

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

Dear Liberty Family:

The New Year is here! It is a time to reflect, make plans, and look towards the future. This month, we have been busy preparing for the upcoming FSA assessments for grades 3-5. Our practice tests, the BSA, allow us to determine what the students' strengths are and prioritize instruction to help the students master what they need to learn. However, school is not all about FSA.

In February, we will have our Field Days. We will have three days where the students will be outside completing fun physical challenges with Coach Ocasio. These are always fun days for the students and faculty to show off their silly side!

I hope the New Year has been a great start for all Liberty families.

-Matthew Whaley, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

January 6th

Teacher Planning Day

January 8th & 9th

Grades 3-5 BSA ELA Test

January 15th & 16th

Grades 3-5 BSA Math Test

January 22nd & 23rd

Grade 5 BSA Science Test

Grades 3&4

Science Mid-Year Assessment

January 27th

ACCESS Testing Begins

January 31st

4th Grade LEGOLAND Trip

February 4th

Grades K&1 Field Day

February 5th

Grades 2&3 Field Day

February 6th

Grades 4&5 Field Day

February 11th

2nd Grade Trip to Flamingo Gardens

& Interim Reports Go Home

February 14th

Early Release Dismissal @ 12:30

February 17th

NO SCHOOL

February 20th

Early Release Dismissal @ 12:30

February 28th

1st Grade Trip to Bedner's Farm

Liberty PTA Updates

January 17th-

Movie Night "Lion King" from 6-8pm

February 3 -

Cookie Dough Fundraiser begins

February 7 -

Valentine's Day Dance



Become A Liberty Volunteer!

All volunteers must register online at:

<https://webapp.browardschools.com/sbbc/volunteer/VolunteerForm.aspx>

For questions or more info

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January's Kids Of Character

<i>Kindergarten</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Second</i>
Ari Iqbal Amaril Robinson Dylan Valdez Noah Howard Kyson Rya Tahiry McKinney Julia Louis Aurora Vazquez	Khloe Goodwin-Slusser Amyr Adams Arianna Murray Elmer Villatoro-Murillo Mateo Nieto Mya Elorma Noel Davilla Naelle Cheruben	Xaniel Vazquez-Rivera Jeronimo Uribe Kayla Aine Cesar Ortez Kianna Fevrier Jacob Rawls Leticia Gonzalez Jiana Rivera
<i>Third</i>	<i>Fourth</i>	<i>Fifth</i>
Larissa Lemite Evelin Torres Taylor Julmiste Joaquin Gonzalez Jazmin Brown Kamari Jones Jayde Frawley Ashley Vasquez-Baten	Isabella Adrien Isabel Chan Bianca Dareus	Brianna Medrano Brady Tunon Omari Wade Miya Winns Skylinene Sandoval Tyra Vasquez Guivenca Eugene Eduardo De Sales Logan Long

~ Kindergarten ~

Hello Families and Happy New Year! We hope you had an amazing winter break. We are excited to be back and will be very busy this month with the following:

Reading/Language Arts: We will continue to focus on concepts of print and phonemic awareness. As you work with your child at home help him/her identify beginning sounds, blend sounds together to read words and identify rhyming words (you can do this by listening and singing nursery rhymes together). In writing, we will be using drawings to compose an opinion piece. Continue to review using correct use of spacing, capital/ lowercase letters, and punctuation.

Math: Chapter 6- Subtraction. **Science:** Properties of matter & changes in matter. **Social Studies-** Recognize holidays and traditions, seasonal weather winter, hibernation, migration and adaptation. These are just a few of the books we will work on this month: Bear snores on, Polar Bear, Penguins, sledding, The Snowman, The Snowy Day, Snow Day, Avalanche, All You Need For A Snowman, The Biggest, Best Snowman, Happy Birthday Martin Luther King, Ron's mission, The Mitten, Gloves, The Hat, The Jacket I Wear in the Snow, Tacky. Please be sure to continue to read with your child each night and review the high frequency words. Thanks for your continued support!

~ First Grade ~

Welcome back and Happy 2020! In first grade this month, we are ready to keep our students learning. In reading, we are working on using both illustrations and the words to check our understanding of a story. In science and social studies, we are going to learn about the Earth beginning with Earth's structures in science and learning about maps and globes in social studies. In math, we are continuing to become fluent in addition and subtraction strategies by thinking about both while solving math story problems. We will also be writing about many of our opinions during this month. We hope that our first graders begin 2020 with a huge smile and some great knowledge to go along with it!

~ Second Grade ~

Happy New Year from 2nd Grade! Second grade is getting ready for an exciting month. During the month of January, we will be working very hard on mastering second grade standards, and preparing for our upcoming field trip to Flamingo Gardens. Step-by-step instructions on how to access online payments will be sent home along with field trip permission slip.

In language, arts will be identifying author's purpose, and making connections between historical events. We will be learning how to write informational texts using text evidence in writing. In the area of social studies, we will be learning about citizens and government and matter and how matter changes in the area of science. Addition and subtraction with carrying and borrowing will be the area of focus for Mathematics.

~ Third Grade ~

Happy New Year parents and students. We hope everyone had a restful break and are charged up to complete the second half of the school year strong. January is a busy month as we are taking the BSA in ELA and Math. The results of these assessments will be used to predict the FSA and reteach standards as needed. For ELA, we will be working on poetry, compare and contrast themes, settings, and plots, and describe logical connections. Our January keystone will be about vertebrates and invertebrates, which we will learn more about in science. For math, we will continue working on fractions. We are very excited for our field trip to Coral Springs Center for Performing Arts on January 23rd.

~ Fourth Grade ~

Fourth grade is ready to make 2020 our year of knowledge! In reading, we are comparing and contrasting firsthand and secondhand accounts of the same event or topic. We are looking to describe the difference in focus and the information provided. We are also continuing our craft as writers with text based Opinion Writing, based on the FSA Writing Rubrics. 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 investigating factors and multiples as well as generating number patterns that follow a given rule. We had a very successful STEM Night last month showcasing our space unit. In science, we are now moving on to Interdependence, which is how plants and animals interact with and depend upon each other and their environment to satisfy their basic needs. In final news, final payment for the LEGOLAND trip is due by January 24th, and the trip will take place on January 31st. More details will come as the trip gets closer. Happy New Year!

~ Fifth Grade ~

5th Grade is glad to be back and ready to work!! Parents now it is crunch time. As we finish with BSA testing, we will have a better idea of how each student will do individually and what we need to do to ensure his or her success. Students need to make sure that they are working hard in and out of school so that they are well prepared for the FSA!! We are excited to go to Margate Middle School on January 27, 2020!! Students will learn all about Margate Middle. However, if they do not plan to attend that particular middle school they will still get a better understanding of the similarities and differences between Middle School and Elementary School.

Pictures From Our December 2019 STEM Night



~ Parents ~

The Kids Heart Challenge (Jump Rope for Heart) will begin January 21, 2020!

We are in a RACE to get at least 200 of our students registered before our KICKOFF date!!

*Will you help us by registering **YOUR CHILD TODAY??** Let's go Liberty STARS.*

Please take a minute to register online using the link below or download the Kids Heart Challenge Mobile APP.

<http://www2.heart.org/goto/libelem>



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