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Liberty Elementary

January 15, 2024





Hello Skyeeeeeehawks,

I trust you had a wonderful winter break with family and friends. Our character strength for this month is Integrity. Integrity is vital to individual growth. Research has correlated *integrity* with a multitude of psychological well-being measures. Harmony in your feelings, thoughts, and actions makes you better able to personally grow and achieve goals. Authenticity, and a lack of pretense, also makes you more likable and trusted by others, meaning your relationships will be positive. We tell our students that *integrity* is making good choices when no one is watching—it's just who you are.

A similar trait to this is what we call *efficacy*, which is the ability of the individual to complete a task or a desired outcome on his or her own. This is one of our major goals in education and in character development. We want students to take ownership of their choices. We want them to see learning as a valuable part of their lives, so valuable that they take an active role in their own development. We want students to have the courage to express their confusion and ask for help when needed. We want them to persevere through the trial-and-error process of the classroom and the playground—to have grit when things don't come easy. Eventually, we want them to be the ones in the home who want to complete homework because it's valuable to them (without the adult reminding them), and we want them to be the one who decides not to give up on a difficult test question because of it is important (without the teacher reminding them of how important it is).

I remember my wife and I had a difficult time realizing that one of the most important goals of parenting is to support our children so they can be successful without us. Our success as parents is building independent decision makers and problem solvers. Our job was to build the capacity for our children not to rely on us. I have a daughter who is a therapist, making decisions that involve the social-emotional health of children and their families. I have another daughter who worked for a large nonprofit organization, making decisions that help families escape poverty. I have a son who has joined a fire department and is going through its academy; he will be making decisions that involve the safety of people in trouble. All three are making decisions without me and my wife, decisions of great importance that involve the health and safety of people. In fact, they now have skills, knowledge, and an efficacy that is beyond me and my wife.

Fly High, Fly Proud, Fly with Integrity

Thank you

George Petersen

Liberty Elementary School

From the desk of

Parent Club President Melissa Gullekson....

Please be sure to set up your account with Membership Toolkit! This is where you will be able to get information and purchase tickets for any PTC events! <u>https://fresnolibertyptc.membershiptoolkit.com</u>.

Drama Production

Finding Nemo, Jr. February 22, 6pm



It's oFISHally drama season! Mark your calendars to join Nemo, Marlin, Dory, and all their friends on Thursday, February 22 in our big drama production!

Just wait until you SEA it… it's going to be OCEANS of fun.



<u>No School as We Gelebrate...</u> January 15 - Martin Luther King Day February 12 - Lincoln's Birthday February 19 - Washington's Birthday

Every Week at Liberty ...

Every Monday	Every Tuesday	Every Wednesday	Every Thursday	Every Friday
7:00 Drama	7:15 Oral Interp Practice	7:00 Drama Rehearsal 3rd Grade Reading Club	7:00 3rd Grade Reading Club	7:00 Drama Rehearsal
10:10 Student Council Room 19	Classroom Music 2:45 - 3:45	7:15 2nd Grade Reading Club	7:30 Science Fair Meeting Room 9	Classroom Music
2:45 - 3:45	Sports Practice 3rd Grade Math Club	Classroom Music	2:45 - 3:45	Snack Shack
Sports Practice 3rd Grade Math Club	Math Mania (Room 13) Detention - Room 9	1:15 Early Dismissal	Detention - Room 9 Sports Practice	

Monday, Jan. 15	Tuesday, Jan. 16	Wed., Jan. 17	Thursday, Jan. 18	Friday, Jan. 19
NO SCHOOL	Cheer Fun Night Reservations Begin 5:30 Parent Club Meeting	1:15 History Day Meeting Room 13 3:30 - 4:15 Cheer Practice 4:15 - 5:00 Comp Pep/Cheer 5:00 Liberty International Parent Meeting	8:35 Wrestling Tournament Varsity Only 4:30 Cheer Spirit Night Clovis West	END OF 2ND QUARTER Basketball Cross-Area Games 5:30 Basketball CW Feeder Night
Monday, Jan. 22	Tuesday, Jan. 23	Wed., Jan. 24	Thursday, Jan. 25	Friday, Jan. 26
No Sports! 2:50 - 3:50 Comp Cheer Practice 6:00 Art Reception	No Sports! 2:50 - 3:50 Comp Cheer Practice	3:30 - 5:00 Comp Pep/Cheer 6:00 History Day Showcase Kastner	No Sports! PR Activities (Primary) 2:50 - 3:50 Comp Cheer Practice PTC Night-Out Mountain Mike's	No Sports! 6th Grade Yearbook Artwork Due PR Activities (Upper Grade) 1:30 Sports Awards 2:50 - 3:50 Comp Cheer

Check it out!

LIBERTY 6TH GRADERS!

Friday, March 15

Final Dedication

Page Due by 3:00 pm

February 26 - March 22

Yearbooks on

sale for all

Skyhawks!

Friday, Jan. 26

Artwork Contest Due to Google Form in Upper Grade Google Classroom by 3:00 pm

Friday, Feb. 16

- Baby Picture Submission Due to Upper Grade Google Classroom
- Request for Dedication page and payment due

Liberty International Night

We are excited to announce that "Liberty International Night" is coming back again to share cultures and traditions from across the globe. (Event Date: March 19, 2024)

We are inviting parents to join us on

January 17, 2024 @ 5 PM – 6 PM <u>Multi-purpose Room (MPR)</u>

to discuss the vision of "Liberty International Night"

Can I showcase my culture?

Absolutely! This event is about bringing the uniqueness of different traditions and cultures together for one night. So, the more the merrier.

If you or your friends and family have an idea or just want to learn about this night, please come to this meeting.



calendar

Note: This is a Liberty <u>event</u> and we want to make sure that parents and kids get to learn about other cultures, so participation is important. Without enough participation, this event will be cancelled.

Coming soon...

Drama Club Fundraiser Jan. 26 - Feb. 22 Little Caesar's Pizza QR CODE COMINGI

