

Liberty Elementary School ~ Better Together

The Weekly Hawklined

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August 21, 2017

Principal's Message

Welcome back Skyeeeeeeeeeehawks!!

I trust you had a wonderful summer and you are ready to begin yet another fabulous school year at Liberty. We are excited for the year to start, and NO solar project or construction!! YEAH!! Thank you so much for your patience last year, and it was well worth it. We received a beautiful facelift. Just a reminder of some of our wonderful improvements. First, we have those outstanding solar panels in our parking lot, providing not only a huge reduction in our energy bill but also doubling as shade against the Fresno sun. Our MPR, kitchen, and bathroom floors were redone. Our MPR received a new sound system, projector, and curtains. Classrooms were modernized with the latest digital wiring and multimedia controls. Our school's outdated irrigation system was renovated. Some buildings received new roofing. New cement was added in some spots around campus. New hardware was added to classroom doors. Grass, plants and trees were added to the landscape, etc. A big THANK YOU to the voters who passed the bond.

As is the case every year, many new families to Liberty arrived on the first day of school. We are glad to see to them, and in fact we met many of them last Friday at our "Welcome to Liberty" greet and meet. Please, if you get a chance, make an effort to introduce yourself to them. Let's get them integrated into the Liberty family quickly.

Our theme this year is "Better Together." I know I have a biased opinion of our school, but I believe that one of the best qualities is its welcoming climate. I often hear from both parents and staff that our campus has a family feel to it, that people feel accepted, connected, and cared for. Our staff believes that caring is a huge part of our business. We are not better just because we are together. We are better because we appreciate, value, and support each other. Educating children is the most important endeavor in our society. Thank you for all your help and involvement in our school. We are so much better with you. So join us again this year as we seek to provide an excellent educational experience to all of our kids.

Fly High, Fly Proud
George Petersen, Principal,
Liberty Elementary School

Back to School Night

*Back to School Night is on
Tuesday, August 29th.*



*This is for all parents regarding the
programs at Liberty.
We look forward to seeing you there!*

Liberty Elementary School

Faculty and Staff 2017-2018

Mr. George Petersen	Principal
Mrs. Tiffany Aoki-Chance	Senior G.I.S.
Mrs. Vicki Franklin	Office Supervisor
Mr. Jose Platas	Plant Supervisor
Mrs. Kristy Brandl	Trans K & K
Mrs. Tracie Brosi	Room 1 K-1 Combo
Mrs. Kathy Regier	Trans K & K
Mrs. Christina Rowland	Trans K & K
Mrs. Joan Barone	1 st grade
Mrs. Amy Chambers	1 st grade
Mrs. Kaelyn Foster	1 st grade
Mrs. Taryn Hansen	1 st grade
Mrs. Melisha Ford	2 nd grade
Mrs. Janele Howell	2 nd grade
Mrs. Bethany Marinovich	2 nd grade
Mr. John Lyle	3 rd grade
Mrs. Diana Rey	3 rd grade
Mr. Brian Work	3 rd grade
Mrs. Melissa Campama	4 th grade
Mrs. Stacey Cross	4 th grade
Mrs. Stephanie Patterson	4 th grade
Ms. Laura Poochigian	4 th and 5 th grade combo
Mr. Jose Cantu	5 th grade
Mrs. Lori Curtis	5 th grade
Mr. Brian Salomonson	6 th grade
Mrs. Stephanie Stead	6 th grade
Mrs. Chelsea Toews	6 th grade
Mrs. Melissa Perez	4 th , 5 th , & 6 th gr/SDC
Mrs. Debbie Ward	Resource Specialist
Mrs. Lori Grossman	Resource Specialist
Mrs. Katey Kuyumjian	Speech Pathologist
Ms. Kathryn Mendrin	Speech Pathologist
Mrs. Shelly Galleano	School Psychologist
Mrs. Caryn Hall	School Nurse
Mrs. Lori Dunbar	Health Aide
Mrs. Esperanza Maciel	Bilingual Instr. Aide
Mrs. Bethany Speir	Vocal Music
Mrs. Cynthia Salomonson	Vocal Music ~ 3 rd gr.
Mrs. Sandy Headrick	Instrumental Music
Mrs. Laura Olson	Orchestra
Mrs. Rachel Hagenzieker	Student Services
Mrs. Dawn Elliott	Library Technician
Mrs. Wendy Gabriel	Library Technician
Ms. Sophia Vargas	Cafeteria Supervisor
Mr. Lang Vang	Evening Custodian

Better Together!

Important 1st Day School Information Packet

Please read and respond to the information in your child's first day packet of materials.

Included in your packet is Parent Club information, school menu, bell schedule, school year calendar and much more!

Items in the 1st day packet need to be completed and returned to the classroom teacher by this Friday, August 25th.

The Liberty Parent/Student Handbook is also included in the packet and is a great reference for school activities (both academic & sports related), our policies and procedures.

Keep this informative handbook somewhere where you can refer back to it throughout the year. It is also available on our website at www.liberty.cusd.com



Check out our Liberty Social Media

We update our website each and every week with our weekly Hawklane newsletter and other important information including late breaking news! You have access to the email addresses of our entire staff, you can check out our many grade level websites for specific classroom information which includes homework help, links to many of our CUSD information hubs, volunteer forms, fun sites to share with your family, questions answered AND you may even clear your child's absence from here!

If you have questions or suggestions regarding our site, please contact Mrs. H at rachelhagenzieker@cusd.com
Visit us often at www.liberty.cusd.com

Sign in with Facebook and Twitter

Find Liberty Elementary Clovis and "like" us on Facebook! To receive a tweet from Twitter, text 40404 and type the message exactly as shown here:

Follow libertyelem

A tweet of confirmation will come and you will begin to receive our Liberty updates!

Between our website, Parent Connect, Facebook and Twitter accounts, you will be able to stay connected to our school in a timely manner and to the things that concern your child.

Sign up today for all our social media outlets!



Your first day of school photos are wanted!

Please submit your Liberty photos to our Yearbook Committee at Libertyyearbook1@gmail.com. Photos should be of Liberty students and staff portrayed doing things at Liberty. Photos should be high quality and not dark. Please remember that the Yearbook Committee will use discretion in deciding which pictures to include. Yearbooks will go on sale in the spring!

School Lunch Information



Clovis Unified School District offers a school lunch program at Liberty. Lunch for elementary students is \$2.25 per meal. Breakfast is \$1.00 and is served from 8:00-8:15am. Regular, chocolate or strawberry milk are also available for .40 cents.

You may pay for student meals by putting your money into a student debit account that your child can draw from on a daily basis. The locked drop box for payments is located in the front office at the short front counter. Please place any cash in an envelope with the student's full name (first and last), along with their room number. Envelopes are provided and are by the lock box for your convenience. Checks should be made out to ClovisUSD and do not need to be placed in an envelope. Please write your students name in the memo portion. Both cash and checks are accepted. You may also make payments online through ParentConnect. No money will be accepted in the lunch line.

We ask that lunches brought after the tardy bell has rung be taken directly to the stage in the MPR. Please, do not interrupt class. We have provided post-its and pens on the right side of the stage to clearly mark the lunch. Our wonderful Campus Monitors will make sure your child receives it.

Next 2 weeks at Liberty!

<u>Monday August 21</u>		<u>Welcome back, Skyhawks!</u>
<u>Spirit Wear on Sale Today</u>		
First Bell Rings		8:15am
Fall Sports Sign ups		Lunchtime
Back to School Rally		2:30pm
<u>Tuesday August 22</u>		<u>Happy Bday, Mrs. Ford</u>
Student Council Election Packets Available		10:35am
Football Equipment Handout		3:10-4:10pm
Parent Sports Information & Sign Up Night		6:00pm MPR
<u>Wednesday August 23</u>		
EARLY RELEASE DAY – AM K @ 11:00 / PM K & 1-6 @ 1:40pm		
Cheer Practice		3:15-4:15pm
<u>Thursday August 24</u>		
Student Body Mtg & Election Packets Due		10:35am
Fall Sports Practice Begins		3:15-4:15pm
<u>Friday August 25</u>		<u>Happy Bday, Mrs. Elliott</u>
Snack Shack Today!		2:00pm
Block "L" Webinar		2:15pm
Sports Practice		3:15-4:15pm
<u>Monday August 28</u>		
Sports Practice		3:15-4:15pm
Kastner's Back to School Night		6:00pm
<u>Tuesday August 29</u>		<u>Spirit Wear on Sale at BTS Night</u>
Student Body Speeches & Posters Due Today		
Sports Practice		3:15-4:15pm
New Parent Orientation		6:00pm
Liberty Back to School Night		6:20-8:00pm
<u>Wed August 30</u>		<u>Early Release!</u>
Cheer Practice		3:15-4:15pm
CUSD Board Mtg.		6:30pm
<u>Thursday Aug 31</u>		
Student Council Convention and Election		
Sports Practice		3:15-4:15pm
Fall Family Social		5:30-7:30pm
<u>Friday Sept 1</u>		
Snack Shack		2:00pm
Sports Practice		3:15-4:15pm



The Skyhawk Award for Character Counts!

A person of character is a good person, someone to look up to and admire. Someone who knows the difference between right and wrong and always tries to do right. A person of character sets a good example for everyone, makes the world a better place and lives according to the Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Responsibility, Respect, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Every other week in the Hawklane, we will have a list of students who consistently demonstrate these wonderful character traits.

Skyhawk Buddy Fun Run

Please join us on Sept. 6 for our exciting annual Fun Run. Make your plans to join our Skyhawks as they run for technology!



FALL SPORTS INFORMATION NIGHT

The All Sports Information Night meeting for parents will be held Tuesday, August 22 from 6:00-6:30pm in the MPR.

Please plan to attend this meeting if your child will participate on ANY athletic team this year.

The philosophy regarding our varsity and junior varsity teams will be explained as well as student, parent and school responsibilities. Liberty coaches will be available to answer all your questions.

Fall Sports Sign Ups

All students in grades 4-6 are encouraged to come and join a school sports team. Signups for the Fall sports season will be held Monday, August 21 in the MPR during upper grade lunch. Additional signups will continue Tuesday & Wednesday.

Upper grade students may participate in Girls Volleyball (grades 5 & 6), Football (grades 5 & 6), and Cross Country (grades 4,5 & 6)

Fall sports practice will be held after school from 3:15-4:15pm. Football Volleyball and Cross Country begin on Thurs. Aug. 24th

Please note: Sports practices are not held on any Wednesday. Students must return a signed Parent Permission Form along with Proof of Insurance and sign a Code of participation form in order to participate. The required forms will be made available to students during signups.

Parent Connection & Mandatory Yearly Forms Packet

It is **mandatory** that all students have their forms completed online by a parent or legal guardian. To access Parent Connect, please visit www.cusd.com and click on the red Parent Connect/yearly forms button on the right hand side of the menu. Once you have logged into Parent Connect, click on the **Annual Verification** link above your child's name. Detailed instructions are provided in the Liberty main office. Parent Connect is provided free of charge and is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from any smartphone, tablet, desktop or laptop computer with internet access. If needed, please inform the office if you do not have access to a computer. We have made arrangements for you to use one during regular business hours here at school. **You must have an email address to have access to Parent Connect.** Parent Connect also gives you the ability to view school news, attendance, assignments & grades (for grades 2-6) and cafeteria purchases and balances throughout the school year.

IMPORTANT: If you do not have your PIN and password, you must email Mrs. Hagenzieker in the main office at rachelhagenzieker@cusd.com and she will respond to your email with the information you need. This is very important.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL TIMES

Supervision begins on campus at 8:00am for students in grades K-6 therefore students who do not ride the bus and those who are not enrolled in Campus Club are not to be on campus before 8:00am. For the safety and well-being of our students, you must adhere to this policy.

Please communicate each day to your student how they are getting home, are they taking the bus, are they going to Campus Club, who is picking them up and where on campus they should meet.

We make every effort to relay messages but clear communication from home is always best.

All students **MUST** go directly home at the end of each school day unless they are directly involved in an after school activity. Siblings are **NOT ALLOWED** to wait at school for brothers &/or sisters who may be involved in an after school activity.

Oops! Dropping off something they forgot?

Once the bell rings at 8:20am, all forgotten lunches go directly to the stage and not to the office. Post-its and pens are available on the stage to mark the item. Our wonderful Campus Monitors will make sure your child gets their lunch.

Homework/instruments/sports stuff to the office. Our teachers and students have much to accomplish in the classroom so out of respect for their time and efforts and for the safety of our campus, we thank you for not entering the classrooms or corridors which is against CUSD policy. Thank you

Student Drop Off & Pick Up Guidelines



The main parking lot is on the corner of Perrin and Liberty Hill Road. This lot has been designated as the bus drop off and pick up area. Traffic is extremely heavy from 8:00am to 8:15am and from 3:00pm to 3:20pm. It is recommended that parents use Liberty Hill Road circle drive (by upper grade wing) and Perrin circle drive (by the basketball courts) during these heavy traffic times. To ensure the safe arrival and departure of all students, please follow these guidelines as you drop off and pick up your child.

Never stop or park in the RED BUS LOADING area

Please park your car in a parking stall and walk to the sidewalk area to drop off or pick up students. Because young children are difficult to see in the rear view mirror-NEVER ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO CROSS THE PARKING LOT OR STREET WITHOUT AN ADULT!

The main lot can be entered from both Perrin and Liberty Hill but check for students crossing at parking lot entrances before entering. The Perrin Circle drive and parking lot has one entrance and one exit only as does the north parking lot on Liberty Hill Road. Please adhere to posted signs. Left hand turns are permitted as long as safety allows.

Never use handicap spaces unless authorized to do so. Cars illegally parked in handicapped spaces will be ticketed and fined. Please be courteous of those who truly are in need of those spaces and not just the convenience of a spot close by.

DO NOT USE THE STREET LIBERTY HILL ROAD AS A DROP OFF/PICK UP AREA. THIS IS A RED ZONE!

Only the circle drives are designated as drop off or pick up areas from 8:00-8:20am and 3:00-3:20pm.

PLEASE, NEVER LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE UNATTENDED IN THE CIRCLE DRIVES AT ANY TIME!

Drive carefully! Be very aware of students crossing the driveway entrances and exits as they walk home. Your help in providing for the safety of all children is very much appreciated.

Parent Club News

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! Liberty's Parent Teacher Club works hard to help our staff and students, and needs your membership to continue supporting them. Last year we were able to fund 128 laptops, 4 mobile charging carts, Scholastic Magazines, new cello, and headphones for computers. That's not all! Some of PTC's ongoing support includes funding for Liberty's crossing guard and campus monitors, Accelerated Reader program, staff printer cartridges, and much more! This was only possible because of the many volunteers and supportive families that we have at our school. This year we have many events planned, starting with a night of fun at our Back to School BBQ on August 31st. We will be entertained by a live jazz band as well as serving barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs. The beginning of each school year kicks off our annual membership drive. **Each family is invited to join our PTC and become a member by logging into Join.MySchoolAnywhere.com Passcode: Skyhawks.** Once registered you will have the opportunity to become a member of the PTC and also purchase items for the BBQ! The class with the highest participation will win a pizza party and each family purchasing a Skyhawk level or above will receive a snack bar ticket for Liberty student. We hope to see you at our first PTC meeting on September 11th at 5:30pm. PTC is looking forward to another fantastic year!

Maegan Nazaroff
PTC President

info@libertyptc.com

Join.MySchoolAnywhere.com Passcode: Skyhawks

Carnival

The Carnival is Friday, October 20th this year! We are so excited to begin planning! However, WE NEED YOU!

We need some brave volunteers to take an active role in making this year's carnival the best one yet! 100% of the proceeds go back to our kids so you can be sure your time and efforts count!

Watch for exciting details coming soon!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLOVIS UNIFIED??

NEXT TIME YOU NEED INFORMATION CONCERNING ANYTHING ABOUT CUSD, TRY THE CUSD MAIN WEB SITE. MAJOR TOPICS OF INTEREST CAN BE FOUND BY CLICKING ON THE SITE INDEX OR YOU CAN SEARCH THE SITE USING THE CONVENIENT GOOGLE SEARCH OPTION.

THE CUSD WEBSITE IS LOCATED AT www.cusd.com CLICK ON THE LINK TO LIBERTY FOR SKYHAWK INFO!

Looking forward to a great year! Fly High! Fly Proud, Skyhawks!