



Liberty Elementary

November 2019 Newsletter

From the Principal...

Dear Liberty Families,

Happy November! The leaves are turning brilliant colors, mornings are chilly, and students are busy with learning tasks. There is a productive hum of creativity, curiosity, and challenge in the air at Liberty as well!

We had a record Lap-a-Thon fundraiser- over \$15,000.00 this year- which will support activities such as field trips, class projects, chrome-books, and assemblies. Thank you to our Parent Club officers, Jenissa Phillips, Tichelle Staten, Jana Pierce, 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 scan Mileage Club cards.

Speaking of Mileage Club, we finished our fall session on October 23rd. Thank you to all the volunteers who braved the weather to scan cards and cheered on the runners.

A special thanks to Amy Huskey who work many hours on this program as well as the Student Wellness Initiative. She arranged our first Parent Education session about The Importance of Sleep For Children. Jessica Andrews will present on November the 19th and will cover the effects of stress on learning. More information will come closer to the presentation.

Gratitude also goes out to Southpaws Pizza for donating the pizza prize for the Lap-a-Thon \$100 earners and for providing pizza for this year's Eagle Award winners!

Attention, families who use the pick up/drop off loop- We need your help. If you are coming early (early means before 8:30 and 3:20), either to drop off or pick up your child/ren, please park on 24th street or in the parking lot. We are starting to back up traffic on 24th street because of cars parked in the loop as much as 10 minutes before the beginning of the day and 20 minutes before dismissal. Thank you very much for your help!

The district wants to hear from you! We want to be sure to invest the Student Success Act resources in alignment with our community vision. In conjunction with a new [Strategic Plan](#), input from parents, teachers, staff, students, and the community at large will shape the future of Greater Albany Public Schools! Go to: <https://liberty.albany.k12.or.us/2019/10/10/student-success-act-ley-de-exito-estudiantil/> to have your voice heard!

Don't forget to set your clocks back on the 3rd, and thank you for your support and dedication to your children and Liberty Elementary School!

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November

- 3 -Daylight Savings Ends
- "fall back" one hour
- 4 -Character awards at morning assembly—8:45
-All-Star awards—6:30pm at SAHS
- 6 -**Early Release—2:25pm**
- 7 -PTC Wellness presentation "Stress Management" - 5:30pm in the Liberty Cafeteria
- 8 -5th grade Wax Museum—9am in Café/Gym
-Author presentation—2:15-3pm in Cafeteria
- 9 -Nature Club—10am hike at Dimple Hill
- 11 -**NO SCHOOL**
- 12-22 -Liberty Coin/Canned Food Drive
- 12 -PTC Meeting—6:30pm
- 13 -Classified Appreciation
-**Early Release—2:25pm**
- 18-22 -Dress-Up Days
- 20 -**Early Release—2:25pm**
- 27 -Picture Re-takes
-AR Deadline
- 28-29 -**NO SCHOOL**

School District Home Page:
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Liberty Web Page
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Staff e-mail:
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Office Hours
8:00am-4:00pm

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

Supervision begins at 8:35am

Wednesdays students are released at 2:25pm



Thanksgiving

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 basket list or contact Gene Vey of F.A.C.T. at 541-924-3720. Liberty has a coin and canned food drive to help Liberty families with a holiday meal during Thanksgiving.

Mealtime Charges

Many of our students' mealtime accounts currently have negative balances. 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 at 541-967-4578.

Picture Retakes- November 27th



Picture retakes are on Wednesday, November 27th. 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 2019-20 Class Photo and the Yearbook. If your child already had their picture taken and are planning on having retakes please bring the complete, unwanted picture packet to retakes on November 27th.

Stress Presentation

On November 19th the PTC, in conjunction with the School Wellness Program for Children and Families, will be hosting a presentation on managing stress. Jessica Andrew will be talking about the stress response in children, affects of stress on attention, mood and sleep, and strategies families can use to help manage stress. The presentation will be from 5:30-6:30pm in the Liberty Cafeteria. Snacks will be provided.



From PTC

The annual Coin and Canned Food Drive is here! November 12th-22nd Liberty will be collecting canned/boxed food as



FOOD DRIVE

well as money to 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".



Fall Mileage Club was a big success! As a school, the kids ran over 8,400 laps. That's over 2,100 miles! On average, 160 students participated each day. A huge thank you to Amy Huskey for organizing Mileage Club and all the volunteers for helping each week.

We hope to see a lot of you at the next PTC meeting on November 12th!

PTC Board:

President, Jenissa Phillips
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Vice-President, Tichelle Staten

Treasurer, Jana Pierce
janapierce@gmail.com

Secretary, Stephani Simon
chrisandstephani@comcast.net

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

November 12th	February 11th
December 11th	March 10th
January 14th	April 14th
May 12th	

SAVE THE DATE

December 2-6th in North End of Gym



Scholastic Book Fair is coming to

All students & teachers can create "Wish Lists" on Monday, December 2nd 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—8:15-8:45am and 3:20-3:50pm
Wednesday 8:15-8:45am and 2:20-2:50pm
Friday-8:15-8:45am only

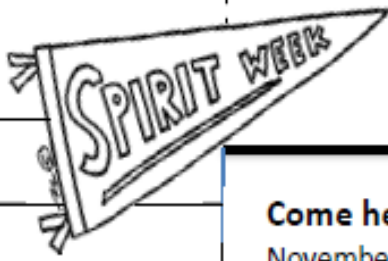
Special hours on Thursday, December 5th from 6:00pm until 1/2 hour after Liberty Singers performance ends.

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.

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LIBERTY COIN/CAN DRIVE & DRESS UP DAYS November 12-22nd

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 18-22nd

Monday, November 18th – RAINBOW DAY


KINDER-wear RED 3rd-wear YELLOW
1st-wear BLUE 4th-wear PURPLE
2nd-wear ORANGE 5th-wear BLUE



Tuesday, November 19th – FLANNEL/PLAID DAY

Wednesday, November 20th – PAJAMA DAY (NO slippers please)

Thursday, November 21st – CRAZY HAIR/MISMATCH DAY

Friday, November 22nd – OSU  vs. U of O



Class Food Drive Competition - November 12-22

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. 22nd. Please bring food items to the classroom to be counted.



OSU & U of O Coin Collection Competition - November 12-22nd

The Civil War coin drive allows students to show their support for either the Beavers or the Ducks leading up to the Civil War football game (November 30th). No prizes will be awarded, just bragging rights. The last day to contribute to the coin drive is Nov. 22nd. Bring your coins/cash to the office to put in the Beavers or Ducks coin jar. All money collected will be used to purchase Thanksgiving meals for Liberty families in need.



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