



NO SCHOOL MLK JR. DAY
JANUARY 18TH



DADDY DAUGHTER
DANCE
JANUARY 29TH

THE LION'S ROAR

From the Desk of Principal Jimenez

Dear Liberty Families,

Happy 2016! I hope your winter break was relaxing and fun. We are happy to welcome back our students and begin this exciting new semester of learning. Many of our classroom teachers began their lessons this week by reflecting on New Year's resolutions. They discussed the value of making goals but also to reflect on this past year and discuss accomplishments that were reached. These past accomplishments can help us move towards new goals or help us make changes to things we would like to do better.

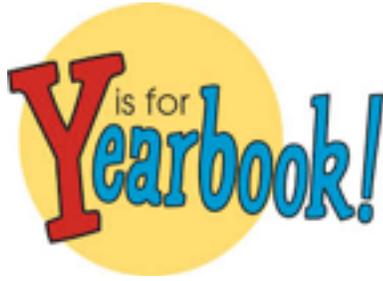
I would encourage all our families to discuss and make a family resolution this year. Would you resolve to be more active by taking a monthly hike together, having a no TV board game night or volunteering as a family for a worthwhile cause? All these ideas (and many more I'm sure you can think of) will help strengthen your family and in turn strengthen our school and community.

This year we have discussed several "keys of excellence" with our students to help them further build their character. Teachers have discussed ownership, speaking with good purpose and commitment. The month of January is "failure leads to success." Talk to your child about how learning from our mistakes helps to move us forward to success. Our goal is for our students to use these lifelong strategies to positively impact their lives. Thank you for supporting us with this.

With warm regards, *Mrs. Jimenez*

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Yearbook - Order Now!



Haven't ordered your copy of the yearbook yet? Don't worry, there is still time! Last year we sold over 200 copies...as of right now we have sold 100 copies. Place your order today!

Ordering online is quick, easy, & has great personalization options! The cost is \$20.

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

Pictures Needed

If you have attended any of our wonderful events and have a picture you would like to share, please email me at :

libertylionyearbook@gmail.com or **paige@battermann1.com**.

I am especially looking for pictures from the Ice Cream Social, Class Parties or Outings, Walk A Thon, Fall Fest or Literacy Night. Any picture helps. Thank you!

Daddy Daughter Dance



The Daddy Daughter Dance is **Friday, January 29th**, 6 pm to 8 pm. Many couples have registered and we are all really looking forward to the event. We are still looking for donations of desserts, water, white holiday light strands, and gift cards to Costco and Target to purchase food, drink and decorations. Contact Silvia at **silviajesse@comcast.net** if you have any questions or would like to make a donation. We can't wait to see you there!

Upcoming Events



JANUARY

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

NO SCHOOL

Monday, January 18th

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Friday, January 29th

FEBRUARY

GENERAL PTO MEETING

Tuesday, February 9 7pm

PRESIDENT'S DAY - NO SCHOOL

Monday, February 15th

Spelling Bee Winner!

The 10th Annual Liberty Spelling Bee was held on January 11th. 15 students from 3rd through 6th grade participated. The school winner is **Akshat Shah** in **Mrs. Szyszko's 3rd grade class!!** Zia Moghul from Mrs. Shales' class came in second place. Congratulations Akshat! Thanks again to the Liberty PTO for sponsoring the school in the Scripp's Spelling Bee so that Akshat can advance to the Regional Semi-Final Bee Aurora on February 19.

The following students represented their classes in the school bee:
 3rd grade: Sana Patel, Bryan Ho, Jessica Nassar, Billy Sias, Nicole Biedrzycki, Akshat Shah.
 4th grade: Cynthia Nassar, Adi Nakarani, Konstantinos Carrera
 5th grade: Riya Panchal, Alexandria Konieczny, Dharini Ravi
 6th grade: Zia Moghul, Ava Meinert, Aryan Shah



Schwan's Fundraiser

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! **We receive the most benefit for orders purchased by January 15th!** And don't forget to use **Promo code 25OFF** to receive \$25 off a \$50 order. **Our Campaign ID- 24093**

Mark your musical calendar

Mark your calendars for the Liberty Sings 2016!

Wednesday, April 13--6:30 PM First Grade
 7:30 PM Third Grade, 2/3 & Fourth Grade
 Thursday, April 14--6:30 PM Second Grade
 7:30 PM Fifth & Sixth Grade and Chorus



Ms. Ruth Cavanaugh & Miss Beth Ellis, Liberty Elementary General Music

Grade of the Month - Third Grade

The third grade classes are learning to research. We are studying United States history, focusing on when the Pilgrims first arrived in the US to Westward Expansion. We have learned to read a chunk of text, highlight the main idea, and underline supporting details. We also annotate the text in the margin. We then write new information we have learned in our notebooks under categories so easily

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find our notes. We love reading non-fiction text writing our learning!

Box Top Collection

Don't forget to clip the Box Top label on many of the popular items from the store...and send the with your child in a baggie. Our skilled group of parents will clip, count, enter and earn free money for Liberty! Our goal this year is to raise \$2000. We are currently at \$563.10, thank you for getting us this far!



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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