



# Tiger Tales

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## Calendar of Events

**04 October**  
PTO Board Meeting, 1630

**09 October**  
Columbus Day – No School

**10 – 14 October**  
Fire Prevention Week

**16 – 17 October**  
School Pictures

**19 October**  
Code Blue Drill

**24 October**  
Code Red Drill

**23 – 27 October**  
Red Ribbon Week

**01 November**  
PTO Board Meeting, 1630

**03 November**  
Teacher Work Day - No School

## Liberty's Mission Statement

The mission of Liberty Intermediate School is to create an environment, which respects the dignity of individuals, promotes highest student achievement, and provides educational opportunities and challenges for all students to increase their global knowledge.

If your child is going to be absent from school you must notify the school by 0800 hrs.

**Attendance:**  
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## Fire Drills, Code Blue & Code Red Exercise

*Mary Dalla Betta, Principal*

Safety drills are an integral part of our goal in keeping students safe. During the month of September we had a fire drill each week. I am proud to say that our students and staff had excellent ratings according to the Fire Department for every one of our drills. This month we will have a Code Blue and a Code Red exercise. The Code Blue (Bomb Threat) exercise is for a total evacuation of the school. When notified, the Classroom teacher or specialist, takes the students to our safe area, which is the skating rink. The school goes into a lock down mode for a Code Red exercise. We ask that if you happen to be in the building during any of these drills that you join the drills with the students and staff.

## Safety Concerns are a priority at Liberty

*Mary Dalla Betta, Principal*

All students completed a bus safety briefing sponsored by the school bus office during the month of September. The 5 rules of bus safety were addressed and students watched a short video presentation. This training is beneficial for all students and not just those who ride the school bus on a daily basis. Students will have study trips

during the year and will have an opportunity to practice bus safety.

## 5 Rules for Bus Safety

1. Walk, don't run, to bus stop
2. Take 3 steps back from the curb until the bus arrives
3. Take your seat, buckle up and stay seated.
4. Take 3 steps away from the curb until the bus leaves.
5. No one should go in front of or behind of bus.



One area of concern that I have is the parking/bus loading area in front of the school. There are signs at the entrance to that road prohibiting traffic (with the exception of staff and buses) from entering that road/parking area. While we do not have the authority to enforce the sign, it is a potential hazard for our students. I am requesting that if you need to drop or pick up your child, that you do



so near the gazebos on the playground on Exeter Crescent Road. The goal is to reduce the amount of traffic and the risk of accident to any student or adult.

Students are to exit out the side doors to walk home. This plan will keep students away from the traffic. The only students on the playground side of the building should be those students who are boarding the school bus at the front of our school or the high school.

Please remind children who walk school to use the crosswalks and exhibit appropriate safety behavior when coming to and from school.

## It's Fire Prevention Week! 8 – 14 October

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher



Sparky and the Fire Truck will be at Liberty Intermediate School on 10-11 October 2006. Lakenheath's

Fire Department Personnel, Sparky, Fire Truck, and Simulated Smoke Room will be part of their scheduled presentation. If time permits, the Fire Department will also be demonstrating the safe use of fire extinguishers to our students.

Here are some wonderful websites for both you and your family for further information on Fire Prevention Week.

<http://www.firepreventionweek.org>

<http://www.sparky.org>

<http://www.nfpa.org>

<http://www.scholastic.com/firesafety>

## New Immunization Requirements

School Nurse

Students who are enrolled in DoDEA schools MUST meet specific immunization requirements. This year DoDEA added the Hepatitis A and Meningococcal vaccine to the requirements. These two vaccines are now available at the Immunization Clinic and/or Pediatric Clinic. *Please bring your child/ren as soon as possible (with the attached form) to get the Hepatitis A, Meningococcal, and TD Booster dose (an existing requirement) for 11-12 years old and the Hepatitis A for 10 years old and below.* DoDEA still maintains a 10-day compliance rule for immunizations for all students when vaccines are available. When vaccines are unavailable through the military, a waiver is granted until the vaccine is available.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

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## Lost & Found

Mary Dalla Betta, Principal

Our Lost & Found is located in the hallway near the student entrance. If an article of clothing or lunch box is left on the playground it will be placed in the Lost & Found. At the end of each quarter the Lost & Found is cleared out – we either give the items to the Airmen's Attic or throw the items away. If there is a name on the article we



will try to get the article back to the student.

Have your child check the schools lost &

found if he/she is missing any belongings. Please label articles with your child's name.

## Cooler Weather

Mary Dalla Betta, Principal



As the temperatures drop your children should dress warmer and be prepared for outdoor weather. Make sure that your child has his/her sweater or jacket (and umbrella) when leaving for school.

## Constitution Day

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher



“We the kids.....” During the September, many students of

Liberty Intermediate have been celebrating the signing of our "Law of the Land," The United States Constitution.

U.S. Senator Robert Byrd (West Virginia) began an initiative to make young American more knowledgeable of the document, and Liberty's students have proudly participated in an intense study of The Constitution.

Students examined the histories of the individual "signers," as well as the seven articles and 27 amendments of our nation's basic law.

If you were visiting our school during the week leading up to The Constitution's Commemoration Day...(September 17), no doubt you would have heard group and individual recitations of its preamble, beginning with "We the people..."

## Employment Opportunities



Did you know that playground monitors and lunchroom aides are paid positions? Did you know that the DoDDS schools have open continuous positions for the following positions: Education aide, Special Education Aide, Library Technician, and Secretarial among other positions? To find out if you are qualified and/or how to apply for jobs visit the Isles District Personnel web page at

<http://www.isle-dso.eu.dodea.edu/humanresources.htm>



## We Appreciate Our Liberty Volunteers!

*4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher*

**A retired DoDDS Teacher and Liberty School Language Art/Reading Volunteer**, conducts exciting **Literature-Based Lesson** for our classes throughout the school year.



This volunteer is an *Experienced Teacher* who knows how to motivate students through reading activities. Throughout her lessons, our students are excited and actively engaged with the components of a good book - setting descriptions, plot, characters, main idea, summary statement, etc. Thank you for sharing your valuable time with Liberty Intermediate School!

## Volunteer Opportunities

Do you have extra time on your hands? Would you like to become more involved in your child's school? Volunteering in the school can fulfill each of these needs.

The PTO currently has an opening for a Volunteer Coordinator. If you are interested, please call or email Ruthi Brock, 01638 525935 or [Ruthi.brock@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:Ruthi.brock@eu.dodea.edu).

We always appreciate additional volunteers to assist students before school, at lunchtime and after school on our playground and inside during rainy days. Please call Ruthi Brock, if you would be interested in assisting.

## Student Teacher at Liberty

*5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student*

is a student teacher in a 5<sup>th</sup>



grade class. She is from Ottawa, Canada. Ms. XXXX is a student at Oklahoma State University. She will be at Liberty until the first week of December. Her favorite food is Mexican food. She has three Dachshunds; Penny, Coco, and Jaxs that she misses a great deal. Her favorite color is red. Her birthday is November 18<sup>th</sup>.

## PTO Blurbs...

**Student school photos** will be on 16 & 17 October.



**Sibling photos** will be offered at Lakenheath Elementary

School on 18 & 19 October. This is an opportunity for children who are not enrolled in

school to have their photos taken in the same setting as their sibling. The prices for the photo package will be the same as the student package price. These sessions will be on a first come, first serve basis from 1500 – 1700 hrs.

**Family Photos** will be taken on 20 & 21 October at Lakenheath Elementary School. These will be by appointment only. The sitting fee is \$15.00, which includes a 10 X 13 portrait (an adult must be in the photo). If you would like to make an appointment, please call our photo chairperson at 01638 533729 or email cooper0396@hotmail.com.

**Fish Tank:** We are looking for a volunteer to set up the fish tank in the front foyer of the school. If this is something you would be interested in doing, please contact Ruthi Brock for more information.



## 21 – 29 October

Many DoDEA schools participate in Red Ribbon Week. Liberty IA often partners with Youth Services, Health Clinics, or other military agencies to remind our students about the dangers of drug use. Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the United States. Red Ribbon Week generally takes place the last full week in October, with the

weekends before and following the last full week included as appropriate celebration dates.

This year Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated October 21-29, 2006. Red Ribbon Week serves as a vehicle for communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention and education, and a personal commitment to live drug-free lives with the ultimate goal being the creation of a drug-free America. More information can be obtained through [http://www.preventionpartners.com/events/red\\_ribbon\\_week.cfm](http://www.preventionpartners.com/events/red_ribbon_week.cfm).

## Office of the Director, DoDDS-Europe

*Diana Ohman Director, DoDDS-Europe*

Parents,  
This month Department of Defense Dependents Schools celebrates 60 years of serving military families and unparalleled success achieved through teaming with our military partners.

On October 14, 1946, the Dependents Schools Service was established in Europe. Thirty-eight elementary schools and five high schools opened their doors to 1,297 American military students. According to historian, Dr. Allen D. Olson, installation commanders provided facilities, stoves, and essentials. The Stars and Stripes reported on a Berlin PTA meeting and AFN broadcasts supplemented school music programs during the weeks that followed. Today DoDDS-Europe educates over

38,000 students in 98 schools located in 9 countries.

We have come a long way since those early days of simple reading, writing, and arithmetic. It is exciting to realize that our parents and military partners have been by our side for well over half a century. In the weeks that follow, I invite each of you to join DoDDS-Europe in celebrating these partnerships. Through a variety of events and news stories we will be revisiting some of our students and our history during this anniversary year. Join us in this celebration.

I look forward to many more years of teaming with our parents and with our military communities. Be assured that DoDDS will continue to offer educational programs that help us accomplish our goal of “Highest Student Achievement” for every child.

## Progress Reports

This week your child will receive a progress report, basically an update sharing with you and your child the progress made approximately half-way through the first quarter. Now is a good time to review the progress report, determine what areas your child is doing well and areas where he/she may wish to set goals prior to the actual report card, distributed in November prior to the Liberty parent conferences.

## School Advisory Council Election

Please complete the attached two-page SAC ballot. We are so appreciative of parents & staff who have demonstrated an interest in these leadership roles. Please return ballots by **Friday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>**.