



Liberty Elementary

Oct/Nov 2022 Newsletter

From the Principal...

Dear Liberty Parents and Guardians,

We are off to a fantastic start here at Liberty this year! We are doing everything that we can to get back to a normal year of school! The students are settling in well to the new rhythms of having less change in their lives.

Fall is upon us and the weather will start to become rainy! **Even when it is rainy, we will be outside under the cover every day, rain or shine.** Please ensure that your students have warm things to wear outside and a spare pair of socks in their backpacks in case of wet toes due to puddles on the blacktop.

I am so thankful for your patience as we tweak the routines for arrival and dismissal here at Liberty. I'd like to thank the City of Albany for painting the curbs on 24th Street and installing new parking and non-parking areas so that our traffic patterns can be more safe! We can dismiss the whole school in under 10 minutes now!

Please don't forget that students need to **arrive at 8:40**, and that **school starts at 8:50am**. So please try to have your students here at 8:40 if they will be eating breakfast with us.

Thank you to those of you who attended our volunteer training on Sept. 20th. We had about 30 volunteers sign up to help around the school! I appreciate your willingness to pitch in and be a part of our community! We are so excited to work with you this year. If you would like to volunteer, please see the volunteer section of this newsletter or visit our [website](#).

Our Lap-A-Thon was a wonderful experience and success! All students ran at least 2 laps and most students ran more than a mile! I ran about 10 miles and got in 27,000 steps that day! We all had a great time, and we raised \$21,024! Thanks to your support and the PTC! We would not have been able to do this without the support of the PTC. Would you like to get involved? We have our meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Come and join us! **We will be having a PJ Party for the whole school on Friday, October 21st!!**

Check out our video from the Lap-A-Thon: <https://youtu.be/ySDzVA4pxhE>

Parent/Teacher Conferences are November 15th, 16th and 17th. Please look for important information coming soon from your teacher about how to sign up for your conference. This is an important opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, understand where your student is academically and socially, and learn how you can best support them! I want to thank you in advance for attending and being an essential part of your child's school team.

Happy October!
Thanks for investing in your students!
Jodi Dodd

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Important Dates

October

- 14 Picture Day—AM only
- 3rd & 4th Swim Lessons-Last Day
- Assembly—2:45pm
- 18 Bus Evacuation Drill
- 19 Early Release—2:25pm
- 21 PAJAMA DAY!!/Lap-a-thon Pizza Day
- 26 Early Release—2:25pm
- 28 Harvest Day Assembly

November

- 2 Early Release—2:25pm
- 6 Daylight Savings—FALL back 1 hour
- 7 All-Star Awards—6-9pm at SAHS
- 8 PTC meeting—6:30pm
- 9 Early Release—2:25pm
- 10 **NO SCHOOL/Grading Day**
- 11 **NO SCHOOL/Veterans Day**
- 14 Picture Re-takes—AM only
- 14-18 Classified Appreciation Week
- 15 Conferences—4-7pm
- 16 Conferences—4-7pm
- 17 Conferences—8-12 & 12:30-4pm
- 17-18 **NO SCHOOL**
- 21 Hearing Screening—AM
- 24-25 **NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving**
- 27 Vision Screening—AM

Staff e-mail:

first.lastname@albany.k12.or.us

Office Hours

8am-4pm

School Hours

8:50am-3:25pm Grades K-5

Wednesday Early Release

8:50am-2:25pm

(Supervision begins at 8:40am)

Liberty Links:

[Website](#) [Handbook /Calendar](#)
[Facebook](#) [Liberty Guidelines](#)
[ParentSquare](#)





We Love Our Classified Staff!

November 14-18th is Classified Staff Appreciation week!

Our Educational Assistants are phenomenal! Every single person takes such great care of Liberty students. We are so thankful for their dedication!

Liberty SEA'S:

Angela Sally	Summer Conn
Uli Nazarian	Lynette Schehen
Angela Lien	Trish Wilson
Andy Juarez	Chloe Mote
Caroline Sullivan	Kristy Downer
Morgan Simonson	Mackenzie Lamm
Erin Talsma	Katie Beasley
Les Spangler	Tami Dawson
Bernie O'Brien	

Volunteering

Are you ready to help? Great!

Step 1 – Read and follow directions on: [Greater Albany Public Schools](#) (Make sure you complete the [Criminal Background Check](#)!

Step 2 – Complete the Liberty Elementary Volunteer Training. Miss the in-person training? [Email](#) or [call the Liberty office](#) and ask for the training video.

Water Safety

3rd and 4th graders have had the wonderful opportunity this year to have FREE water safety and swim lessons for the last 2 weeks! Friday 14th is the final day.



Reminder:

Does your student have a fever 100.4 or over or thrown up in the last 48 hours? They will need to remain home. Thank you for helping to stop the spread of illness!



Picture Day is FRIDAY 14th

ALL Liberty students will have their pictures taken on **October 14th in the A.M.** These photos will be included in our yearbook, which will be available online at

<https://portraitmasters3120.simplephoto.com/prepay/44959273?code=LESA1022>.

Picture packets were sent home last week. Make sure your child is present on picture day! Picture re-takes will be on Mon, November 14th—AM only



Picture Day!

Conferences

Liberty's Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up **November 15th & 16th (4-7pm) & the 17th (8am-4pm)** Look for your student's teacher to be sending out info to SIGN-UP for conference times. Please be prepared by keeping your appointment time, showing up slightly early, and being ready with questions for the teacher.



Attendance

At Liberty we have a focus on having excellent attendance. Students should

miss no more than 8 days of school for the entire year, unless they have a medical reason. Please plan appointments after school, on days off, or on Wednesdays after 2:25pm. You can find more info as well as a tracking tool on page 8 of the [Parent Calendar Handbook](#). Liberty school calendar at <https://liberty.albany.k12.or.us/calendar/>

Thanksgiving

If your family could use some help with food this holiday season, please let us know by emailing the office at:



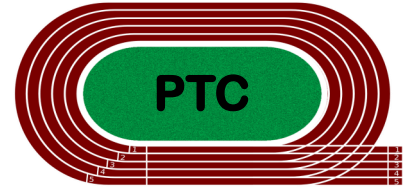
Hearing Screening

Nov. 21st in AM

Your child needs to be here for these dates!

Vision Screening

Nov. 28th 9:20-10:10



Liberty's main fundraiser every year is the annual **Lap-A-Thon** which was held Oct 6th. This is always a really fun opportunity for kids to raise money for their school, earn prizes and get some exercise. 100% of the money earned goes straight to PTC. The Liberty PTC funds field trips, classroom upgrades and supplies, and so much more! Our goal this year was for Liberty to raise \$10,000. **We ended up raising over \$20,000!!!** Thank you to all who donated and volunteered!

Birthday Board- We are looking for one parent each month to create a birthday bulletin board at the school. This needs to be completed during the first week of the month you choose. Mrs. Schehen will email you the list of students for the month. The link to sign up is below!

[Birthday board sign up](#)

Please remember that all volunteers must be vaccinated and have a district background check completed. Thank you!

Interested in being a part of the PTC? Join us! Meetings are held 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm in the Liberty Cafeteria.

Upcoming meetings:
November 9th
December 13th

Your 2022-23 PTC Board:

President: Jessica Wang
Vice President: Melissa Turk
Secretary: Alicia Hayzlett
Treasurer: Casey Carney