

November 2021

School Newsletter

"2016, 2018, + 2019 National Magnet School of Excellence"
+ "2002-2020 Golden School Award" Recipient

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Liberty Elementary is Proud to Be a Title I School!



Important Dates

Thursday, 11/11

No School

Friday, 11/12

Report Cards Go Home

Wear BLUE to show your
support against Bullying



Friday, 11/19

Interim Reports Go Home

Monday, 11/22-Friday, 11/26

No School

Thanksgiving Break

Monday, 12/20- Friday, 12/31

No School

Winter Break

A Message from our Principal, Mr. Whaley

Hello Parents,

Thank you to all parents and students that attended the Halloween Bash Dance last Friday night. It was great to see families coming back to the school and having a great time. I know we all missed these events the past year and a half. In about 3 weeks, Thanksgiving will be here, and everyone will get a nice break. Trust me, everyone deserves it. We are all working hard to have the students acclimate and learn back in the schoolhouse.

We did start our new dismissal CurbSmart. Remember, to pick up your child from school, you will need the number assigned to them. Siblings are assigned the same number. It seems to be working smoothly.

Be safe and let's have a great November!

Questions or Concerns?? Please call our front office at (754) 322-6750

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Kindergarten

November Kindergarten highlights include learning in Reading-Skills will include retelling using main idea and detail, and asking and answering questions on a familiar text.

In Math- modeling numbers.

In Social Studies- Demonstrate the characteristics of being a good citizen and learn that conflicts among friends can be resolved in ways that are consistent with being a good citizen.

Along with comparing people from past and present while recognizing holidays and traditions. count and compare numbers.

In Science- learning from observing, collecting information, and keeping records.

Please continue to read small leveled books sent home weekly and practice sight words.

First Grade

Welcome to November first-grade families! In social studies, we are learning about life now and life in the past. We will be practicing using words to describe time order and making a timeline. Our classes are excited to send home our first family project of the year as well. Watch for your children to bring home their very own timeline project to create along with you. Directions will be coming home soon.

In reading, we will be focusing on using pictures clues and what we already know to figure out the meaning of words. The students are practicing reading words in books by taking words apart, sounding out words, and learning about words with long vowels. Don't forget to read for at least 20 minutes every day.

In math, we are learning even more strategies to add and subtract within 20. Make sure you are practicing using a number line, counting back, and using a tens frame. In science, we are using our five senses to observe living things in the environment and look at the basic needs of those living things. The first-grade team wants to wish all our families a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Second Grade

We are going to be famous but I will get to that at the end !! We are learning so much and having a great time in second grade. In science, we are learning all about rocks, different types of soil, and weathering.

Did you know hummus is made of decaying plants and animals? We absolutely cannot wait to go on our field trip this month to Flamingo gardens. The program is about the importance of flora. After a lesson about the uses, functions, and parts of a plant, each student will plant his/her own plant. We will go on A narrated tram tour of the botanical gardens and a visit to the wildlife sanctuary as well. Lastly, as an added bonus, we will learn about butterflies as pollinators.

In math, we are learning about ways to add and subtract using bar models.

In reading, we are working on finding the main topic, doing fun read-aloud (The big red lollipop was a favorite), and have been learning great phonics patterns to help us with our reading and writing.

Oh yeah, I mentioned we are going to be famous. So about that, We have margate news coming to do a story on all our hard work in our garden. A reporter will be at liberty to interview some of the second-grade students and take some pics of us and our garden. We water daily, weed, and aerate. Boy, it's a lot of work but it's totally worth it! So look for an article about the second graders at Liberty Elementary in the margate news and please no autographs lol ok maybe one autograph.

Please Join Us for our
November 2021
on Thursday, November 18th
at 7:40am



October 28th was
Community Heroes Day!

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Third Grade

Dear Families,

We have reached the end of Marking Period !! We are so proud of how hard our students have been working. Report cards can be accessed through Virtual Counselor (via Clever) on Friday, November 12th. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher.

It is so important that we keep the lines of communication open and that we work together to best meet your child's needs.

Please ensure your student reads between 15-20 minutes nightly. To help in fluency, you can time how many words per minute your child reads. To help with comprehension, as your child reads, you can ask them about the characters, plot, theme, etc. For math, please work with your child on multiplication facts daily. You can find flashcards at the Dollar Store or Walmart. You can also download a free app called "Quizlet" for practice on the go.

Fifth Grade

We have had an exciting October, fifth-grade family. We have officially kicked off the 2nd quarter and are moving deeper into our year.

In the month of November, we are going to begin preparing for our JA Biztown field trip in all of our classes. In the coming weeks, we will begin to think about what it takes to be a financially literate adult in the real world. We will begin to explore our interests as future employees, movers, shakers, and CEOs. We will begin to dive into job interviews and the real-world inner workings of the workplace. All of this will lead to our exciting December trip to JA Biztown to simulate a day in the life of the workforce.

Don't forget to keep on top of your 20 minutes of nightly reading, and 45 minutes weekly in iReady Math + Reading.

Fourth Grade

Our fourth-grade students are making steady progress across subject areas. In reading, we are working on distinguishing between the prose and drama genre while analyzing characters through their action, words, and thoughts in the text. We are continually expanding our understanding of vocabulary using context clues and stretching students' understanding of the text through whole group, small group, and peer group discussions and collaboration. As we begin the second quarter, students are blossoming into writers as they learn to build on elaboration, plan an essay and write an introductory paragraph. Students are beginning the division standards in math while continually revisiting and applying the multiplication standards. They are working on using keywords to analyze and solve real-world problems as they work in centers collaboratively and in small groups with teacher support. Students continue to work on memorizing their basic multiplication and division facts for accurate computation. This month our Science STEM focus is on Space Exploration and Technology, and the relationships of the Sun, Earth, and Moon. The teachers have planned many exciting projects, as we work in this unit.

Check us out on Social Media



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@LbeMargate

Don't forget your mask!



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BROWARD
County Public Schools

Volunteer Application

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to fill out your volunteer application




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Be sure to check our school's website for other important information and updates

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Why Read 20 MINUTES At Home?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
3,600 min. per school year	900 min. per school year	180 min. per school year
1,800,000 words per year	282,000 words per year	8,000 words per year
		
Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests	Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests	Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests

If you start reading for 20 minutes per night in kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3 school days.

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

Reminders from our Front Office Staff

Please return all YELLOW Emergency Contact Forms and Back-to-School Forms to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Any changes in phone numbers or addresses must be reported to the front office.

The first bell rings at 8:25 am and instruction starts promptly at 8:30 am.

Dismissal starts at exactly 2:30 pm. Students need to be picked up by 2:50 pm. Our office closes at 3:00 pm.

Please call in any student absences daily. After 24 hours the absence is considered unexcused. Our Attendance Line number is (754) 322-6752.

Liberty Elementary School's Annual Harvest Drive/food Collection will begin on Thursday, November 4th through Friday, November 12th



This is the suggested list for each grade level, but any donation is truly appreciated!

Pre-K: Large toothpaste, canned cranberries, aluminum foil

Kindergarten: Dish soap, peanut butter, jelly, napkins

First grade: Juice (apple or grape), cereal/oatmeal, packaged cookies

Second grade: Shampoo, canned gravy, canned tuna/meat, canned fruit

Third grade: Stuffing, spaghetti sauce, soap/body wash

Fourth grade: Canned vegetables, canned soup, laundry detergent

Fifth grade: Pancake mix, pancake syrup, pasta, rice

The Student Council will have a collection table set up in the main hallway across from the Media Center. Student Council Reps will be collecting and tallying the donations. The class that donates the most will win a popsicle party!!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR MAKING THIS A SUCCESS!!



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