

## The Liberty Elementary STEM Magnet School Newsletter

September 2015

**Mission:** To prepare our students to become critical thinking problem-solvers who will compete in a global society by facilitating an engaging & challenging learning environment in which they work cooperatively to gain real-world experiences through a rigorous curriculum including the application of science, technology, engineering & mathematics.

Mr. David J. Levine, Principal

Ms. Donna Styles, Assistant Principal

Liberty Elementary is Proud to Be a Title I School

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### Important Dates:

#### **September:**

- 17 PTA Fall fundraiser begins
- 23 **No School/Holiday**
- 24 Interim Reports distributed
- 30 ESE Pre-School Open House @ 6-7pm

#### **October:**

- 14 School Advisory Council Meeting @ 5pm
- 19 Student Picture Day
- 20 **Grade K-2 STEM Museum Night @ 6pm**
- 21 **Grade 3-5 STEM Museum Night @ 6pm**
- 22 **Early Release Day/Dismissal @ 12pm**
- 23 **No School/Teacher Planning Day**  
**PTA Harvest Festival @ 5pm**

Mark Your Calendar!



### **Open House Schedule:**

**ESE Pre-School**  
**September 30th**  
**@ 6:00-7:00pm**

### Message from Administration:

Super September! Our classes have completed the first weeks of school and teachers continue to establish routines and procedures, daily schedules and quality instruction.

Great news! We just ordered \$250,000 of additional computers for students and teachers. We expect the equipment in October and can't wait to maximize the tech!

Currently, Grade K, 2 & 5 classes are in compliance but Grade 1, 3 & 4 are not in compliance with class size targets. New Grade 1 and 3 teachers are being hired to reduce class size coupled with balancing in Grade 4. It's important to note that students may be changed into new classes, even over the next weeks, as we strive to meet class size compliance.

Our Grade K-2 & 3-5 Open House was a huge success! Thank you parents! Our Volunteer Orientation and PTA Ice Cream Social was also very successful. All parents interested in volunteering or supporting PTA are encouraged to contact Ms. Robuste or Mrs. Valdes.

Our PTA Fall fundraiser started today. All fundraising profits go directly toward supporting school events and programs. Support our PTA fundraiser. Many student prizes! Also become a PTA member for only \$5.

We look forward to seeing our parents volunteering in our school and attending parent conferences.

Be sure to visit our website: **[liberty.browardschools.com](http://liberty.browardschools.com)** & follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/libertyelschool](http://www.twitter.com/libertyelschool) for announcements & photos.

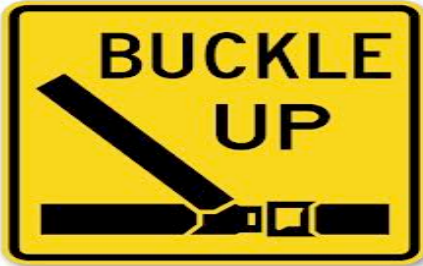
*-David J. Levine, Principal*

**Visit the Liberty website:**  
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Information from Margate Resource Officer Lombardo:

"Parents and kids, it's time to double down and buckle up for safety! The Margate Police Department and our community partners are sponsoring a new initiative to get the word out about how important it is to buckle your seatbelts. We will be checking to make sure you're all buckled up as you arrive for school and as you leave to go home. Remember...Seat belts save lives!"



### **FREE Counseling**

The Coconut Creek High School Family Counseling Center has appointments available days and evenings with a licensed therapist for your child and family. All services are FREE and confidential. We can help your child overcome academic, social and emotional barriers to school success.  
Call 754-322-0395 to schedule an appointment.

### **Partners in Education**

Needed: Business Partnerships

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



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### **Want to Volunteer?**

All volunteers must register online at:

[www.getinvolvedineducation.com](http://www.getinvolvedineducation.com)

Be a Liberty Volunteer!



Apply online: **FREE** or **REDUCED**

**Breakfast & Lunch**

[www.applyforlunch.com](http://www.applyforlunch.com)

Call 754-321-0250 for assistance.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter STEM Museum Exhibition Nights:**

**Grade K-2 on October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm**

**Grade 3-5 on October 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6pm**

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



**Our next SAC Meeting  
will be  
October 14th @ 5:00pm  
Media Center  
Questions?/RSVP:  
Call Ms. Robuste  
754-322-6750**

**Enrollment & Class Size and Student Placement**

Our enrollment is currently higher than projected. As a result, some class sizes are higher than targets. Accordingly, additional teachers will be hired and new classes will be created.

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. Additional information on core classes or anything related to Class Size Reduction is available on the Class Size Reduction website at <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/classsize/>.

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

**Liberty PTA Harvest Festival**

**Carnival Games, Food, Fun & Dancing**

**Friday, October 23rd @ 5-8pm**

**(Teacher Planning Day)**

**Tickets by Pre-Sale only. Event will sell out.**

**Order your tickets early!**

**Ticket sales start soon!**



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](mailto:julian.kuilan@browardschools.com)

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