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OCTOBER 5TH

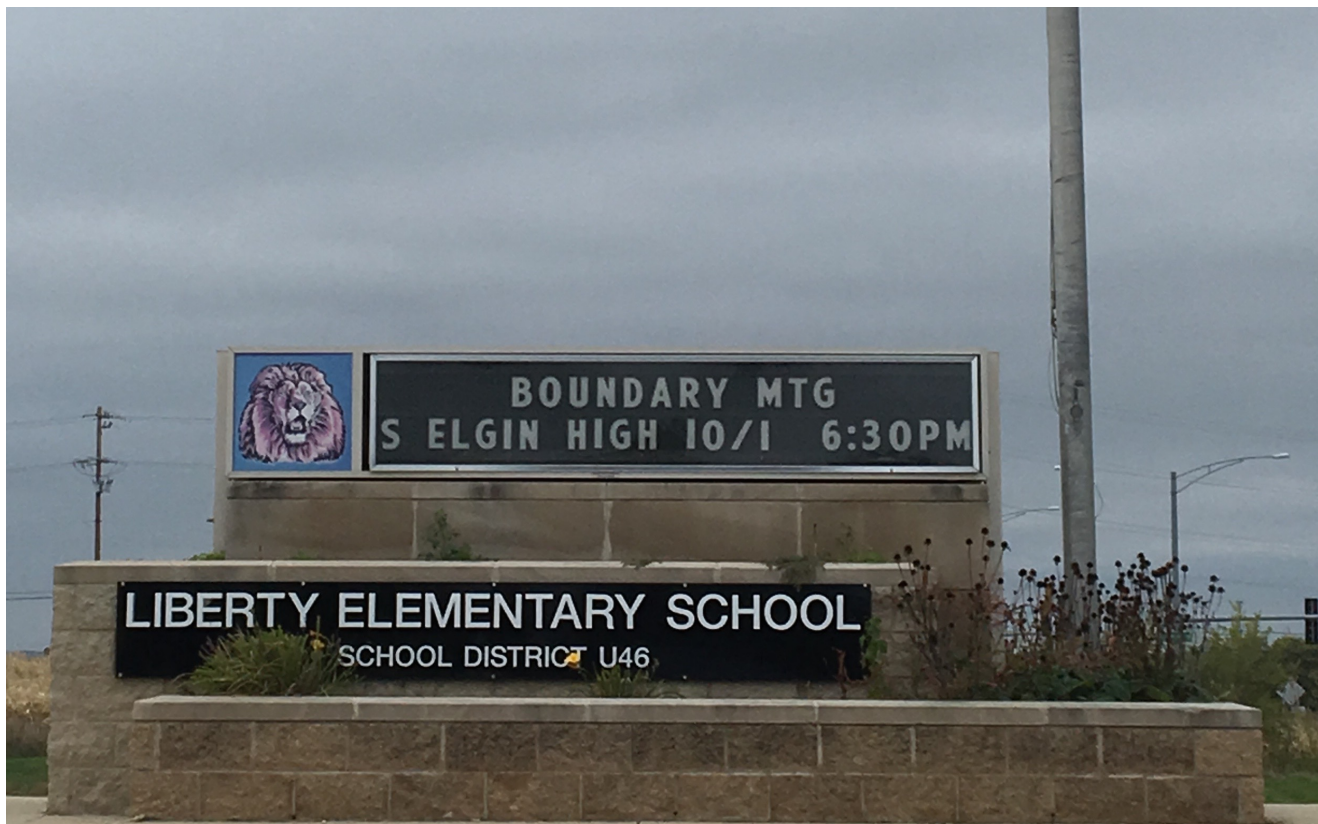


ROCK THE WALK
OCTOBER 16TH



FALL FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 30TH

THE LION'S ROAR



From the Desk of Principal Jimenez

Dear Liberty Families,

We are off to a great start to this new school year. At this time we have completed our reading assessments for all students as well as our MAP online assessment for 3rd and 6th grade students. Please reach out to your child's teacher to set up a date and time for our Parent/Teacher conferences

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in October. We are looking forward to meeting with all parents to discuss your child's progress and how we can work together to further support their learning this school year. Remember, communication is the key between school and home. We thank you for your continued support.

Please check our PTO calendar on our website for an updated calendar of all school events. The month of October will be chock-full of great activities for all Liberty families. For example, please plan on attending our **Literacy Night and Book Swap on October 8**. We will have fun activities organized by many of our teachers as well as our *Book Swap* where your children can select "new" (gently used) books that have been donated from our families. Also, please support our fundraising efforts with our **Walk-a-Thon on October 16**. Your child is able to collect donations from family and friends. Please join us on the day of the Walk-a-Thon to cheer on your child and their classmates as they complete their walking time on our school track. We end the month of October with our fun filled **Fall Festival on October 30**. Your child may attend in their Halloween costume and enjoy carnival games and prizes. Our teachers will be donating creative pumpkins for our always popular "Pumpkin Walk."

I hope to see all parents at our Parent/Teacher conference dates as well as at our all school activities. Our goal is to create a school environment that motivates our students to succeed and reach their new learning goals every school year. I look forward to working with students, parents and teachers on this endeavor.

See you soon,

Mrs. Jimenez

CAC - Boundaries

After 12 years without any boundary changes, the district is considering proposals to relieve overcrowding that is occurring in several schools throughout the district and provide additional space for full-day Kindergarten. The changes will go into effective for the 2016-2017 school year. While there are several modifications proposed district wide, there are currently 2 options which could potentially impact Liberty students.

- The first option would move 107 students from Nature Ridge (Heron's Landing neighborhood) to Liberty and move the Liberty ESL program to Praireview in Bartlett. This option would eliminate the need for mobiles at Nature Ridge for general classes and provide mobile space for Nature Ridge's art

Upcoming Events



PICTURE DAY

Monday, October 5th

LITERACY NIGHT & BOOK SWAP

Thursday, October 8th

GENERAL CAC MEETING

Thursday, October 8th

COLUMBUS DAY (NO SCHOOL)

Monday, October 12th

ROCK THE WALK

Friday, October 16th

PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES (NO SCHOOL)

Friday, October 23rd

FALL FESTIVAL

Friday, October 30th

& Music classes. In addition, this would free up classroom space at Liberty.

- The second option would leave the Nature Ridge boundaries unchanged, leave the ESL program at Liberty and move PreK from Liberty to another school. The benefits to this option are in leaving the school attendance boundaries as is and thereby eliminating the need to move kids to different school. The drawback to this option are Nature Ridge would have 2 general classes in mobiles and Nature Ridge would have art & music on carts. The drawbacks for Liberty are that music and art would now be on carts instead of in a classroom.

There was a public meeting held at South Elgin High School on October 1st to discuss the above options. There was overwhelming support for Option #2 by the parents that attended. These options will now be voted on by the CAC E&F Committee and then go to the CAC Executive Committee for review/ approval. Once a proposal has been approved, it will go in November to the CAC General meeting for a vote to approve. Ultimately the approved proposal will go to the Board of Education in November and the Board of Education will vote on the boundary recommendations in December. In January the Board of Education will hold public hearings on the proposed modifications to the attendance boundaries and following these hearings will adopt changes to the attendance boundaries.

Liberty's CAC E&F Committee representatives are Vitto Nitto (gcatconcrete@gmail.com), Anthony Cavallo (acavallo110@yahoo.com) and Trisha Lesch (trishalesch@gmail.com). Please reach out to one of them if you have any questions or concerns.

***The next General CAC meeting is **October 8** at 7:00 pm at the Elgin High School Library. It will feature a panel discussion on **bullying** and cyberbullying as seen and experienced from a school, parent, and law enforcement perspective. CAC meetings are open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Rock the Walk

Our 2nd annual walk-a-thon will be held on Friday, October 16th. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and the students and staff are really looking forward to it. Each child that brings in \$20 or more will receive a Liberty color changing water bottle! Money raised will go towards making improvements in our school. We will have a DJ playing fun music for the students as they walk. Check backpacks for a note from the teacher as to what time your child will be walking. If you are able, please come cheer on our students as they walk to raise money for our school!



Fall Festival

This fun family event is always a big hit! Students and siblings come dressed in costume and get ready to play some fun games! Many favorite activities will be back this year, so get ready to walk through the Pumpkin Patch and prepare your estimation skills to win some candy! Our fancy costume parade for grades K-3 will begin at 7:30pm. In addition to our delicious bake sale, we will have hot dogs for sale, so bring your appetite. We look forward to seeing your family there!

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Greetings from your new Social Worker!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to Liberty families and community. My name is Dolly Mandrelle and I am the new school social worker for Liberty. I will be taking over Mrs. Chada's role as she is now supporting another elementary school full-time. I am very excited to have this opportunity to work with and support Liberty students, staff and families! In my short few weeks here, I have been impressed with meeting so many highly qualified teachers, specialists and wonderful students! I look forward to being a part of the Liberty Elementary School's community and thank all staff for welcoming me! Please don't hesitate to contact me any time during the school year. My phone extension at Liberty is #7917 and email: dollymandrelle@u-46.org.

Grade of the Month - Kindergarten



We are off to a great start in Kindergarten. We have been working hard learning the letters and their sounds. The children are enjoying singing and doing the motions for the Jolly Phonics songs each day.

In Math, we have been using manipulatives to help us count and recognize numerals. In honor of Johnny Appleseed's birthday we have read fiction and nonfiction books about apples. We weighed and measured apples and painted apple trees.

In October, we will focus on identifying the characters, setting, problem and solution when retelling a story.

Your Kindergarten Team

Friendly reminders from the Office

Please remember to call in your child's absence on the attendance line anytime day or night (630.540.7680 press 1) to leave a message. Also, lunches are to be dropped off by 10:30 AM so they can be brought to the lunch room in time. Thank you parents!





Spiritwear

A great, big Lion's ROAR goes out to everyone who purchased spiritwear. The sale was a great success, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone in their new items at the walk-a-thon and on Spirit Day Fridays!! If you missed out on the sale this time, keep your eyes open for the next sale this coming Spring!

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. We are currently looking for volunteers during our Fall Festival on October 30th in the evening and daytime volunteers on Thursdays in our library.



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 URL every time you shop. Sign up today!

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