



NO SCHOOL
MARCH 15
MARCH 25 - APRIL 1



STEAM NIGHT
6 - 8 PM
MARCH 10TH



MOM/SON LASER TAG
MARCH 18TH

From the Desk of Principal Jimenez

Dear Liberty Families,

Our 3rd - 6th grade students will complete the PARCC state test next month. The testing window for this assessment runs from April 4 - April 29. This year our 3rd graders will complete a paper version of the test while 4th - 6th graders will complete the test online.

For those of you that are new to this testing, the PARCC test is aligned with our new Illinois Learning Standards. It helps to give teachers, families and students a more accurate measure of how well Illinois students are performing compared to other students across the country and whether they're on track to succeed in college. The PARCC assessment will also more closely track student learning so that any necessary remediation can take place as students progress through elementary and high school.

Students will complete tests in language arts that will demonstrate:

- Whether students can read and comprehend texts of varying complexities
- How well students can integrate information across sources to make a persuasive argument
- The degree to which students can use context to determine the meaning of academic vocabulary

Students will also complete math tests that will demonstrate:

- Whether students understand and can use important math ideas, including number sense, algebraic thinking, geometry and data analysis
- The extent to which students can use math facts and reasoning skills to solve real-world problems
- How well students can make math arguments

As the testing window approaches, classroom teachers will share more information regarding specific testing dates and times for your child’s class. In the meantime, I invite you to visit the PARCC informational website at: <http://www.parcconline.org/> . At this website you can get more information or perhaps take a practice test. Please contact me directly if you have any questions concerning this assessment. Once again, thank you for all your support as we work together to help our students succeed academically every day.

Thank you,

Mrs. Jimenez

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

FULL STEAM AHEAD!!!

- ▶ **6-8PM on Thursday, MARCH 10TH!**
- ▶ **Hands on Activities** in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math for families!
- ▶ **Displays and Demonstrations** by Local Clubs, Businesses, and Museums!
- ▶ **Raffle with prizes** including memberships, classes, and more!
- ▶ **Coding, Arduino, and Open Computer Lab!**
- ▶ *\$5.00 per child and **Adults are FREE**
- ▶ *All proceeds will benefit local and global **charities** selected by our Step Up Club students.



Upcoming Events



NO SCHOOL

Monday, March 4

Tuesday, March 15

March 25 - April 1

ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Wednesday, March 9

6:30pm @ SEHS

S.T.E.A.M. NIGHT

Thursday, March 10th

PLANT & SPIRITWEAR

ORDERS DUE!

Monday, March 14th

MOM/SON LASER TAG

Friday, March 18th

Gorgeous Flower Basket Sale!



Liberty PTO is sponsoring a Spring Flower Sale. Purchase a hanging basket while supporting our schools fundraising efforts! These beautiful flowers will be custom grown from Tom's Farm Market and Greenhouse, with a hardiness you just don't find at a grocery or home improvement store. They should last through spring, summer and into fall. Forms were sent home the week of March 7th & the orders are **due no later than Monday, March 14th**.

Your baskets are home grown based on your order. Orders will be ready for pick up from 2:00 to 6:00 on Thursday, May 19th in the school parking lot by gym door. The cost for each 10" basket is \$20.00 (retail for over \$23). Cash and checks payable to Liberty PTO will be accepted- please include with order form. If questions: please e-mail: jhankins06@comcast.net.

Spiritwear - Order Now!

Our spring Liberty wear is currently on sale & we are accepting online orders. Order soon as the deadline is Monday, March 14th! Parents can view and purchase our new items at <http://www.selectspiritwear.com/shop4/pc/viewCategories.asp?idCategory=465>.



Spring Sing

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



Fun Fair - Friday, April 8th

Bring the family out for a great evening of fun! **Admission is only \$5 per child and includes unlimited new games that earn punches for fantastic prizes!

Congratulations to Ava M. for winning the Name the Bake Sale Contest! Please be sure to stop on by Roarie's Roaring Treats during the Fun Fair!

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School Supply Kits for 2016-2017

It's time to order next year's school supplies! Look for the order form that will come home with your child the week of March 7th. On-line orders are preferred, but you can also send in the paper order form with your check...due before Spring Break! Any ?'s...contact Janelle DiMichele at jd@chicagotherapist.net.



Grade of the Month-Fifth Grade

The fifth grade students have been working hard in the months of January and February with Officer Flores and the DARE Program. They are currently working on their essays about what they learned in the program and why it is important to make safe and wise choices. Graduation Day will be on Monday, March 21 at 9:00 a.m.



A member of the Bartlett SWAT Team will be coming on Monday March 7th to discuss and show the fifth grade students items the team uses to help deter crimes in our community.

We also just completed our 3rd annual STEM expo and parent open house. We are working with, or just getting started with the Dyson engineering and design project. We enjoyed a Skype lesson with the rangers at Denali on adaptation. Students are also creating a Revolutionary War theme park in social studies.

Mom/Son Laser Tag

We have had a fantastic response to Liberty's first ever, Mom & Son Event. Registration is now closed & we are looking forward to seeing many of you there! Bring your A game!

Box Tops

Thank you, Liberty! We collected Box Tops and **doubled** what we have for the year thus far. There were 4 class rooms that stood out

in order:

Mrs.Karsbaek, room 418

Mrs. Stringham, room 317

Mrs.Aleman, Room 220

Mrs. Perrone, room 216

We may reach our goal this year, thanks to everyones support! Please keep on clipping those box tops!

New Liberty Champions!

Congratulations to the Flames, winners of the Liberty Floor Hockey Championship! Great job Myles, Sammy, Zach, Fernando, JJ, Nicole and Danielle, and thank you to all the students who participated!



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

Labels For Education

The Labels for Education Program will be discontinued after this 2015-2016 school year. If you have any Labels for Education please send them in with your student. No label quantity is too small! Keep clipping!

Success!

The Spring Book Fair was a success! Huge Thank you to Stefanie Combs, Bina Patel, Prachi Jhaveri, Laura Araiza, Michelle Bach, Tonia Pickard and Dawn Treni. We could not have done it without you our wonderful volunteers. The profits from the book fairs help keep our library shelves filled with current books that are connected to the curriculum and interesting for the students and staff to check out. It is so great when our students find just the right books they are excited to read. Thank you Liberty community for your support of Liberty Library.

Liberty's first ever Daddy Daughter dance was also a great success! The girls and their Dads had a wonderful evening filled with awesome dancing, delicious treats & have a keepsake picture to remember the night. Thank you to Home Depot, Target, Costco & all our parent volunteers for your donations of time, money, or treats. We look forward to planning next years!

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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