



KINDERGARTEN RALLY
DECEMBER 10TH



**ORCHESTRA
CONCERT**
DECEMBER 15TH



WINTER BREAK
DECEMBER 21ST -
JANUARY 4TH

THE LION'S ROAR

From the Desk of Principal Jimenez

Dear Liberty Families,

Our Winter Break is fast approaching and I hope your plans include time to spend with family as you refresh and renew. One of the greatest gifts of the holiday season is the gift of time with family. Research shows that families who spend time together are strong families. They communicate better and share a sense of belonging. So I hope this break is filled with family game nights, outdoor winter games and enjoying each other's company around the dinner table. Have a wonderful Winter Break and see everyone after the New Year!



Best wishes, *Mrs. Jimenez*



It's Yearbook Time!

As your child grows and makes new friends throughout their time at Liberty Elementary and beyond, they will always enjoy looking back at their yearbook. Lucas Antfellner and Jack Query are just in first grade and are already looking back at last years memories. It is a gift that keeps on giving. The front and back cover

have already been designed by fellow liberty students with the help of Mrs. Lass. Order your copy today!

Ordering online is quick, easy, & has great personalization options! The cost is currently \$17, but after the new year, the cost increases to \$20.

www.jostensyearbooks.com (Enter *Liberty Elementary* in *Bartlett, IL*)

***Have a **great picture** for the yearbook or a question? Email **libertylionyearbook@gmail.com** .

Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe

Thank you everyone who came and shopped at the Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe. It was wonderful to see so many smiling and excited faces when they made their purchases. Our small, dedicated hard working group of parent volunteers managed to accomplish serving almost the entire school during the 30 hours the Shoppe was open. With any new event, there were definitely a few bumps in the road and a learning curve working with the Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe Company. The Holiday Shoppe was a very small fundraiser and was more of a fun event for the students and we hope they enjoyed it. We appreciate your patience, understanding, and as always your continued support of Liberty Elementary.

Spelling Bee

We are excited to host a Spelling Bee again this year - it include both spelling and vocabulary components. Last year, our School Bee winner went on to win the Semi-Final Spelling Bee and competed in



Upcoming Events



KINDERGARTEN RALLY
Thursday, December 10th

CAC MEETING
Thursday, December 10th

BOX TOP COLLECTION
Thursday, December 10th

**BEGINNING ORCHESTRA
CONCERT**
Tuesday, December 15th

**WINTER BREAK -
NO SCHOOL**
Monday, December 21st -
Monday, January 4th

ORDER YEARBOOK
Thursday, December 31st

SPELLING BEE
Monday, January 11th

the Final Bee!! It would be so exciting to have one of our students compete at that level again this year.

Thanks to funding by the Liberty PTO, we are registered in the Scripps National Spelling Bee and students in grades 3-6 will compete in classroom bees. The champion from each classroom will then compete in a **School Spelling Bee on Monday, January 11, 2016**. The winner of our School Spelling Bee will compete in the Kane County Semi-Final Spelling Bee in Aurora in February. The top four spellers from the Semi-Final Spelling Bee advance to the Final Bee in March.

First and second grade classes may choose to compete in classroom Spelling Bees, and possibly in a grade-level Bee sometime later this year, but will not compete in the School Spelling Bee against the older students.

Your child's teacher will distribute grade-level spelling lists to study for the classroom Spelling Bee. If your child is looking for a challenge, they may also study the 2016 School Spelling Bee Study List to prepare for the School Spelling Bee.

Please encourage your child to prepare for this fun event by studying the words at home over time. We are looking forward to this academic competition! Good luck to all the competitors!

Terracycle

Terracycle is a charitable organization and works on the donations of companies to fund the recycling and profit we receive for upcycling. Sadly, after December 18th, we will no longer be able to collect juice pouches. After February 17th, we will also no longer be accepting Lunchables containers. We have been lucky to get back into the snack bags brigade! We make significant funds from the Personal care items & writing utensils. Please consider shifting efforts to recycling any bathroom containers (no cardboard or aerosol), writing utensils (no pencils) and healthy snack pouches and caps (like go-go squeeze). The final raffle for a HUGE denim messenger bag will be on Friday, December 18th. Please make sure to have all your items in bags with your name & class code to enter! Thank you again for your support of this great program and helping Liberty show Care for our Community!

New Fundraiser! Schwan's

With over 350 food options to choose from, including Organic and Gluten Free, and conveniently delivered right to your door! Don't forget to place those Holiday orders to help us meet our fundraising goals (20% of product and 40% of eGift Card sales) will go back to Liberty! And don't forget to use **Promo code 25OFF** to receive \$25 off a \$50 order.

Our Campaign ID- 24093



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Mark your musical calendar



The 6th grade Orchestra will be having a concert at SEHS on Tuesday, December 15th at 7 p.m. They will join the 7th & 8th grade Orchestras in a concert of holiday cheer! Students should arrive between 6:15-6:30 dressed in their concert black & white. Admission is per district policy: \$1 for non-performing students, \$2 for adults, with a \$6 maximum per family.

Grade of the Month - Second Grade

Second grade had the Bartlett Museum come to school for an in-school field trip. This complemented our unit learning about people and technology from past and present. Pam Rohleder visited each classroom and showed us what Bartlett was like in the 1800's and how it developed since. She is a wealth of knowledge about the history of Bartlett. If your family is looking for a great outing, visit her at the Bartlett Train Depot or the Bartlett Historical Museum located inside the police station.

In February second grade will be visiting Larkin High School to see the VPAA Dance Academy present "Bring a Book to Life" production. This year's title is "Joshua's Dragon" by Stacey Glorioso. Students will see a dancing adaptation of the book performed. This performance will tie in with the 8 Keys of Excellence, especially Failure Leads to Success, This is It!, and Integrity. It teaches about acceptance and overcoming fears.

Patriot's Pen Writing Contest

In November the 6th graders in Mrs. Aleman's and Mrs. Stancl's class participated in the Patriot's Pen Writing Contest that is sponsored by the local VFW. For the second year in a row, one of our own students won the essay contest. **Payton Kraemer**, in Mrs. Stancl's class, won third place and will receive a monetary award. The contest is open to 6th through 8th grade students and invites students to write an essay about a patriotic topic. This year, the theme was What Freedom Means to Me. Local veterans will visit Liberty on December 10th to present the award to Payton. Congratulations!!

CAC Update

Mark your calendars for the District Roundtable CAC meeting on December 10 at 7 pm in the Elgin High School library. This is your opportunity to meet with Board Members and Administration for an open discussion. All are welcome.

Lend a Helping Hand

Thank you to those that have signed up to volunteer for one of our many upcoming events. Without volunteers, we wouldn't be able to host so many fun events that our students and parents love. If you haven't signed up yet and are able to volunteer during the school day or an evening event, please email volunteerforliberty@gmail.com.



**The PTO is always looking for new ideas for fundraisers and events. If you have a new idea, please email volunteerforliberty@gmail.com and a member of the PTO board will contact you.

Ways to Raise \$, Just Shop & Save!



Simply cut out these labels on popular merchandise & send them with your child. We have a fantastic group of volunteers that cut them to size, count them up and send them in for **free money** for the school!



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