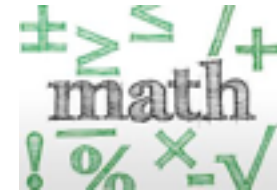




SPRING SING
APRIL 13TH &
APRIL 14TH



PICTURE DAY
APRIL 21ST



EUREKA MATH NIGHT
APRIL 28TH



From the Desk of Principal Jimenez

Dear Liberty Families,

Thank you for all your support and encouragement during this testing time. Our 3rd - 6th grade students have been doing a wonderful job doing their best on their tests. Please continue to encourage them to show what they know and remind them that testing is just one part of their education and just one way we help measure their strengths and areas of improvement.

This also brings to mind our Key of Excellence that we are practicing this month: the key of Balance. Ask your child if they have discussed this key in class. We are focusing on how finding the right balance of work and fun helps us to be happy, healthy and productive. Many of our classroom teachers are incorporating fun movement videos called Go Noodle into their daily schedule (especially before testing time) to bring in the element of balance within the school day. Discuss with your child how the choices we make every day about school, work, hobbies, sports, family, friends, health, etc. are about balance. 😊

Most sincerely, *Mrs. Jimenez*



Spring Sing - this week!

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

Registration Time!!!

Registration information was sent in the mail in the last week of March. Please take a few minutes as soon as possible to register your student(s) for the upcoming school year. If you have any questions please contact the front office at 630-540-7680.

Orchestra Concert - save the date!

May 3rd Orchestra Concerts at SEHS

- ▶ 6:30 p.m. 5th & 7th grade orchestras
- ▶ 7:30 p.m. 6th & 8th grade orchestras

Picture Day Volunteers Needed

Spring Picture Day is Thursday, April 21st. Please be sure to send your order form in with your child that day. If you are available to help out getting the students to and from class, please email volunteerforliberty@gmail.com.

STEAM Success!

Step-Up Club is excited to report that \$443.00 was raised during our first S.T.E.A.M. Night! We would like to thank all of the parents and students who came out to support and enjoy the fun activities, and the Step-Up parents and students who volunteered. In addition, I would

Upcoming Events



SPRING SING

Wednesday April 13th

Thursday, April 14th

PICTURE DAY

Thursday, April 21st

REGISTRATION DAY

Thursday, April 21st

3pm - 7pm

MATH EUREKA NIGHT

Thursday, April 28th

MAY DATES

ORCHESTRA CONCERT

May 3rd

6TH GRADE RECOGNITION

May 23rd

KINDERGARTEN

GRADUATION

May 25th

personally like to thank the teachers and staff who helped out, and especially Mrs. Stringham for teaching coding!

Several businesses and clubs were kind enough to showcase their services, as well as provide great raffle prizes. We would encourage our school community to support and thank: Bricks 4 Kidz, Afterschool Enrichment Solutions, Golden Corridor Maker Space, Chi-Bots, Elgin Public Museum, Fox Valley Girls Coding Club, Elgin Academy, Sylvan Learning Center of South Elgin, Sci-Tech Museum in Aurora, Elgin Community College Kids College, Discovery Center Museum in Rockford, and Arts In Bartlett.

The money raised will go to benefit charities chose by the Step-Up students: The Association for India's Development, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Life for Relief, and a local child with cerebral palsy.

Spirit wear - Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who made a spring spirit wear purchase. All items were delivered to classrooms the week of April 4th for your child to bring home. Can't wait to see the new designs on Spirit Wear Fridays!



We-Day Illinois

Because our Step-Up students have done both local and global actions this year, we have been awarded a limited number of tickets for We-Day! We-Day is a celebration for students like ours who want to make a difference. This year, 15,000 students will gather at the All-State Arena to hear great actors, musicians (Ciara, Paula Abdul), speakers (Martin Luther King III), and more! It will be an exciting day that will be life-changing! Check out more about We-Day at www.weday.com.

Grade of the Month-Sixth Grade



Sixth grade students are in the midst of PARCC testing. After the first couple tests, students are reporting that they feel prepared for the kinds of questions asked. The work that we do all year long in reading, writing, and math makes them ready for the expectations of the test.

In reading, we are wrapping up our study of water pollution and its affect on nature as we read *World Without Fish* and *Flush*, and connected the ideas in informational text and literature. Much of our focus was on point of view and perspective - always finding evidence in the text to support it. We will wrap our year with a taste of Shakespeare - using reader's theater to make it more accessible to students.

We are writing informational books about activism topics such as child labor, bullying, pet abandonment, environments, and education. Students are using research skills to support the writing. These books will eventually take on a digital form using technology tools. Google Drive has been a wonderful technology support in all our writing projects this year!

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Our math lessons continue to focus on expressions and equations and how they can be used to solve real-life math problems. Using variables and coefficients, as well as writing and evaluating expressions, is a new skill in 6th grade.

We are also starting to plan for the end of sixth grade activities like the Kane County Cougars game and Sixth Grade Recognition. It's hard to believe that those events are right around the corner. What a great time to reflect on all the learning that we have done together this year!

Field Day - May 13th

Mark your calendars as Field Day is just a month away! As long as weather permits, Field Day will be on Friday, May 13th. If you haven't ordered your Field Day Minecraft spirit wear, please do so - deadline is Friday, April 15th. It is not mandatory, however another spirit wear shirt is always fun! **VOLUNTEERS:** If you can volunteer for this fun daytime event, please contact Dina Cavallo at micmse73@yahoo.com.

Box Tops

- ▶ You can still turn in Box Tops before the end of the school year. We will make another collection before school is out.
- ▶ Summer collection sheets will be sent home next week - keep collecting over the summer to give us a great start to the next school year!
- ▶ Thank you, parents! We raised \$1100 this year for Liberty, and whatever we can get turned in by the end of the school would be great!

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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