

# October 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!



## LIBERTY ELEMENTARY Pumpkin Decorating Contest

**OCTOBER 20TH - NOVEMBER 1ST**

**MUST BE  
A BOOK  
CHARACTER**

**ANY SIZE PUMPKIN  
ALLOWED**

**NO CARVED  
PUMPKINS**

**PRIZES WILL  
BE AWARDED**

**PUMPKIN  
MUST BE FAKE**

**BE CREATIVE &  
HAVE FUN**



**Get Involved!**  
  
**Volunteer Application**

Please go to <http://browardschools.com/getinvolved>  
to fill out your volunteer application

## Important Dates

Tuesday, 10/19

• Early Release Day

Wednesday, 10/20

• Teacher Planning Day

• No School for Students

Thursday, 10/21

• SAC Meeting at 5:30 in the  
Media Center

Thursday, 11/11

• No School

Friday, 11/12

• Report Cards Go Home

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

# Kindergarten

Kindergarten is off to a great start! We have been working hard on following the rules and procedures of our classrooms and Liberty. You will soon see reading books coming home from our small reading groups. Please make sure you read those books and others for at least 20 minutes every night. After you read, talk about the book and ask questions to ensure your child is understanding what the book is about. Independence is a big part of kindergarten. Your child's teacher is working on making them independent as we work in class. Please also have your child do things independently at home as well (dressing themselves, opening things on their own, cleaning up after themselves, tying their shoes, etc.) We look forward to a great year ahead!

# First Grade

Hello, first-grade families! Our students are excited to be "falling" into 1st grade! This month we will be learning to read words by using all the sounds the letters make and remembering what characters are and how they can tell us about their feelings in a story through their actions. When you read with your kids ask them about characters and make sure to read 15 minutes every day. In math, we are learning addition and subtraction strategies. You can help by having students practice their facts at home by drawing pictures or counting objects. In science, we are working on the properties of matter and sorting things like scientists. Reminders:

Please check your child's backpack every day for notes and/or take-home activities.

Please have your child bring in a pair of comfortable headphones for when we use technology.

# Second Grade

Second Grade has been working on a lot of exciting things to get the school year started. In language arts, the students have been reading a lot of books. After reading each story, the students learned about characters, setting, problems and solutions, and how to retell the story. In addition, the students have learned how to tell what perspective each story is being told from. In math, the students have explored using manipulatives to learn the place value of many numbers. The students are also learning to use a program called reflex math to improve their fluency with math facts. In Science, the students have explored disaster weather. The second grade has been working very hard planting a second-grade garden. They have learned a lot about different plants and how to help them grow. In social studies, the students are learning all about maps. They are even learning to create their own map of their neighborhood. Don't forget to read each night with your student. We can't wait for more fun this school year!

# Third Grade

Our third graders have been busy in Science classifying animals and reading about the ways animals adapt to their environments for survival. We have been focusing on the main idea and details in the text as well as comparing texts by different authors. In math, our primary focus has been firming up addition and subtraction with regrouping and learning multiplication facts through ten. In class, we been practicing all math facts in a variety of ways. It is very important to practice them at home for mastery. Our third graders are working hard and learning plenty this month.

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DON'T

FORGET  
YOUR

MASK

## Fourth Grade

Fourth grade continues to strive for excellence with many exciting opportunities to enrich our learning. In reading, we are working on referring to details and examples in a text to identify the author's purpose and perspective, as well as determine the central idea of the text. We are also improving our craft as writers as we work on text-based Writing, based on the FSA Writing Rubrics. These rubrics clearly state the students' goal, and the teachers' modeled and guided instruction help them to write paragraphs with quality supporting details and elaboration. We are focusing on three specific areas: Focus, Organization, and Purpose; Supporting Evidence, Examples, and Explanations; and finally, Mechanics and Conventions, which include appropriate word choice, proper spelling, capitalization, and punctuation. In math, we are working on multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers by 1- digit numbers using models and place values and the standard algorithm. Students are working 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.

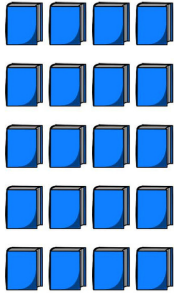
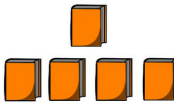

## Fifth Grade

Happy autumn, fifth-grade family! We are off to a great start of the year and have been excited to get to know our many incoming fifth graders this year.

As we move into October, we are working in our new Benchmark Advance curriculum, developing our understanding of key details and the features of the text. Students should be reading 20 minutes nightly, and 45 minutes weekly in iReady.

In math, students are working on the division of 3 digit and 1 digit numbers. Students should continue working on their multiplication and division fluency in Reflex throughout the week, as well as 45 minutes weekly in iReady.

## 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 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests	Scores in the 50 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests	Scores in the 10 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests

If you start reading for 20 minutes per night in kindergarten, by the end of 6<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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# 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 at 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's Unified Dress Code Information

Red, White, or Navy Blue Collared Shirts

Khaki or Navy Blue Bottoms

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

<https://www.browardschools.com/liberty>



Don't forget to apply for Free and Reduced Lunch online at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>



Please join us for our October SAC Meeting  
• Wednesday, October 21st.  
• at 5:30 PM in our Media Center  
• We hope to see you there!

Check us out on Social Media



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