

# Tiger Tales

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## Calendar of Events

**07 December**  
5<sup>th</sup> grade to Science Museum

**13 December**  
4<sup>th</sup> grade to Bury – Pantomime

**14 December**  
Early Withdrawal Day (COB)

**15 December**  
Winter Concert

**21 December – 07 January 07**  
Winter Recess

**08 January 2007**  
Instruction Resumes

**09 January**  
PTO Board Mtg.

**15 January**  
Martin Luther King Day – No School

**22 January**  
SAC Board Meeting – 1500 hrs.

**26 January**  
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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## Customer Satisfaction Survey

The Department of Defense Education



Activity (DoDEA) has begun its biannual Customer Satisfaction Survey (CSS), which will culminate on 28 February 2007. The CSS provides valuable feedback to DoDEA from its most important customers- students, parents, and teachers – about the quality of education it provides and areas needing improvement.

Separate surveys will be given to teachers, parents, students in grades 4-5, students in grades 6-8, and students in grades 9-12. The surveys were developed through a review process of various groups, including the DoDDS and DDESS teachers' unions, DoDEA Teachers of the Year, superintendents, principals, students and Education Directorate staff members at the DoDEA headquarters. Some questions were adapted from the *Phi Delta Kappa/Gallup Poll of the Public's Attitudes Toward Schools* with additional DoDEA-specific questions. Officials estimate it will take approximately 20 minutes to complete the survey which will be available online at

[www.dodea.edu](http://www.dodea.edu), and clicking the CSS link. Parents who do not have access to the Internet should contact their child's school to determine other alternatives - using the school's computers or

receiving a paper copy to be mailed to DoDEA.

Sponsors are asked to complete a survey for each child enrolled in a DoD school in grades pre-kindergarten/Sure Start through 12. Information derived from the surveys will be used to improve planning efforts at all levels throughout DoDEA. Schools, districts, and areas will use the survey results to gain insight into the satisfaction levels of sponsors and students, which is one of many measures used for future planning of programs and services offered to DoDEA's students. The survey results will also be used to monitor the DoDEA Community Strategic Plan (CSP), which contains the strategic direction for DoDEA for the years 2006-2011.



## Winter Concert

Mary Dalla Betta, Principal

Our chorus and xylophone band students, along with music teacher will be performing two Winter Concerts on

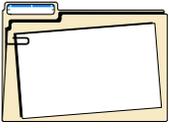
**15 December** in the Base Chapel.  
**The following classes will attend the 1300 – 1330 hrs concert:**

**The remaining classes will attend the 1400 – 1430 hrs concert.**



# Student's Records

Mary Dalla Betta, Principal



If you are PCSing over the holidays, please inform the registrar by next week so that she can have your child's records ready for you to take with you.

## Checklist for School Related Out-processing

- Notify school as soon as you have received an estimated departure date
- Visit school prior to departure to officially withdraw
- Return all books (library and text)
- Clear all charges or fines
- Receive copy of withdrawal document and/or records
- If your child is between 5 and 11 years of age, contact family support to enroll your child in the Kids on the Move program

# Award's Assembly

14 & 15 November

Mary Dalla Betta, Principal



4<sup>th</sup> Grade

I would like to thank the parents and staff members that were able to be present during our First Quarter Award's Assembly. I was thrilled to see so many Honor Awards given out to our students.



5<sup>th</sup> Grade

"I'm a big believer in the mirror test. All that really matters is that

you can look in a mirror, and honestly say to the person you see, 'I tried my best.'" John McKay

# Shoebox Appeal

Fourth Grade Teacher



On Tuesday, October 31, Mrs. Bovitch's class spent the morning wrapping holiday presents for children in an orphanage in Liberia.

The students and their families had donated items like toiletries, candy and snacks, small toys, and art supplies such as pens, pencils and crayons. The students chose and wrapped an assortment of each and packed them into shoeboxes, which were labeled with a gift tag. The shoeboxes will be sent to the orphanage along with lots of other donated items through a local organization.



# Mid-Quarter Reports

Mary Dalla Betta, Principal

Mid-quarter reports will be sent home with your child on Thursday, December 14. These reports will give you an indication of how your child is doing. It is a good time for your child to set new goals, or receive praise for his/her achievements.

# Veterans' Day Observance

fifth Grade Teacher

"Juro lealtad a la bandera de los Estudios Unidos de America"... The Spanish words sounded familiar, as they should. The combined voices of our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish Immersion classes were reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance" as part of a Veterans' Day Memorial Service

It was November 7th, four days early due days that students are present, but at 11:00 o'clock on the 11th month, the students, staff and parents of Liberty Intermediate School on R.A.F. Lakenheath gathered around the school's flagpole to honor both veterans and currently serving members of the United States military.

Chief master Sergeant XXXXX of MSG CEM, was the guest speaker. In a poignant address, he reminded his audience of the connection between the heroes of the First World War and our service members today.

Previously, "Old Glory" was then proudly raised and saluted with patriotic songs and the pledge of allegiance...recited in English and Spanish

The Veterans' Day remembrance culminated with a group recitation of the John McCrae classic poem, "In Flanders Fields," and if the plethora of crimson poppies proudly worn by so many of the students, staff and parents was any indication, the entire ceremony was both moving and meaningful to the Liberty Intermediate School Community. Our thanks to the teachers that organized this exceptional program.

## PTO Blurbs

Liberty students filled several boxes to be sent to Iraq. Small items such as school supplies, soaps, toothbrushes, and small stuffed animals were collected and divided into small sandwich bags.



The Explosive Ordinance teams in Iraq can share the bags of goodies with the many Iraqi children they encounter as part of Operation Kindness Explosion. Thank you to the many, many students that donated items for this Thanksgiving project!



XXXXXXX and family were among many that visited Family Night at the Book Fair, following our last PTO General Membership meeting.



Math Match training held on November 14<sup>th</sup>



## Spring Pictures

Mark your calendars for 12 February 2007.

## School Carnival

Mark your calendars for 23 February 2006 for the School Carnival. More information will be sent out in the New Year.



## Deployment Assembly

, School Counselor



On November 18, members of our local community offered our students an

exceptional first-hand look at the equipment, housing, protection, and meals that parents experience when they are deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan. The program was immensely helpful in answering questions that students may have had and allowing them to envision what Mom or Dad could experience while being away on a deployment. We are greatly appreciative of the interest and partnership shown by our local support group.



Many military parents can be deployed for several weeks, several months or as long as a year. The Lakenheath Community has programs for the families of the deployed, and the schools have programs specifically for the children of the deployed.

Liberty Intermediate School presently has three deployment groups of 6-8 students that meet each week with our school

counselor at Liberty Intermediate School and the School Psychologist from Lakenheath Middle School and Liberty Intermediate School.

The students participate in games, discussions, and coping activities that aid them in understanding their parent's deployment, and their own roles in helping their military families become successful.

## What is the Mentor Program?

School Counselor

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The Mentor Program offers a child a one-on-one relationship with an approved adult volunteer from the Lakenheath Complex. By reinforcing academic skills and study habits, encouraging responsibility, and giving constructive feedback, a mentor can be an influential person in child's life. The students in the Mentor Program look forward to eating lunch each week with their very own mentor. You can support the students at Liberty Intermediate School (grades 4 and 5) by calling our counselor, at 226 2258 or 01638 52 2258.

## Student Council

Student Council Advisor

This school year, Liberty Intermediate School will have a Student Council for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. The Student Council is a service organization that has special projects intended to improve the school community. The Kindness Patrol is a project of the Student Council, and deals with trained students acting as

mediators during lunch/recess, to help students resolve conflicts that may occur.

## The Art of Being a Military Child

The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) announced it would launch its first annual military child art festival titled "The Art of Being a Military Child." Children of military families are encouraged to participate and submit artwork, essays, poetry, or films about what life is like growing up in a military family. All submissions are due no later than February 1, 2007.

Entries should be original, unpublished work. Mail submissions to: Military Child Education Coalition, 108 East FM 2410 Suite D, Harker Heights, TX 76548. For more information, contact MCEC at (254) 953-1923. Selected submissions in the visual arts will be featured in art exhibits at the MCEC 2007 Annual Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. The art festival is open to all military-connected children, kindergarten through high school.

## Asbestos

*Mary Dalla Betta, Principal*

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, inspectors completed an asbestos inspection of all school buildings. The Triennial Asbestos Survey was conducted on 27-28 February 2003, in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines and Department of Defense Dependent Schools Policy.

Samples of suspected asbestos-containing materials were taken during the inspection and were submitted to laboratories for analysis. Test results indicate that asbestos is present in the sheet gasket in building 804. The inspectors recommended the following abatement actions: Boiler room Bldg 804, material type-sheet gasket – (A) no immediate abatement action required, (B) consult the O & M Manual concerning safe custodial procedures for this material-Note: Students and staff have no access to this area. AS required by the EPA, a periodic surveillance program is in effect to monitor the condition of the asbestos material.

Copies of this inspection report, periodic surveillance records, and the school's Asbestos Management Plan are kept in the school office. These documents are available for your review.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## After School Activities

We are pleased to announce that after school activities will begin in the New Year. The following activities being offered:

Book Club, Chess, Chorus, Homework club, Intramurals, Student Council, Year Book, and Xylophone.

Your child will bring home a permission slip with an activity description page next week.



*As we move into the holidays, on behalf of everyone at Liberty, I wish you and your family a happy holiday season.*



## Events at Mildenhall Library

Story Time – Dec. 6, 13 and 20<sup>th</sup>. Join us for stories, crafts, and making new friends! Due to the Holidays, Story Time will not be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of Dec and the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Jan.; we will resume on Jan 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.

**Open House** - Drop in between 2-5pm on Dec 20th for light refreshments, a display of the Library's highlights, tours and orientation of the online databases.

Students! Come join us at the Mildenhall Library for fun and games with Santa on Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-5 pm. Parents! Enjoy the Library's Open House while the kids are having fun with Santa. Light refreshments will be served.

