

The Liberty Elementary STEM Magnet School Newsletter

“2016 & 2018 National Magnet School of Excellence” & “2002-2018 Golden School Award”

August 2018

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Important Dates:

August:

- 14 Principal Kick-Off & Family Drop-In
- 14 Parents may begin to complete online forms
- 15 First Day of School
- 17 Independence Day- no parents on campus
- 22 Open House (Pre-School, Gr. K-2) @ 6-7:30pm
- 29 Open House (Grade 3-5) @ 6-7:30pm

September:

- 3 **No School/Labor Day**
- 5 PTA Ice Cream Social & Volunteer Orientation
6pm (Cafeteria)
- 10 No School/Holiday
- 19 No School/Holiday

Mark Your Calendar!



Message from Administration:

Happy August! Welcome back students and Liberty families! This is our monthly newsletter. Our newsletter is distributed the first Thursday of each month and contains important dates, highlights progress and programs, and recognizes student and staff achievements. We hope you had a wonderful summer and we know you're ready for a great school year. Our Principal Meet & Greet & Family Drop-In is Tuesday, August 14th.

We're implementing several new safety measures this year including revised car loop dismissal, mandatory ID badges, locked perimeter gates and monthly lockdown drills. Please read below for details.

We are very proud to announce that the hard work of our students, staff and families during the 2017-2018 school year resulted in our 2nd National Magnet School of Excellence award, increased FSA ELA, Science & Math scores, completion of STEM Magnet Year #5 and earning a Golden School award. Even with these gains, we've planned through the summer and set even higher school goals. During the first days of school, all students will be given a first day packet. Please take time to read all of this important information, fill out the requested forms, and complete online acknowledgements by August 22nd. We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming Open House & PTA Meeting/Volunteer Orientation. Please support the PTA by becoming a member and supporting the upcoming PTA fundraiser. Together, we will have another fantastic school year where we'll "Get In The Game!" Be sure to visit our website: liberty.browardschools.com, follow us on Twitter at @libertyelschool and text @2488b4 to 81010 to join our REMIND texting group for announcements and photos.

-David J. Levine, Proud Principal

Open House Schedule:

Grade (Pre-School-K-1-2) Parents

Wednesday, August 22

@ 6-7:30pm

Grade (3-4-5) Parents

Wednesday, August 29

@ 6-7:30pm

**Join Liberty's
REMIND Text Messaging Group:
Text @2488b4 to 81010**



Principal's Kick-Off & Family Drop-In

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Pre-School @ 12-1pm

Grade K-2 @ 1-2pm

Grade 3-5 @ 2-3pm

- Meet the Teacher
- Visit Classrooms
- Visit STEM Labs & Specials
- Pre-Pay in Cafeteria
- Meet PTA
- Registration
- Bus/Transportation Questions
- Register for After School Care
- Supply Lists



Parents: Be sure to attend our Volunteer Orientation & PTA Meeting (Ice Cream Social)

Wednesday, September 5th @ 6:00pm

Students are welcome to attend

Questions? Call Rachel Robuste @ 754-322-6750

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.browardschools.com/Page/37924

or go to www.browardschools.com and click on

“Get Involved” & then “Volunteer Application”

Be a Liberty Volunteer! Call Rachel @ 754-322-6750



Apply online:

FREE or REDUCED Lunch

www.myschoolapps.com

Call 754-321-0250 for assistance.

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year. This year, the Emergency Contact and Code of Student Conduct forms for your child must be completed online. Online forms are easy to complete and all data is protected and secure. Visit browardschools.com/bts to access the Back to School wizard, which walks you through the process of completing the forms. Please note, you will need your child's student identification number to complete the forms, which are provided in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole and Portuguese. Questions? Call 754-322-6750

New Car Rider Dismissal:

- This year, as an added safety enhancement, all car rider students will wait for pick-up in the cafeteria rather than the covered walkway
- All parents will be assigned a laminated student number to display on vehicle rearview mirror or dashboard
- All parents should drive through the car loop, staff will read your student number and call for your student to come to your car at the front of the line
- After your student enters your car, you may pull around waiting cars and exit campus
- Be mindful of pedestrians using our crosswalk

Enrollment & Class Size and Student Placement

All initial class placements are tentative as class changes may take place throughout the first weeks of school. Our enrollment is currently changing every day. As a result, some class sizes are higher and lower than targets. 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.

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

2017-2018 Accomplishments:

- ❖ National Magnet School of Excellence
- ❖ President's Distinguished Merit Award (#3 magnet school in the country)
- ❖ Congressional Special Recognition by US Congressman Ted Deutch
- ❖ Completed STEM Museum Exhibition Nights in Grades K-5
- ❖ Strengthened School Grade (+14 points)
- ❖ Earned Golden School Award for volunteer program
- ❖ Applied for 5 Star School Award
- ❖ Increased Grade 4 ELA (+3)
- ❖ Increased Grade 4 Math (+4)
- ❖ Increased Grade 3-5 Math Learning Gains Low 25% (+16)
- ❖ Increased Grade 5 Science scores (+7)

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

Chè Paran: Si ou ta renmen genyen enfòmasyon ki nan jounal sa a tradui an Kreyòl oubyen an Panyòl, tanpri rele lekòl la nan (754) 322-6750 kote wa mande pale ak Ms. Sicard oubyen Mr. Kuilan. Ou gen dwa cominike avè yo tou sou adrès elektronik yo (e-mail) nan: deborah.sicard@browardschools.com

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Important Safety Measures for the 2018-2019 School Year:

Parent and Visitor Access to Liberty Elementary School:

Maintaining a safe campus is our priority. New guidelines and policies are being implemented districtwide in an effort to better secure our campuses. The District has mandated that once the school day begins, all perimeter gates must be locked except for one gate to allow for parent and visitor access to the school. This gate must be monitored at all times by school personnel. If personnel are not available to dedicate to this post, the gate must remain locked and visitors to the campus must call the school's office to gain entry to the campus. Due to budgetary constraints, Liberty does not have extra staff to dedicate to solely monitoring the front entrance gate, therefore, we will need to close and lock the gate. Please help us to keep our campus safe by adhering to the following expectations for arrival, dismissal, and access to the campus. The parking lot that accesses the front of the school will be open for drop off beginning at 7:30am. DO NOT drop off your child prior to these times. There is no supervision! The gate to the front parking lot of the school will be locked and secured at 8:40am. If you need to access the campus, you will need to call the school at 754-322-6750. We will then send someone to open the gate. Please understand that this may take some time, so please plan accordingly. The gate to the front parking lot will be reopened at 1:45pm to 6:30pm and will be monitored by Community After School staff to allow for dismissal and pick up from the aftercare program. When entering the campus, please be prepared to share your purpose or need for entry to the campus with staff members. All car rider parents must display student number on rear view mirror or dashboard. Our staff appreciates receiving a positive attitude during these procedures and will reciprocate with the same! Help build your student's independence by ensuring they come to school prepared with their homework, lunch, forms, etc. If you find it necessary to bring them the items they forgot at home, the campus gates will be open from 7:30-8:45am and again after 1:45pm. Please utilize these times should you need to come to the school to drop off items. We recognize that these safety procedures may be inconvenient. At times, due to inclement weather or staff availability, there may be longer than usual wait times. We kindly appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work together to keep our children safe.

Emergency Preparedness:

Teaching children what to do in the event of different types of emergencies has always been embedded in your child's instruction. We conduct fire drills monthly and tornado drills two times per year. This year, the District has mandated that lockdown drills be held monthly. In the event of an actual emergency, Liberty will communicate with the school community as soon as possible using parentlink and Remind. To ensure that you can receive this timely communication, be sure that you keep your contact information up to date with the front office. In addition, be sure to sign up for our "Remind" notifications by texting @2488b4 to 81010.

Unified Dress Code:

Liberty has a mandatory dress code. Students' adherence to our dress code is important in helping us identify those that belong on campus. For more information on approved colors and types of clothing, please refer to the information in your first day packet and on our website. If your child has outgrown their uniforms and you would like to donate them to our uniform closet, we would love to have them. Please bring washed and folded clothes bagged to the front office.

Student ID Badges:

Beginning this school year, all students in Broward County Schools are required to wear identification badges. Liberty will provide your child will receive an ID badge and lanyard. The ID badge will remain in school. All staff are also required to wear ID badges.