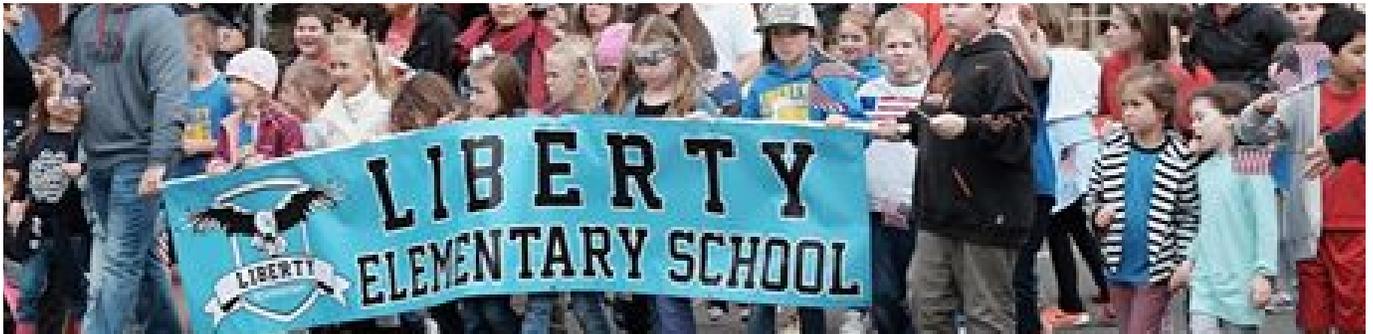


LIBERTY SPRING NEWS

MAY/JUNE 2020 LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL DAY

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Well, what a crazy, unexpected spring we are having! This is NOT how I thought I would spend my last few months at Liberty. I am so sad that I won't be able to say farewell in person to all of the remarkable, kind, generous, courageous students, parents, and staff.

Perseverance is May and June's character trait. At Liberty we define it as not giving up. It is persistence and tenacity, the effort required to do something and keep doing it through completion, even if it's hard. It is having a growth mindset. As we continue with distance learning, encouraging students to persevere when things get challenging will be especially important. Parents, right now you are doing the heavy lifting with your children and you need to know how much your perseverance is admired and recognized by staff. This isn't an easy time, but you all are working hard. Way to go!

May is usually a month full of fun activities at Liberty! Although we won't be able to go on field trips, have the school carnival, or celebrate 5th grade promotion all together at the building, we are planning a few activities in their place (socially distant, of course!). Mr. Nazarian will host the online "Talent Show", Mr. Herb will share a Liberty Singers collaboration virtual "concert", and we will honor our 5th graders with a combo of video and neighborhood parade. More to come soon on all of these activities.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Liberty paper drive! We collected over 400 reams of paper, which will be very helpful next year, with a decrease

in Liberty's general fund budget. Thank you also to our Parent Club officers and volunteers who put in so many hours organizing this year's events, such as the Lap-a-Thon, the birthday bulletin board, and Dr. Suess's birthday celebration. We have the best Parent Club and group of volunteers!

May 4th - 8th was Teacher Appreciation Week. I, for one, am so grateful for the outstanding teachers we have at Liberty. They are passionate about student growth and learning, and they put their all into helping all students succeed. Thank you to those families who took a moment to show them appreciation. They are teaching in such a new way this spring, but they are rising to the challenge! Thank you, amazing, creative Liberty Teachers!

A warm welcome to Bob Daugherty, Liberty's new principal! Mr. Daugherty is a seasoned professional who has spent 34 years in education. Graduating from Western Oregon University for his undergraduate work, and earning his masters from Linfield College, he has worked as a teacher in Scio, and assistant principal and then principal in Albany. Mr. Daugherty brings a love of learning, an understanding of the importance of school family, and the knowledge of best educational practice to Liberty.

I want to thank EVERYONE for making my three years at Liberty the best. I hope to see you all next year, volunteering and helping the new principal when needed. This is truly an amazing school community and I am so thankful I could be a part of it.

Sincerely,
Tracy



Liberty Elementary

Kindergarten 2020-21 Enrollment

We would like to welcome all *incoming* kindergarten to Liberty Kindergarten Enrollment. There are 3 Steps to registration for the 2020-21 school year:

1. Complete Online Registration-<https://albany.k12.or.us/parents/online-registration>
2. E-mail tara.thompson@albany.k12.or.us remaining required Liberty registration paperwork.
3. Apply for Free & Reduced Meals

Please return the following **REQUIRED** items for registration for 2020-21:

- Student Enrollment Addendum
- School Messenger Texting Opt In form
- Mealtime Balance Permission Form
- **PROOF OF PHYSICAL ADDRESS**-GAPS students **MUST** to provide Proof of Physical Address- must include name and residential address on one of the following: **current** (within 30 days) utility bill stating the service address, rental/lease agreement, property tax bill, or home purchase documents. Documents only stating the mailing address are not acceptable.
- **Proof of Student Age** (examples: state birth certificate, state medical card showing date of birth, pediatrician immunization records, hospital certificate of live birth, proof of age from Social Security office) Must be 5 on or before September 1, (Oregon State Law for 1st grade--child must be 6 before Sept. 1). This requirement follows Greater Albany Public School District School Board Policy JEBA. If a child's birthday is between September 2 and October 1 a parent may request early entry information. The Early Entry form (GAPS District School Board Policy JEBA-AR) must be submitted to the District Office by the end of June 2020.
- **Current Immunizations**
Most up to date immunizations. Your doctor's office can fax immunizations to Liberty at 541-924-3710
Attn: Tara

Mail to:

OR

Scan documents & email

tara.thompson@albany.k12.or.us

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY

2345 Liberty St SW

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Due to social distancing we will collect registration information via mail or email. More information will come if we are able to host a Kindergarten Orientation at the school at a later date. Please contact tara.thompson@albany.k12.or.us if you have any questions or concerns.

2020-21 REGISTRATION FOR 1ST-5TH GRADES

Online Registration opens August 1 for returning students; returning students are students who were enrolled at GAPS at the end of last school year. New students should contact the school for enrollment information. There are 3 Steps to registration for the 2020-21 school year:

- Complete Online Registration
- Apply for Free & Reduced Meals, Deposit Mealtime Money
- Attend School Registration

Online registration can be found on the GAPS website:

<https://albany.k12.or.us/parents/online-registration>

2020-21 TRANSFERS

Due to the current school closure the March - April window has been closed and will reopen in July. All March requests will be moved to the July window. If you'd like to request a transfer to a school other than your "home" school, you can make that request, in July, at: <https://albany.k12.or.us/parents/transfer-requests>.



DISTANCE LEARNING

With the "Stay Home Save Lives" order has come a lot of changes. Learning from home has been an adjustment for students, school



staff, as well as parents. A lot of families feel the stress of this new way of living and can feel overwhelmed.

Please remember that **students only need to complete the assigned**

workbook pages. We hope everyone can focus on staying safe and hopeful. We are so proud of all our students and their guardians for adapting during this uncertain time. Keep up the good work!

BOND UPDATE

This summer at Liberty Elementary there will be several large projects occurring.

Mechanical heating equipment replacement, a complete new roof, a new coiling fire door, domestic water pipe replacement and some restroom modernization.



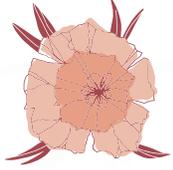
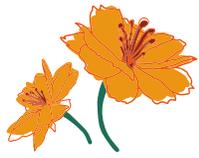
For the exterior of the building roofing will be done working closely with the mechanical upgrades in order to install new rooftop heating units. Inside the building, the school will be getting a new gender-neutral restroom, along with ADA upgrades to the east wing restrooms. Along with the ADA upgrades, the east wing restrooms will also be getting brand new fixtures, stalls, finishes, and lighting. Along with the restroom renovations will be the replacement of existing galvanized water lines with new copper and plastic lines. In order to accomplish some of the water line changes the plaster ceiling will be removed from the west wing of the school, allowing access to replace the galvanized pipes above. The ceiling will be replaced with a new drop tile ceiling with new light fixtures. Also, a new front entrance will be constructed to provide better access to the parent drop-of loop that was constructed last summer.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

FISH needs donation of: money, pasta/sauce, rice, cereal, tuna, chicken or beef ramen, stuff for snack packs (Granola bars, fruit snacks, fruit cups, ramen, single bags of crackers/cookies etc. any individually wrapped single serve snack.). Contact FISH at <http://www.fishofalbany.com> or 541-928-4460.

RESOURCES

- **Grab and Go sack breakfast and lunches for all kids (children need not be present) :**
<https://albany.k12.or.us/district/covid-19-closure-meals>
- **FACT (Families and Community Together) - complete list of assistance resources :**
<https://albany.k12.or.us/media/2020/04/COVID-19-Crisis-Resource-List-for-Families.pdf>
- **Albany Oregon Response and Recovery during Covid19:**
Albany.recovers.org
- **Linn County Mental Health:**
<https://www.linncountyhealth.org/mh>
- **Announcements, stories read by staff and more on Facebook:**
https://www.facebook.com/pg/lesptc/photos/?tab=album&album_id=181421692053648&ref=page_internal
- **Distance Learning resources:**
<https://albany.k12.or.us/district/remote-education-resources>



Thank You, TEACHERS!



May 4-8 is Teacher Appreciation Week!
Teachers at Liberty are amazing! We can't celebrate in person, but we can show our appreciation in other ways. Whether it be e-mail or a message on the Liberty PTC facebook page, we can show our support.
Thank you, teachers!



TALENT SHOW

This is the time of year that we would typically be starting to practice for the annual Liberty Talent Show. We may not be able to all be together at school right now, but that doesn't mean we can't share our talents with our school community. So we've decided that we are still going to move forward with the talent show, it just looks a little different. **If you would like to, and you have your parents' permission, you can be in the Liberty Talent Show!** For the next four weeks, you can brainstorm what talent you want to share and practice at home. You can display your talents by yourself, with your family, or with your pet. You can share any talent you want; singing, dancing, telling jokes, teaching your dog tricks, whatever. When you've mastered your talent and you're ready to share, have your parents record you and post it on our Liberty PTC Facebook page on June 1st. There are no auditions. All Liberty students that want to be in our virtual talent show are welcome. Thanks in advance to everyone who participates and shares. We can't wait to see all of the great performances from the comfort of our homes on June 1st!"



5TH GRADE PROMOTION

Normally, we'd be getting ready to celebrate the culmination of elementary school with our 5th graders. After six years of being elementary students, our kids are ready to be middle-schoolers! This is a big achievement and milestone for students, parents and the school staff. We'd still like to celebrate the 5th graders...it will just look different this year.

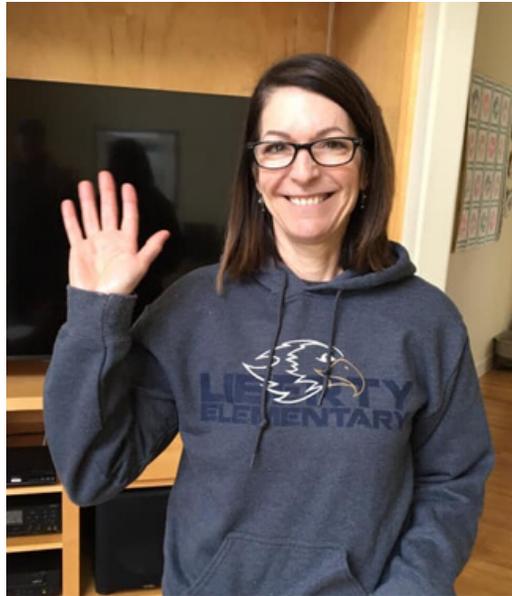
Parents and guardians, this is what we'll need from you:

- **By May 15th**, E-mail a baby picture of your student to tara.thompson@albany.k12.or.us (This will be included in a slideshow)
- **May 20th/21st**, a graduation cap will be dropped off at your house. Take a picture of your student wearing it and send it to tara.thompson@albany.k12.or.us by **May 27th**.

More information coming soon! Thank you to those willing to participate!

FYI

- Join the Liberty staff and students for a virtual **Spirit Week June 1-5th** on the [Liberty Elementary PTC](#) facebook page.
- PTC will host a silent auction in the fall. Stay tuned for more information...
- Report cards will be send home in the mail mid-June.
- Want to create a unique journal for your child? Here's a template for one, created especially for this time in history: [My Covid-19 2020 Memory Book](#)



THANK YOU,

Mrs. Day!

You have been a fantastic principal at Liberty! We are all going to miss you and wish you the best in your retirement.

ONE MORE THING...



"Whether it's 6 miles. 6 inches.....or 6 feet. I miss you all the same."
~Mrs. Marshall



"Perseverance ~ The greater the obstacle, the greater the glory in overcoming it." ~Mrs. Gibbs



"Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all." (Dale Carnegie) ~Mrs. Day



"You can't put a limit on anything. The more you dream, the farther you get." (Michael Phelps)
~Mrs. Crockett



"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself Any direction you choose." (Dr. Seuss from the book Oh, the Places You'll Go!) ~Mrs. Baker



"Keep moving!"
~Mrs. Moore



"You are awesome!"
~Mrs. Pierce



"There's no such thing as the right time. There's just time and what you choose to do with it."
~Mrs. Nazarian



"We're all going through a really hard time, but if you take it one day at a time and keep on trying, it will be over before you know it! I miss you all!"
~Mr. Tracy



"I miss my students so much but I'm so proud of their hard work and perseverance! First graders rock!"
~Mrs. Vargas



"Whether you think you can, or think you can't, you are right" (Henry Ford) "Remember, mindset is everything, how you feel about things shapes how they turn out, so always look for the positive."
~Mrs. Mattingly



"Be thankful for the challenges in your life. They are the make up of who you will become and make you stronger."
~Mr. Nazarian



"I am proud of all of you!"
~Mr. Spangler



"I sure miss First Grade and our Liberty family!"
~Mrs. Robinson



"Love never fails. Learn to love yourself and to love others!"
~Mrs. Koontz



"I miss you all every day! Stay safe and have fun!! We will be together again soon."
~Mrs. Dempsey



"Fall seven times and stand up eight."
~Mrs. Rider

"Your life is as good as your mindset." (anon)
~Mrs. Talsma