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Bi-Monthly Newsletter

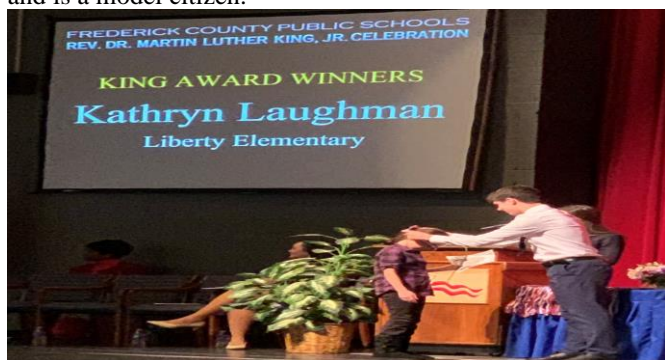
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Principal's Messages

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that we are now in the year 2020. Here at Liberty, we are starting off the year with renewed energy and commitment to our students and learning community. Sometimes consistency is hard during the winter as snow days take students away from their learning environment. This is why it is important that students attend school every single day possible. Did you know that the state of MD includes attendance as part of a school's state rating? Students that currently have more than 7 absences are considered chronically absent and impact Liberty's rating. Please call Mrs. Elkins if you need help getting your child to school for any reason. We are here to help!

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Award Winner

Congratulations to Katie Laughman in fifth grade for being our award recipient. Katie was chosen by staff to represent Liberty because she consistently demonstrates good character and is a model citizen.



New Staff Members

At times throughout the year there are staff changes in schools. This may be due to promotions, retirements, moves, or staff taking leave for various reasons. While we always miss the staff members that have begun new journeys, we welcome new faces to our Liberty Family. Please welcome **Summer Carson** to our special education team. She is replacing Candace Sprague who has retired as of December 31, 2019. Please also welcome **Heather Overholtzer**, school health technician, and **Kimberly DiPietro**, school nurse.

School Calendar

January 15	PTA Meeting -Media Center
January 20	Schools and Offices Closed
January 23	Math Escape Room Night 6-7:30
January 28	Qt. 1 & 2 Awards Assembly (families of those receiving awards will receive invitations) K-2 9:15 3-5 10:00
January 29	Schools closed for students
January 30	Snow Date for Math Escape Room

** All Dates and Times Subject to Change*

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is getting full. Take a look and see if you recognize any of your child's belongings. Items will be donated to charity at the end of the month.



Elementary Magnet Information

The Elementary Magnet Program Application season is now upon us! This program is designed for academically gifted students in grades 3 – 5 with superior performance in both language arts and mathematics.

Application information will be available beginning *January 24, 2020*, and may be obtained online at

www.fcps.org/academics/elemmagnetprg

. The 2020-2021 Elementary Magnet Program application is for students currently in Grades 2, 3, and 4.

Parents and teachers are encouraged to review information, including some characteristics of gifted students. All information may be found:

- via this [flyer](#).
- Online via <https://www.fcps.org/academics/elemmagnetprg>.

A Magnet Program Overview for parents will be held on January 21, 2020, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Gov. Thomas Johnson High School Auditorium. The overview will include components of the magnet program and the processes leading to placement. If interested in attending, please register [here](#). With five days' notice, FCPS will provide interpreters upon request. Please note that this meeting is designed for parents, not students. The snow date for this meeting is January 27, 2020 at the same time and location. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Advanced Academics at 301-696-6891.

PTA News

PTA Meeting – Wednesday, January 15th at 6:30 in the Media Center

Help us plan for our Dance Party, Dr. Seuss & Friends Night, and our Spring Book Fair.

Thank you to all those who volunteered at our Extreme Eagle Flight Path obstacle course this fall. We raised \$7,377.82!!

The PTA is in need of a few willing volunteers to fill vacant positions. Are you interested? Please attend our next PTA meeting.

Find Out First Information

All families with working email addresses were automatically signed up for Find Out First messages this school year. These messages sometimes come from Liberty ES and others come from FCPS directly. This is the best way to get information related to events happening at school and volunteer opportunities. Also, weather and school closing information is communicated via Find Out First in case of emergencies or inclement weather events.

