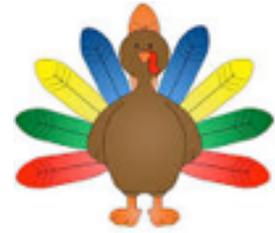




**BOOK FAIR  
FAMILY NIGHT  
NOVEMBER 5TH**



**PTO MEETING  
NOVEMBER 10TH**



**THANKSGIVING  
BREAK  
NOVEMBER 23-27**

# THE LION'S ROAR



## From the Desk of Principal Jimenez

Dear Liberty Families,

As we enter this time of family and thanksgiving, let's reflect on how we can continue to show care for ourselves and others. We strive to live out our 4C's every day at Liberty. I see examples of this care when our Step Up club organizes a collection drive for UNICEF for our students as they trick-or-treat. Also, when our 6<sup>th</sup> graders collect funds for Feed My Starving Children as well as work to hand-pack meals to feed malnourished children around the world. These are examples of true care for others. Thank you to all students, parents and teachers that supported these two events.

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We will continue to show care and support for our veteran's this month by proudly displaying a "star" for each of our Liberty family's men and women that have bravely served our nation. Please continue

to send in small photocopy pictures of these heroes so that we may honor them on their day. We will also be setting up “The White Table” in a corner of our library based on the children’s book *America’s White Table*. You may view and read the book at this website: <http://www.slideshare.net/aheern/americas-white-table-5742673> Discuss the significance of this book with your child and what it means to serve our country. Classrooms will be invited to solemnly view this display and possibly drop off a thank you letter for a soldier that is currently serving our country.

Our goal for our students is to help them see that simply saying “show care for yourself, others, your school and your community” is not enough, it must reach farther than just our school walls. During this Thanksgiving holiday, my hope is a blessing of peace and joy for your family and the gift of true compassion and care for others.

*With thanksgiving,*

**Mrs. Jimenez**

## CAC - Boundaries

The CAC E&F Committee approved a proposal which will go to the regularly scheduled CAC General Meeting on November 12th at 7pm for approval. The full draft of the report can be found by going to <http://www.u46cac.org/committees/enrollment-and-facilities-committee/>. The proposal is listed as “E&F Boundary Study Phase I Final Report 2015-10-20\_DRAFT”.

As a reminder, the monthly CAC General Meetings are open to all parents within the district.

The proposal which was approved includes the Option 1 scenario for Liberty. This option moves 107 students from Nature Ridge (Heron’s Landing neighborhood) to Liberty and moves the Liberty ESL program to Praireview in Bartlett. This option eliminates the need for mobiles at Nature Ridge for general classes and provides mobile space for Nature Ridge’s art & Music classes. In addition, this option frees up classroom space at Liberty.

If the proposal is approved at the CAC General Meeting, the proposal will be sent to the Board of Education in November.

## Upcoming Events



**BOOK FAIR FAMILY NIGHT**  
Thursday, November 5th

**END OF 1ST TRIMESTER**  
Friday, November 6th

**PTO GENERAL MEETING**  
Tuesday, November 10th

**REPORT CARDS SENT HOME**  
Monday, November 16th

**BEGINNING ORCHESTRA CONCERT**  
Tuesday, November 17th

**THANKSGIVING BREAK NO SCHOOL**  
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th

## Feed My Starving Children



Thanks to the Liberty community for supporting Feed My Starving Children by ordering Candy Grams for your teachers, family and friends. The 6th graders assembled the orders, and the Candy Grams were delivered to classrooms on October 30th. The money raised through this sale was donated to Feed My Starving Children on October 28th when the 6th graders packed meals for starving children around the world. The students packed

enough meals to feed 45 children for a year!! Thanks to all of you, we are able to donate \$537.75!! That is a wonderful way to show care for the larger community around us. Thanks Liberty! You are awesome!

## Step-Up Club is Raising Money for Children Worldwide

Thank you to everyone who collected money through our UNICEF fundraiser. Whether you trick-or-treated for UNICEF or simply donated to the cause, thank you! We have been studying about refugee children during our Step-Up Club meetings and we wanted to support efforts to help them. UNICEF is a great organization that brings food and medicine to children in need all over the world.



Step-Up's next project will be a Food Drive for local pantries. Please watch for information coming home with your child soon!

Our goal in Step-Up this year is to be able to attend Illinois We Day. We Day is a celebration of children and youth who take part in both local and global projects to help others. It is run by another great organization, Free The Children, which raises money to build schools, bring fresh water, and free children from enslavement worldwide. Watch for an upcoming project later in the school year to support Free The Children.

Again, thank you for your support of Step-Up Club. It is so exciting to work with youth who truly want to change the world!

Mrs. Shales

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## Terracycle

Terracycle is up and running! We have collection bins for Juices Pouches & snack bags in the cafeteria. Students can also bring in items to be entered in the raffle for cool Terracycle products like messenger bags & pencil case made from juice pouches! Drop off items to Mrs. Lass in the art room anytime. Make sure to label your bag with your class code & how many items you have. Every ten items get an entry. Please be sure to check the flyer that was sent home to make sure we collect items. Terracycle has many "brigades" but we do not participate in all of them. Cardboard, soda cans, candy wrappers and cookie wrappers are not able to be recycled at this time. Thanks for your support!

## New Fundraiser! Schwan's

Giving Back to Liberty Never Tasted So Delicious! Just in time for the Holiday Season we are excited to be participating in Schwan's Cares- yummy, delicious food delivered right to your door. Be on the lookout for more information to come!

## Mark your musical calendar

Beginning Orchestra will have its first concert on Tuesday, November 17th at 7 p.m. in the Kenyon Woods gymnasium. Students should dress as closely as possible to the traditional orchestra attire: nice, plain white top; black pants or skirt (at least knee length); and black socks & shoes. They will need to arrive at 6:15 for tuning and seating. Bring your instruments, books, and music stands; be sure all 3 are labeled with the students' names. Our guest artists will be the Kenyon Woods Chamber Ensemble. Admission to district concerts is \$1 for non-performing students, \$2 for adults, with a \$6 maximum per family. Contact Mr. Weyland or Mrs. Heikkinen if you have questions.



### **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, General Music

## Grade of the Month - First Grade

The first grade classes enjoyed a visit from the Bartlett Fire Department in October. Three firefighters from Station 3 came to Liberty to talk to us about fire safety. They showed us what a firefighter looked like in all their gear. They also told us about the importance of having a safety plan at home as well as a drill so that we would know what to do if there was a fire. We had a lot of questions for the firefighters like: do they have a fire dog, do they sleep at the firehouse and do they slide down a fire pole. The firefighters invited us to visit Station 3 any time. They said they would be glad to give us a tour if they were available. We had a great visit with the firefighters from Station 3.



## Rock the Walk - Update

Our 2nd annual walk-a-thon was a success! The children had a gorgeous day to listen to music while walking around the track for 20 minutes, raising money for our school. We raised over \$6000! As with all funds earned by PTO, every cent goes back to the school for purchases such as classroom libraries and technology improvements.

## Fall Fest - Update

What a fun event! Liberty's fall festival proved once again to be an exciting night. Many children and their siblings joined us to play fun games, walk our pumpkin walk and enjoy some delicious baked goods. We raised over \$2700, which will go towards helping our school.



## 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](mailto:volunteerforliberty@gmail.com).



# 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!



Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Liberty PTO. All you have to do is select "Liberty Elementary PTO" and use the [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) URL every time you shop. Sign up today!

If you use your Target REDcard and have Liberty designated as your school, Liberty receives a percentage of your purchases. Plus, you'll automatically get 5% off when you use your Target card in stores and online. If you are not already participating, just apply for a Target credit or debit card in store or online. Then just visit the website [target.com/tcoe](http://target.com/tcoe), or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate Liberty Elementary as your school.



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