers Free Open Enrollment—7:45-8:45am
Boy Scouts Recruitment Night—6:30-7:30pm
- 18 EARLY RELEASE/2:25pm
Curriculum Night—K-2nd—6:30pm, 3rd-5th—6:30-7pm
- 19 Liberty Singers Free Open Enrollment—7:45-8:45am
- 21 Nature Club



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

8am-4pm

School Hours

Grades K-5 8:50-3:25

EVERY Wednesday-early release-2:25

Supervision begins at 8:35am



Turn in to the Liberty Office:

- After School Plan (Required)
- Parent Network Form (optional)
- Kinder—Dental/Hearing/Vision form (required)

NEW! NATURE CLUB

The Liberty Hiking Club is now the Nature Club! In addition to great hikes, there will be opportunities for Liberty families to volunteer together in our community. There are no sign-ups or costs. Look for a Peachjar flyer coming soon with more information!



THANK YOU, PTC!

Thanks to our wonderful PTC, Liberty staff have a new and improved staff lounge! Larger, decorated and comfortable, our staff have a perfect place to enjoy their well deserved breaks. Special thanks to Jana Pierce, Molly Morse and Bernie O'Brien for all their hard work with this project!



CURRICULUM NIGHT/ OPEN HOUSE

Come to Liberty on **September 18th** for curriculum night! This will be an opportunity for parents to see their child's classroom, hear from the teacher what will be taught this year, and ask questions. Grades K-2 will be from 6-6:30pm. Grades 3-5 will be from 6:30-7pm.



PICTURE DAY

ALL Liberty students will have their pictures taken on **October 21st**. These photos will be included in our yearbook, which will be available to purchase later in the school year. 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 to my.lifetouch.com to order. The Liberty Picture Day ID is: FO569155Y0. If you order online, it is helpful to send your student(s) with the online order confirmation.

PARENT NETWORK

There is an optional Parent Network form that is in your Back to School information packet. The Parent Network includes class lists with information such as e-mail and numbers provided with parent permission. The deadline to submit forms to the office is **Sept. 27, 2019** to be included in the parent network. Extra forms are available in the office.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

The Boys and Girls Club of Albany will not be available for after school care **Sept. 4-7th**. Please make alternate after school plans. Sept. 9th will be the first day of after school care.

PTC

Dear Families,
Welcome to Liberty Elementary!
On behalf of the parents and teachers of the Parent Teacher Committee, we would like to invite you to join us for our first PTC meeting, **Tuesday, September 10th, at 6:30 pm**, in the Liberty cafeteria. We would love to meet you!

What is the Liberty PTC? We are a group of volunteer parents who team up with the staff to help support our school through volunteer work, fundraising support, and partnerships.

In addition to supporting the Liberty staff, we arrange activities for the students, pay for assemblies, help families during holidays, create food baskets, plan Family Nights and host the Spring Carnival and Silent Auction. We are excited to support these extra activities and family events at Liberty in ways school budgets no longer can.

There are many ways to get involved. We're hoping to have many volunteers this year. You don't need to feel pressured to over extend yourself with volunteering. **If you helped with just one event, it would make a big difference! Many hands make light work.**

Every month a volunteer gets to decorate the student birthday board in the lobby. If you'd like to sign up for a month to do this, please e-mail the PTC or sign up at the Curriculum Night on September 18th.

We're looking forward to great year!

Sincerely,
Liberty PTC Leadership

President, Jenissa Phillips
jenissa.phillips@yahoo.com

Vice-President, Tichelle Staten

Treasurer, Jana Pierce
janapierce@gmail.com

Secretary, Stephani Simon
chrisandstephani@comcast.net

Welcome Back

Daily Schedule

*The building opens at 8:35am *Instruction starts - 8:50am
 *ALL students arriving after 8:50am MUST report to the office

Kindergarten	8:50-3:25	3rd Grade	8:50-3:25
AM Recess	10:25-10:35	AM Recess	10:25-10:35
Lunch	11:10-11:30	Lunch	11:55-12:15
Recess	11:30-11:50	Recess	12:15-12:35
PM Recess	1:50-2:00	PM Recess	1:50-2:00

1st Grade	8:50-3:25	4th Grade	8:50-3:25
AM Recess	10:25-10:35	AM Recess	10:25-10:35
Recess	11:10-11:30	Lunch	11:55-12:15
Lunch	11:30-11:50	Recess	12:15-12:35
PM Recess	1:50-2:00	PM Recess	1:50-2:00

2nd Grade	8:50-3:25	5th Grade	8:50-3:25
AM Recess	10:25-10:35	AM Recess	10:25-10:35
Recess	11:10-11:30	Recess	11:55-12:15
Lunch	11:30-11:50	Lunch	12:15-12:35
PM Recess	1:50-2:00	PM Recess	1:50-2:00

No PM recess on Wednesdays

*Early Dismissal at 2:25pm EVERY Wednesday (except first & last weeks of school)

APPLYING FOR FREE/REDUCED MEALS

You can now complete an online application in just a few minutes to apply for Free and Reduced meals for the 2019-20 school year! To apply go to: <https://district.ode.state.or.us/apps/frlapp/default.aspx>. You can still use a paper application and can pick one up in the Liberty office. As a reminder, **you must apply each year to renew your free/reduced meals status! If you were approved last year, the deadline to re-apply is October 7th.**



LIBERTY SINGERS

Liberty Singers is an elective choir group that meets before school. It is lead by our music teacher, Mr. Herb, and is open to all 3rd-5th graders. The group will perform concerts throughout the year. The cost is \$35 and scholarships are available upon request. A free, open trial for interested students will be from September 10-26 on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7:45-8:45am on the stage in the Cafeteria. Come join the fun!

Vision, Dental, & Hearing Screening Opportunities—

State law requires the district to collect and/or report the following on students who are 7 years old or younger entering school for the first time.

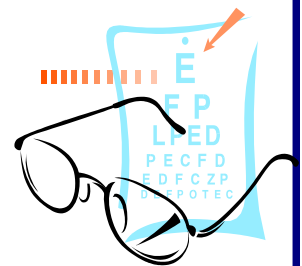
- Dental screening that has been provided within the previous 12 months
- Hearing screening
- Vision screening within 120 days of attendance

Liberty will have the following opportunities for students to be screened:

- The Boys & Girls Club Dental Clinic offer an opportunity to receive a **free dental screening**, priority being given to children who are uninsured or on OHP. Complete green Boys & Girls Club Dental Screen Form and return to the office. You will be contacted once the dental screening date has been set.
- On **October 8th**, 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.
- **February 6th** Kindergarten, 1st and 3rd grade students will have a **hearing screening** at Liberty with the **re-test on March 10th**.

These screenings are made possible by the excellent assistance of the "vision team"—a group of specially trained volunteers from the East Albany Lions. Club. Please be sure to let them know how much we appreciate them!

As a reminder, students that are 7 years of age or younger are now required to have a vision, dental and hearing screening certification on file at the school. This may be a good opportunity to meet this state requirement if not already done.





You can help Liberty Elementary PTC earn donations just by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards card!

Here's how it works:

- ~ Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Liberty Elementary PTC at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. Our non-profit number is LY848.
- ~ Then every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping Liberty earn a donation!
- ~ You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.

Liberty PTC uses donations to help with field trip costs, books, and classroom supplies. Thank you for helping!



We appreciate parents who want to help and support at school in addition to home.

District policy requires all volunteers become familiarized with its volunteer policy. GAPS requires all volunteers to complete a Criminal History Verification application prior to engaging in any volunteer activities.

In order to volunteer at Liberty Elementary:

1. Please go to www.albany.k12.or.us to complete a volunteer application online. Select the "Parents" tab, then select the blue "Volunteer" tab, scroll down to **Criminal Background Check** and select which language you prefer to complete the form in. It takes about 3-5 days to process a volunteer application. This check lasts for 2 years.
2. Principal Day requires a **Liberty volunteer training** for all wanting to volunteer. If you have not attended a volunteer training, please attend the new volunteer training on **September 10th from 6:15-6:30pm**. If you need to be trained, but are unable to attend on Sept. 10th, please contact the office.

If you did the training in years past with either Mrs. Day or Mr. Sipe, please stop by the office to read and sign the 2019-20 form.

Student Parent Handbook Agreement 2019-20

Greater Albany Public School District publishes a District Handbook as well as Liberty Elementary. Both handbooks can be accessed on the district and school websites.

As a way of increasing communication with parents, we ask that you go through these handbooks with your student.

District Student Parent Handbook: <https://albany.k12.or.us/parent-student-handbook>

- Please send a hard copy of the District Student Parent Handbook home with my student.

Liberty Student Parent Handbook: <https://liberty.albany.k12.or.us/parentsandstudents/handbook/>

- Please send a hard copy of the Liberty Student Parent Handbook home with my student.

If you are unable to access online, and would like a hard copy printed, please check your preference above, sign below and return to the Liberty office.

Print Student Name

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Date

Attendance



SAFEOREGON

Hello Parents,

We recognize that creating a safe learning environment is a critical part of helping each child achieve academic success. This year we will introduce the Safe Oregon Tip Line, a new system that students can use to report school safety threats. Safe Oregon will give your child another medium for communicating with our school administration when school safety incidents occur.

How does the Safe Oregon Tip Line work?

Students can access the Safe Oregon system through a link on our school web site or they may go directly to the safeoregon.com web site. Tips can be submitted through the web form on the Safe Oregon web site, or by text, email, live call and mobile app.

Why is there a need for a tip line system?

The number one reason why children do not report is the fear of retaliation from their peers. The Safe Oregon Tip Line can be accessed from the privacy of a phone, home computer or other Internet equipped device, eliminating the possibility of being identified by another student and thus, increasing the likelihood that a school safety threat would go unreported.

I encourage you to learn more about the Tip Line by visiting the Safe Oregon web site at www.safeoregon.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy Day". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.