



NO SCHOOL
PRESIDENTS DAY
FEBRUARY 15TH



BOOK FAIR
FAMILY NIGHT
FEBRUARY 25TH



YEARBOOK ORDER DEADLINE
FEBRUARY 26TH

From the Desk of Principal Jimenez

Hello Liberty Families,

You might have seen a flyer sent home requesting that parents complete our **5 Essentials survey** online. Once again I am taking this opportunity to make this request. I would like to briefly share the importance of completing this survey. This survey provides students and parents an opportunity to have a voice in improving our school. Research has shown that schools that were strong in three to five of the Essentials were 10 times more likely to improve student learning than schools weak in three to five of the Essentials. Strength on components within the Essentials also correlated with increased student attendance, college enrollment and high school graduation. This survey will take less than 10-20 minutes to complete and your responses will not in any way be connected to you or your child. Remember, this survey requires a 20% response rate to generate a summary report. Last school year Liberty only reached 10% so we were not able to benefit from this parent feedback. Help us to better target our resources and interventions by completing this survey. Thank you once again for your support.

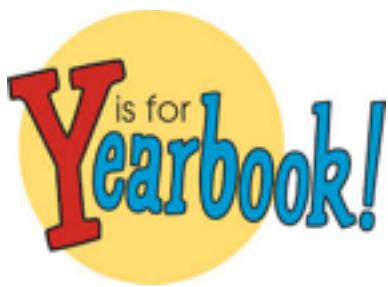
With gratitude,

Mrs. Jimenez

Please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> to take the parent survey.

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Yearbook - Deadline February 26th!



Haven't ordered your copy of the yearbook yet? Don't worry, there is still time...but just a bit - place your order today!

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

www.jostensyearbooks.com

(Enter *Liberty Elementary* in *Bartlett, IL*)

Liberty Tchoukball Champions!



Congratulations to the Bobcats, winners of the first ever Liberty Tchoukball Championship! The Bobcats defeated the Camels four games to zero in the final round and hoisted the Liberty Cup on January 21st. Great job Fernando, Danielle, Patrick, Sehaj and Jonathan, and thank you to all the students who participated!

Mom/Son Event Coming Soon!!!

**Fun Fair -
Friday, April 8th**

Save the date and prepare your game skills for the Fun Fair! It is always a fun time for all!



Upcoming Events



GENERAL PTO MEETING
Tuesday, February 9 7pm

**PRESIDENTS DAY
NO SCHOOL**
Monday, February 15th

REPORT CARDS HOME
Tuesday, February 23rd

BOOK FAIR
February 22-26

BOOK FAIR FAMILY NIGHT
Thursday, February 25th

**LAST DAY TO ORDER
YEARBOOK!!!!**
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH!



Name the Bake Sale

A flier was sent home with two entries for your child to name the bake sale! The winner will receive free admission to the Fun Fair & recognition on the poster. :) We can't wait to see the creative entries. Please return the form to school by Friday, February 19th.

School Supply Kits for 2016-2017

Yes, it's hard to believe we have to think about next year already, but if you want to take advantage of the most convenient and accurate way to get your kids their school supplies, please look for the order form that will be coming home with your student this month! Orders can be made on-line or on the paper order form that your student brings home. Any questions? Please contact: Janelle DiMichele: jd@chicagotherapist.net



S. T. E. A. M. Night Is Coming on March 10th!

Please put Thursday evening, March 10 from 6-8 pm on your calendars! Step Up Club is sponsoring a S.T.E.A.M. Night! There will be

hands-on activities for parents and students to explore in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. In addition, local clubs, museums, and businesses will be displaying wonderful class and activity opportunities for all ages. There will be a bake sale and a raffle with awesome prizes too! All proceeds from S.T.E.A.M. Night will be given to charities selected by the Step Up Club, so please come and support some great causes. See you there!

BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

FEBRUARY 22 -26, 2016 @ LIBERTY LIBRARY

FAMILY NIGHT, THURSDAY, FEB. 25 TIL 7

The Liberty Spring book fair is planned for February 22 - 26. The family event will be Thursday, February 25 and will be open all day until 7:00PM. Door 2 will be open for your convenience after the front office is closed. This will be an Anderson's Book Fair with lots of great books! We appreciate any parents who are available to volunteer at the book fair. Please go to



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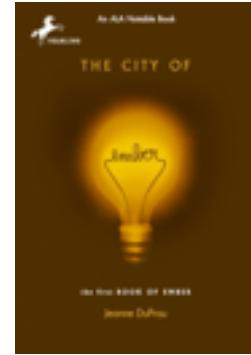
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volunteerforliberty@gmail.com - Stefanie Coombs is the volunteer coordinator. Profits from the book fair go to purchase library books for all to benefit from!

Thank you for your support!

Grade of the Month-Fourth Grade

Fourth grade classrooms and the 3/4 ESL classroom have been working diligently on a novel study on the book City of Ember, by Jeanne DuPrau. Students have done a mock assignment day, have tried unlocking the hidden message that was found in the mystery box, and have worked collaboratively with groups answering questions and making predictions about the book. When we are done reading the novel, we will be watching the movie and comparing it to the book.



Our classrooms also just completed research projects on the United States Government. Students were given a topic and were to research in groups about their topic. Some topics included were the Three Branches of Government, Checks and Balances, Bill of Rights, and the Constitution. At the end of their research, students gave in-class presentations. Each student had the opportunity to show what they learned and worked on their speech skills such as voicing and eye contact.

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 orders as 5% of your order goes to Liberty.

Our Campaign ID- 24093

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 getting closer, 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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