



THE EAGLE EYE

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Caring Students • Persistent Learners • Dedicated Educators

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Liberty Elementary School

Caring Students. Persistent Learners. Devoted Educators

Liberty seeks to unite families, community, staff and students in working to ensure that all students feel challenged, respected and safe every single day. Staff uphold high expectations for all students and work collaboratively to provide engaging learning opportunities to help students meet and exceed those expectations. Our goal is to inspire students to distinguish themselves both as persistent learners and as kind, caring citizens, who become leaders in their school and in their community.

To see all of the awesome things that happen here at Liberty every day. You can follow me on Twitter: @LibertyES_FCPS

ATTENDANCE

Please note that FCPS Regulation 400-98 regarding Student Attendance was approved this summer. This regulation guides our work at the school level. The following is information from this Regulation.

An absence, including absence for any portion of the day, is presumed to be unlawful unless **a note stating the reason for absence or lateness is submitted within the same term of the absence.*

** At the elementary level, unlawful absences in excess of 5 days in any one 9-week grading period may result in an unsatisfactory mark in grades K-1 and a failing grade in grades 2-5 in the affected class or classes.*

** Elementary students who have been absent 27 days by the end of the third quarter may be considered for possible retention during promotion/non-promotion conferences.*

School Calendar

September 20	Schools Closed/Fair Day
September 23	Individual Pictures
Sept.30-Oct.4	Book Fair at Liberty
October 1	Grandparents Lunch: Last Names A-L (more info to come soon)
October 2	Grandparents Lunch: Last Names M-Z
October 16	PTA Meeting 6:30 in Media Center
October 18	PTA Trunk or Treat 6-7:30 (car set-up 5:00)
October 20	Box Top Classroom Contest

***All Dates and Times Subject To Change**

LOU Redistricting Information

IMPORTANT! A school redistricting study, begun in January 2019, includes ALL Linganore-Oakdale-Urbana area schools. The BOE must establish attendance areas and feeder patterns for new schools in response to FCPS enrollment growth*.

As the decision-making phase begins for the redistricting study, this is a reminder of important dates: Community members continue to play an important role through opportunities to provide feedback to BOE members, attending public hearings, and/or sharing feedback via email to LOURedistrict@fcps.org.

Board of Education Public Hearings, **7 PM-9 PM** (Signup sheets available 6:30 PM)

Thursday, September 19, Linganore High

Tuesday, September 24, Oakdale High

Wednesday, September 25, BOE Meeting, 191 S. East St., Frederick- Discussion and public comments

The BOE will make the final decision, expected in October.

*The new schools are Sugarloaf Elementary (housing Urbana Elementary students until the Urbana Elementary replacement opens for the 2020-2021 school year) and Blue Heron Elementary, opening for the 2021-2022 school year. Details are online: www.fcps.org/louredistrict.

PTA NEWS

PTA Membership:

Submit your PTA membership form as soon as possible. If you did not receive a PTA membership form or lost your form, you can print it from the following web page.

PTA membership form: <https://sites.google.com/a/liberty-pta.org/liberty/home/membership-form>

Book Fair - September 30th-October 3rd:

Can you help students pick out books? Sign up to Volunteer at the Book Fair. Many slots are available

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C48ACA828A75-liberty1> or email Allison Moran amoran822@gmail.com or Ashley Misko ashleymisko@yahoo.com.

Grandparent's Day - October 1st-2nd:

We are having a photo op for our students and their Grandparent's next to the Book Fair portable. For \$5, your student can pose with their Grandparent for a wonderful keepsake. More information coming home soon.

Student Directory:

Please complete and return forms now (since our deadline has passed) to be included in the 2019-2020 Liberty Student Directory. **YOU MUST BE A PTA MEMBER TO RECEIVE A STUDENT DIRECTORY.** You do not need to be a member to have your children's information included in the directory. This is a great avenue to be in touch with student's classmates for birthday parties and play dates. If you have any questions, please email Regina Clowser at directory@liberty-pta.org. School Directory Form web page: <https://sites.google.com/a/liberty-pta.org/les-school-directory/>

Box Tops: Fall Competition Deadline Tuesday, October 22nd

Which classroom can collect the most Box Tops and receive a prize in November?

Liberty PTA collects Box Tops for Education to earn money for activities like **cultural arts assemblies** and to help fund **field trips**. Expired Box Tops don't count.

NOTE: Box Tops clipping is being phased out in place of the Box Tops app scanning your store receipts. Both are currently accepted. Be sure to scan your receipt within 14 days of purchase and be sure to scan before Tuesday, 10/22/19. Instructions for having your scanned receipts count towards you child's classroom will be sent later. For more information, visit the following website page: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/How-To-Earn> Please bring any clipped Box Tops to your classroom for the competition by Tuesday 10/22/19, in a plastic baggie or envelope, labeled with your child's **teacher's name**.

Box Tops can be found on PaperMate, Annie's, Ziplock, Cheerios, Chex, Pillsbury, Yoplait, Old El Paso, and more. For a full list of products visit the following website page: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/Participating-Products-Page>

For Savings Offers and other ways to earn Box Tops, visit this Box Tops website page: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/Find-Offers>

Contact Regina Clowser at boxtops@liberty-pta.org with any questions.

THANK YOU FOR HELPNG OUR SCHOOL!