

The Liberty Elementary STEM Magnet School Newsletter

“2016 National Magnet School of Excellence!”

August 2017

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Liberty Elementary is Proud to Be a Title I School

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Important Dates:

August:

- 23 PTA Membership drive begins
- 25 First Day Packet online forms due
- 30 Open House (Pre-School, Gr. K-2) @ 6-7:30pm

September:

- 4 **No School/Labor Day**
- 6 Open House for Grade 3-5 Parents @ 6-7:30pm
- 13 PTA Ice Cream Social & Volunteer Orientation
6pm (Cafeteria)
- 14 **Early Release Day/Dismissal @ 12:30pm**

Mark Your Calendar!



Message from Administration:

Happy August! Welcome back students and Liberty families! This is our monthly newsletter. Our newsletter is distributed the first Thursday of each month and contains important dates, highlights progress and programs, and recognizes student and staff achievements. The first days of school were very successful and now we're on our way! We hope you had a wonderful summer and we know you're ready for a great school year. Our Principal Meet & Greet/Drop-In were well attended, biggest ever! It was wonderful to see so many families and students. We are very proud to announce that the hard work of our students, staff and families during the 2016-2017 school year resulted in a National Magnet School of Excellence award, increased FSA ELA, Science & Math scores, completion of STEM Magnet Year #4 and earning a Golden School award. Even with these gains, we've planned through the summer and set even higher school goals. Further, we're thrilled to announce that many new computers have been added to classrooms along with a new café sound system with plans to add a new marquee, a new media production system and add new TVs in every classroom this year! During the first days of school, all students were given a first day packet. Please take time to read all of this important information, fill out the requested forms, and complete online acknowledgements by Friday. We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming Open House & PTA Meeting/Volunteer Orientation. Please support the PTA by becoming a member and supporting upcoming PTA fundraiser. Together, we will have another fantastic school year where we're "Superheroes" Be sure to visit our website: liberty.browardschools.com, follow us on Twitter at @libertyelschool and text @2488b4 to 81010 to join our texting group for announcements and photos.

-David J. Levine, Principal

Open House Schedule:

Grade (Pre-School-K-1-2) Parents

Wednesday, August 30

@ 6-7:30pm

Grade (3-4-5) Parents

Wednesday, September 6

@ 6-7:30pm

**Join Liberty's
Text Messaging Group:
Text @2488b4 to 81010**



Information from Margate Resource Officer Hernandez: Back to School Safety Tips

ATTENTION PARENTS & STUDENTS

As the 2017-2018 school year begins, it is important to follow the Liberty Elementary School car loop and parking lot safety protocols. It is very important to Margate Police Department and the staff of Liberty Elementary that everyone is safe and the rules are followed. Parents: Please discuss the morning and afternoon dismissal Do's & Don'ts with your children. Flyers are available in the office.

“Think Safe, Ride Safe, Be Safe...”

Thank you.

Liberty Elementary School Resource Officer Hernandez



**Parents: Be sure to attend our
Volunteer Orientation & PTA Meeting
(Ice Cream Social)
Wednesday, September 13th @ 6:00pm**
Students are welcome to attend
Questions? Call 754-322-6750

Partners in Education

Needed: Business Partnerships

Questions? Call Mrs. Robuste @ 754-322-6777



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& photos**



Want to Volunteer?

All volunteers must register online at:

browardschools.com/getinvolved/volunteerapplication

Be a Liberty Volunteer! Call Rachel @ 754-322-6750



Apply online:

FREE or REDUCED Lunch

www.myschoolapps.com

Call 754-321-0250 for assistance.

Welcome to the 2017/18 school year. This year, the Emergency Contact and Code of Student Conduct forms for your child can be completed online. Online forms are easy to complete and all data is protected and secure. Visit browardschools.com/bts to access the Back to School wizard, which walks you through the process of completing the forms. Please note, you will need your child's student identification number to complete the forms, which are provided in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole and Portuguese.

Seeking School Advisory Council (SAC) Community Members & Parents:



**Our first SAC Meeting
will be
September 20th @ 3pm
Media Center**

Questions?/RSVP:
Call Ms. Robuste or Mr. Lawson
754-322-6750

Enrollment & Class Size and Student Placement

All initial class placements are tentative as class changes may take place throughout the first weeks of school. Our enrollment is currently changing every day. As a result, some class sizes are higher and lower than targets. Due to the State Class Size Reduction law, students may need to be moved between teachers or to new teachers **after the start of school** to ensure compliance with the required student limits. These limits are 18 students for Kindergarten to Grade 3; 22 students for grades 4 and 5. Please know that students' needs will continue to be met through proper instruction and services.

Parents will be contacted if their child is having a class change. Your patience and cooperation are appreciated!

2016-2017 Accomplishments:

- ❖ Earned 2016 National Magnet School of Excellence Award
- ❖ Implemented STEM Museum Magnet grant into 4th year
- ❖ Completed (2) STEM Museum Exhibition Nights in Grades K-5
- ❖ Increased overall Grade 3-5 ELA scores (5 points)
 - Grade 3 (+8)
 - Grade 4 (+2)
 - Grade 5 (+2)
- ❖ Increased overall Grade 3-5 Math scores (4 points)
 - Grade 3 (+9)
 - Grade 4 (+2)
 - Grade 5 (+3)
- ❖ Increased overall Grade 5 Science scores (2 points)
- ❖ Increased overall school points (+24)

Join us through volunteering, PTA & SAC to work together to make a difference and reach our goals.

Estimados Padres:

Si usted prefiere la información de esta carta informativa en Español, por favor llame a la escuela al número (754) 322-6750 y pregunte por el Sr. Kuilan, julian.kuilan@browardschools.com

Chè Paran: Si ou ta renmen genyen enfòmasyon ki nan jounal sa a tradui an Kreyòl oubyen an Panyòl, tanpri rele lekòl la nan (754) 322-6750 kote wa mande pale ak Ms. Sicard oubyen Mr. Kuilan. Ou gen dwa cominike avè yo tou sou adrès elektronik yo (e-mail) nan: deborah.sicard@browardschools.com

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