

# The Liberty Elementary STEM Magnet School Newsletter

"2016, 2018 & 2019 National Magnet School of Excellence" & "2002-2018 Golden School Award"



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## *A Message from Our Principal*

Dear Liberty Family:

This month, our students have been busy preparing for the upcoming FSA assessments for grades 3-5. Our teachers are working hard to remediate and/or enrich grade level standards.

Our ELO tutoring sessions are underway. Selected students have the opportunity to participate in after school ELA, Math, or Science tutoring sessions.

Our PTA Valentine's Dance was a success. Our students, parents, and staff members enjoyed a fun evening of food, music, and dancing.

Our K, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students have been working hard to prepare themselves for our end of the year reading assessment while enjoying several field trips and hand-on science activities.

Thank you again for your continued support.

*-Matthew Whaley, Principal*

## *Liberty PTA Updates*

The 2019-2020 yearbooks are on sale now through March 20th for the presale price of \$25. Order your child's copy today before they run out. Yearbooks will arrive in May 2020.

You can order online at:

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/libertyelementarypta>

We still have spirit shirts available for purchase for \$10. If you are interested, please fill out an order form available in the front office or you can order on the cheddarup website.

Download the Box Tops app on your smartphone and sign up for an account to scan your receipts so Liberty receives credit for your purchases.

The PTA store is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 7:30 - 8:25 am. Yearbooks and t-shirts can also be ordered during these times.

## *IMPORTANT DATES*

**February 27<sup>th</sup>**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Frost Museum

**February 28<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Trip to Bedner's Farm

**March 5<sup>th</sup>**

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade STEM Field Trip

**March 9<sup>th</sup>- March 13<sup>th</sup>**

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade CogAT Testing

**March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Kindergarten STEM Field Trip

**March 11<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade STEM Field Trip

**March 12<sup>th</sup>**

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade STEM Field Trip

**March 13<sup>th</sup>**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade STEM Field Trip

**March 17<sup>th</sup>**

Teacher Planning Day

**NO SCHOOL**

**March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Literacy Night @ 6:30pm

in Cafeteria

**March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Early Release

Dismissal @ 12:30pm

**March 20<sup>th</sup>**

Teacher Planning Day

**NO SCHOOL**

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>-March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**SPRING BREAK!!!**

**March 30<sup>th</sup>**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade STEM Field Trip

### *Become A Liberty Volunteer!*

All volunteers must register online at:

<https://webapp.browardschools.com/sbbc/volunteer/VolunteerForm.aspx>

For questions or more info

Call Ms. Robuste @ 754-322-6777



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### *February's Kids Of Character*

#### *Kindergarten*

Laila Tomlinson  
Tangim Rahman  
Emely Baires  
Neheima Lamothe  
Olive Reagan-Garcia  
Sophia Bryce  
Hailey Zetrenne  
Penelope Cromartie

#### *First*

Samaiya Harrideo  
Kailee Rivera-Colon  
D'Jonson Jean Baptiste  
Tracy Molina  
Matthew Cambrana  
Naomi Coelho  
Josiah Davidson  
London Vernon

#### *Second*

Misau Alarcon-Mendez  
Mark Matrin  
Ma;riyah Hanes  
Chelsea Pierre  
Janat Cherkoavi  
Stephany Medeiros-Flores  
Iyawana Foster  
Krysta Flores

#### *Third*

Anila Zaman  
Jensen Latorre-Ortiz  
Zacai Eubanks  
Anthony Chung  
Isaiah Morales  
Dexter Jenkins  
Aliyah Roldan  
Patrick Omelait

#### *Fourth*

Eriny Yani  
Xavier Robinson  
Jeremiah Saintfleur  
Carlo Cromartie  
Isai Velazquez  
Colin Nelson  
Joshua Storheim

#### *Fifth*

Ian Barrera Mata  
Maiya Bracy  
Riley Valdes  
Jesus Paez  
Kaleigh Jordine  
Maria Anez  
Dario Hyancinthe  
Aiden Ramirez

## ~ Kindergarten ~

As February draws near we are more than halfway through the year! We have been learning about matter - solids, liquids and gas while having fun at recess and running through the grass. February brings groundhogs day. Will Punxsutawney see his shadow when he comes out on Sunday? We will learn about taking care of our teeth, using floss, and brushing but no rushing. Then comes Valentines or friendship day, we will share special cards that have kind words to say. In Math it's numbers eleven and up. We will count, show and write them and practice at home with our pup! In February we honor a few of the presidents who helped to build our county and form our great nation. After all this learning, we could sure use a vacation! Our phonics lessons have been teaching us a lot. Sight words, short vowels, and different word endings. And of course lots of rhyiming and blending. A short month it is and busy we will be - we hope you love the projects we will bring home for you to see!

## ~ First Grade ~

February is definitely a time that first graders love. This month we are going to participate in field day. In science we are also going to begin talking about parts of plants and how they grow. This will lead up to our big field trip to Bedner's Farm where we will learn about farming produce in Florida. The students will hopefully get to pick strawberries too! We talk a lot about kindness in the month of February and will think about what it means to be kind and a good friend around Valentine's Day. In reading we are beginning to move towards 2nd grade and working on understanding the stories we read as well as making connections to those stories. Looking forward to a great month ahead!

## ~ Second Grade ~

Hello Families! Second grade is getting ready for a very busy and exciting month. During the month of February, we will be working very hard on mastering second grade standards and preparing for our upcoming field trip to Flamingo Gardens. In the area of social studies, our students will be evaluating the contributions of various African Americans to the history of America and the world. They also will be defining and applying the characteristics of responsible citizenship and identifying ways citizens can make a positive contribution in their community. Therefore, we will be reinforcing kindness, empathy, equity, fairness, and responsibility. In language arts, we will be identifying the central message and point of view of characters. In writing, we will continue to learn how to write informational texts using text evidence. In the area of science, we will be learning about how matter changes and different forms of energy. Three-digit addition and subtraction will be the area of focus for Mathematics.

## ~ Third Grade ~

In the month of February, the 3rd grade will be working hard on reviewing previously taught standards in both reading and math. Using the data from BSA test results, each class will strengthen the weakest standards with the use of games, collaborative work, centers and one on one remediation. In Science, we will learn about plants and their part functions. In Math, we are wrapping up the unit on Fractions and moving on to our study of Geometry. With FSA around the corner, all third grade classes are working extremely hard and utilizing every second of instructional time with hopes of maximum success for each student on their FSA tests.

## ~ Fourth Grade ~

Fourth grade is getting ready for the upcoming FSA assessments in April and May. In reading and math we are working on remediating benchmarks identified by the Broward Standards Assessment that we took in January. This assessment helped us to identify the standards the students were strong in and the ones we need some more practice with. In reading we are currently working to identify the point of view from which stories are told. In writing we are working analyzing opinion prompts, identifying text-based evidence that supports our opinion to help answer the prompt, and using that information to write four paragraph essays. In math we are finishing up our chapter on geometry and will soon begin our chapter on fractions. Fourth Grade had an AMAZING time on their field trip to LEGOLAND and is thankful to everyone who chaperoned to help make this trip possible. Students enjoyed using computer software to program Mars Rovers to complete tasks during their STEM class, as well as all the rides and shows they got to experience!

## ~ Fifth Grade ~

Fifth grade has finished taking the BSA in January. Now that we have the results, we are diligently working towards becoming proficient in all areas being tested on the upcoming FSA and FCAT! The FSA Writing, Reading, Math, and Science tests are fast approaching, so your child should continue reading a variety of texts 25 minutes or more each night, go on [ixl.com](http://www.ixl.com) to reinforce reading and math skills, and for science use the study guide to complete the nightly review. In addition to reinforcing these skills for the tests, this will prepare them for all the Middle School programs we have been learning about.

We are very excited to have an opportunity to travel to the Frost Museum in Miami! We look forward to expanding our knowledge not only in science but also in technology, engineering, and math. During the trip we will be exploring the many interactive and educational exhibits they have to offer.



# Day of Service and Love

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## *Community Members & Parents*

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