



# Liberty Elementary

## March 2020 Newsletter

**Liberty Elementary**  
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### *From the Principal...*

Dear Liberty Families,

February ended with beautiful sunshine, which brought out the daffodils and lots of recesses out on the playground. I want to thank everyone for the well wishes on my retirement at the end of the school year. It was a VERY difficult decision, but in the end, the right one for my family. On Tuesday, March 10th, at 6:30 pm, before the Parent Club meeting, Sue Luthra, the elementary director for the district, will give parents the opportunity to share their hopes for my successor.

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, we will have Albany Fire and Police Department personnel reading Dr. Seuss books to students on Monday, March 2nd. Thank you to the Parent Club for providing and distributing birthday cake for Dr. Seuss's birthday March 2nd. This is such a fun week for staff and students!

The Parent Club is sponsoring our first Family Movie Night of the year on March 6th. Our feature will be Frozen II. *Thank you to the volunteers who will be there to sell popcorn, water, and other items.*

Thank you to Amy Huskey who will, once again, organize and facilitate Mileage Club starting March 30th. She already has many volunteers signed up to scan student cards, but if you'd like to help as well, sign up in the office. Thank you, Amy, for all your work on Liberty's Wellness program!

Thank you, families, for donating over 130 reams of paper so far! Our goal is 300, so we are almost to the halfway mark. If you would still like to donate, our PTC paper drive runs through the 6th of March.

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. 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.

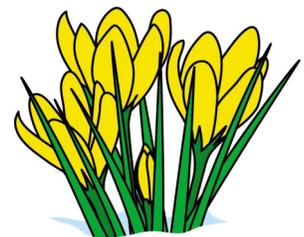
Spring break is the 23rd - 27th this year. I hope families will be able to spend time together, reading, playing games, walking in nature, or getting away and out of town. This is also a fantastic opportunity to check on student school supplies.

Happy Spring!

*Tracy*

### March

- 2-6 - Dr. Seuss Week
- 2 - Character Award for Fairness—8:45am
- 4 - **Early Release—2:25pm**
- 5 - Spelling Contest—12pm
- 6 - AR Deadline
- Spring Pictures—9:30am
- Invention Convention (5th) 9-10:30am in Gym
- Movie Night (Frozen 2—6pm in Cafeteria
- 7 - Nature Club—10am at Peavy Arboretum
- 10 - Hearing Re-screening
- PTC Meeting (new principal input)—6:30pm
- 11 - **Early Release—2:25pm**
- 14 - iRun—9am at WAHS track
- 17 - Liberty Singers performance—6:30pm in Caf 
- 18 - **Early Release—2:25pm**
- 19 - 3rd grade Insect displays—2:15-3:15pm
- 23-27 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:**

first.lastname@albany.k12.or.us

Office Hours

8am-4pm

School Hours

8:50-3:25 Grades K-5

EVERY Wednesday—early release at 2:25pm

**Supervision begins 8:35am**

### March 6th Spring Pictures

Spring pictures will be taken on Friday, March 6th. 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 Lifetouch. You can go online at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) to purchase pictures. Picture ID# EVT7K68FQ.

### Registration for 2020-21 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.

### Look For the Good Program

From February 18th to the 28th, Liberty engaged in the "Look For the Good" program, mostly led by 5th graders and Mr. Tracy. The Look for the Good® Program is a two-week, school-wide gratitude and kindness campaign where students and staff work together to uplift their school community. Students and staff really got involved by posting thankful notes and giving "you matter" cards to others. Visit this site for more information and instructional resources for parents and staff: <https://lookforthegood.mykajabi.com/> teacherprep.



**ADMIT ONE**

**Liberty Movie Night**

Friday,  
March 6th  
6:00pm  
Liberty Cafeteria

**FREE**

Students must be accompanied by an adult.  
Bring a comfortable chair or blanket.

Concessions will be available

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### From PTC

Hello Liberty Parents!

It's that time of year to start planning the SPRING CARNIVAL which will be in early May. We are looking for VOLUNTEERS. If you are able to help us out, please respond by contacting Jenissa 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.

**PTC Meetings at 6:30pm-Cafeteria:**  
March 10th, April 14th, & May 12th

Liberty PTC Leadership  
President, Jenissa Phillips  
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Vice-President, Tichelle Staten

Treasurer, Jana Pierce  
[janapierce@gmail.com](mailto:janapierce@gmail.com)

Secretary, Stephani Simon  
[chrisandstephani@comcast.net](mailto:chrisandstephani@comcast.net)

### Corvallis Knights Reading Club

Liberty students will have the opportunity to earn Corvallis Knights baseball tickets while becoming stronger readers! For the months of April and May students can log their minutes read each day. Any student who reaches the goal of 20 hours will receive two seats to a Knights game and be invited onto the field to participate in a pre-game parade. Thank you for supporting and encouraging your child to read!



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### iRun for Kids - March 14th

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 18th year. The race will begin at 9am and will start and finish at the West Albany High School stadium. Prizes for the largest percentage of participants in a school: 1st place gets \$500 & Southpaws pizza party for participants, 2nd place gets Dutch Bros. party for the race participants. Visit <http://www.albanypublicschoolsfoundation.org/> for more information.



## Dr. Seuss Birthday Week March 2-6<sup>th</sup>

Liberty is celebrating the birthday of Dr. Seuss and the love of reading. We will have dress up days all week.

Monday, March 2



**RED, WHITE & BLACK DAY (WEAR RED, WHITE & BLACK)**

Dr. Seuss Birthday-Read Across America Day

Dr. Seuss cake served at lunch 11:10-12:35

\*There will be a gluten free option. Please let the office know in advance so that we can have

Tuesday, March 3

**Pajama Day-** For a sleepover, slumber party or going to bed, come to school in your pajamas instead. No slippers please.

Wednesday, March 4

**Dress Like your Favorite Dr. Seuss Book Character Day OR Wacky Hair Wednesday**

Thursday, March 5

**Thing 1 & Thing 2-Twin Day-** Dress like a twin and join the crew OR be like Thing 3 and dress in BLUE



Friday, March 6

A sombrero, baseball cap, or even a beret, its  
**"Wear Any Kind of Hat Day"**  
Invention Convention-9-10:30am  
Spring Pictures on the stage starting at 9:30am



*The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. —Dr. Seuss*