

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

Hello Friends and Families,

I hope everyone had a happy, safe, and restful four-day holiday break. Our teachers and students have been working tremendously hard. I know that we are looking forward to our upcoming Winter Break. School will be back in session on Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

Just one reminder for families- field trips are to be paid for online. Instructions on how to pay online can be found on our school's website www.browardschools.com/liberty.

We have plenty exciting events coming up. Please be sure to check out the marquee for dates and times of these events.

*-Matthew Whaley, Proud Principal
of Liberty Elementary*

Important Dates

December 12th
Chorus & Dance Team
Performance
@ 6:00-7:00pm

December 13th
PTA Movie Night
Polar Express
@ 6:00pm-8:30pm

December 20th
Early Release @ 12:30pm

December 23rd -January 3rd
Winter Break
NO SCHOOL

January 5th
Teacher Planning Day
NO SCHOOL

January 8th & 9th
Grades 3, 4, 5
BSA Testing (ELA)

January 15th & 16th
Grade 3, 4, 5
BSA Testing (Math)

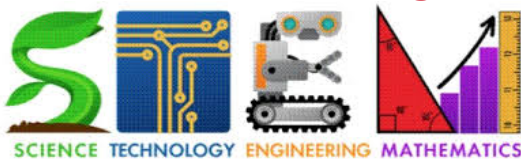
January 20th
NO SCHOOL

January 22nd & 23rd
Grade 5
BSA Testing (Science)

January 27th
5th Grade Field Trip
To Margate Middle

January 31st
4th Grade Field Trip
To Legoland

SAVE THE DATE! STEM Museum Nights



Tuesday, December 17th
for Grades K-2 @ 6-7pm
Thursday, December 19th
for Grade 3-5 @ 6-7pm

~Liberty PTA Updates~

Holiday Shoppe will be December 17, 18, and 19 from 5:30pm until 8pm each night. Come let your little one's shop for gifts for the family with inexpensive items ranging from \$1 to \$10. Please come out and support our school!

Yearbook Presale is ongoing throughout the year.
Cost is currently \$25 until March 20, 2020.

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.

Spirit shirts still on sale for \$10.
They can be purchased at the PTA store,
open Tuesday and Fridays from 7:30 - 8:25 am.

**HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HANUKKAH, AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM YOUR LIBERTY PTA!**



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We are always looking for new
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Questions? Call Ms. Robuste
@ 754-322-6777



Become A Liberty Volunteer!

All volunteers **must** register online at:
https://webapp.browardschools.com/sbb_c_volunteer/VolunteerForm.aspx
Questions or for more info
Call Ms. Robuste @ 754-322-6777



~Grade Level Updates~

Kindergarten Winter Fun

December is full of fun and learning in kindergarten. We are working hard on blending and segmenting when we read, learning new sight words and comprehending what we are reading. Please remember that you should be reading for at least 20 minutes every night. In math we are continuing with addition and will begin subtraction soon. December holidays around the world is something fun that we do this month as well. A letter will be coming home for Polar express day, please check your child's folder for the note about it. The kindergarten team wants to wish you a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year!



Happy December from 1st Grade

Welcome to December! In first grade we are hard at work getting ready for our STEM night displays researching animals that live in the ocean and learning how they survive. Students are getting excited to share all of their new knowledge with the community on December 17th. The first graders are becoming experts at looking for similarities and differences between topics in reading. We will be discussing the holidays around the world too! The first grade team is wishing all of our families a great winter break and will be ready for the second half of the year in January!



Winter Greetings From 2nd Grade

Second grade is getting ready for an exciting month!! During the month of December, we will be working very hard on our STEM projects on weather and life cycles of plants and animals. In language arts will be comparing and contrasting similar stories from cultures and poetry. We will also be learning how to write informational texts. In the area of social studies, we will be learning about immigrants. Addition and subtraction with carrying and borrowing will be the area of focus for Mathematics.



Holiday Happenings in 3rd Grade!

In the month of December, 3rd grade will be continuing our literature unit. Students will be expected to describe characters, settings, and major events in literature by using key details from the text. The students will be displaying their comprehension skills as they summarize the key detail in literature. In Math, we will continue to learn the multiplication facts and introduce the concept of division; as well as the relationship between both mathematical operations. We will be practicing these facts in a variety of ways, such as games, technology, and centers. In Science we have been learning about five forms of energy; Mechanical, Electrical, Light, Thermal/Heat, and Sound. As we approach STEM night each class has chosen a form of energy to closely investigate, observe, and explain in detail. We are hard at work creating projects to display how much has been learned about these science concepts/standards.

5th Grade Festive Fun!

5th Grade had an amazing time at JA Biztown!! Our fabulous 5th Grade students made all of their businesses successful. We are working diligently on our S.T.E.M. projects! In Math the students are working with decimals and they are coming up with a plan to create emergency kits for 300 people without going over \$15,000. In ELA, the students are writing about hurricane survival and preparations. In Science class the students are learning about the hurricane categories and creating a structure to withstand hurricane force winds. We are so excited to present them to the school on December 19, 2019!



4th Grade Winter Wonderland

Fourth grade continues to strive for excellence with many exciting activities and projects upon us. In reading, we are working on referring to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences. We are also improving our craft as writers with text based Informative Writing, based on the FSA Writing Rubrics. These rubrics clearly state the goal, and the teachers' modeled and guided instruction help the students to write a multi-paragraph essay.

We are focusing on three specific areas: Focus, Organization, and Purpose, Supporting Evidence, Examples, Explanations, and finally, Mechanics and Conventions, which include appropriate word choice, proper spelling, capitalization, and punctuation. In math, we are working on dividing up to 4-digit by 1-digit numbers using models and place value, with emphasis on the relationship between multiplication and division. Students are working on memorizing their basic multiplication and division facts for accurate computation. This month our Science STEM night brings many exciting projects, as we work on Space Exploration and Technology, and the relationships of the Sun, Earth, and Moon. Please join us on December 19th from 6-7 for our museum night showcase! We are also excited for our upcoming Legoland trip, which will take place on January 31, 2020.





**November and December 2019 Kids of Character
Citizenship and Kindness**

Kindergarten

Aria Padron Nathalie Arbaiza Landon Nunez Gemayela Justilien
Issac Pierre Valentia Molina Simoya Bailey Isabella Tran
Kylie Miller Alexandria Williams Joslynn Manning Max Felix

First Grade

Jelani Bass Kerlla Choute Reese Corso
Krissa Ticas Ariana Pastore
Kimberly Olivares Kendall Williams

Second Grade

Aiden Eugene Emma Stone Sophia Sell
Ma'ryan Hanes Iyawna Foster
Lena Kowalska Tracey Fierre Abbrielle Glanville

Third Grade

Gabriella Caraballo Jaslene Flores Mario Torres
Kenneth Jones Alexa Ovalle Aiden Singh
Jimmy Montejo-Perez Aliana Miller

Fourth Grade

Neeladri Hasan Jaymee Lherrison Logan Sasser
Lucas Rivera Travis Smith Diego Benitez
Jelani Tracey Gavin Nunez
Aja Bryan John Guillaume Jovan Dean Wallens Direny

Fifth Grade

Michael Tran Ariana Sanchez Tam Tran Heather Creelman
Destiny Lewis Isabella Ocasio Anastasia Moncion
Katlin Smith Savyan Campbell Elias Hernandez
Samantha Cartwright Alejandra Granados Leslie Nolasco
Samuel Alvarez Xyler Christy Melba Cruz

Important Information from Our School Advisory Council (SAC)

Please Join Us For Our December School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting!



When:

Friday, December 13th
@ 7:45am

Where:

Liberty Elementary
2450 Banks Road
Margate, FL. 33063
Room #135



Questions or Concerns?
Please Contact
Lisa Nurrito, ESE Specialist
or Lauren Bishop, Literacy Coach

Community Members & Parents

If you have any questions or concerns please call our front office at
(754)322-6750 and a staff member will assist you.



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