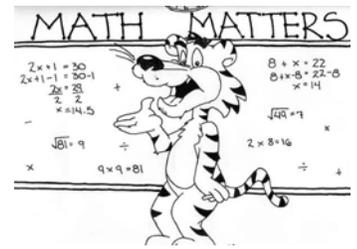


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Calendar of Events

December 10
Winter Concert
Lakenheath Chapel

December 13
SAC Meeting, 1500 hrs

December 20 – 31 December
Winter Recess

January 03
Instruction Resumes

January 11
PTO General Membership Mtg.
School Gym

January 17
Martin Luther King
No School

January 27
End of Second Quarter

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.

School Advisory Committee to Meet

Mr. Hunter, Principal

The School Advisory Committee (SAC) is scheduled to meet on Monday, December 13 at 1500 hours in the Information Center. The SAC is made up of parents and teachers who are elected to serve as representatives to the SAC. The purpose of the SAC is to advise the principal on school related matters for the improvement of the school. The SAC serves as an advisory body and not a policy-making organization. The SAC representatives for this year:

President

Mrs. Cravens

Vice-President

Mr. Goris

Secretary

Ms Davis

Representative

Mrs Blakeborough

Mr. Elrod

Ms Peterson

MS Nikolakakos

Please fill out the attached questionnaire to assist us in making Liberty a stronger school for our children.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact one of the SAC members.



On behalf of the staff at Liberty Intermediate School, have a safe and happy Holiday Season.

Winter Concert

Mr. Hunter, Principal

Our chorus students along with Ms Debra Libby will be performing two Winter Concerts on 10 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.

Two-Hour Delays

You can learn the status of school openings and transportation delays, which are, announced no later than 0630 hrs. The weather line numbers are listed on the back of all school bus passes. Weather delay information is available to you in several ways:

- ❖ Liberty Weather Line
DSN 226-3541 or 01638 523541
- ❖ Mildenhall Weather Line
DSN 238-3541 or 01638 543541
- ❖ SGR Radio – KLFM 96.7
- ❖ Q-103 FM 103
- ❖ Radio Suffolk – FM 104.5, 95.5, 103.9
- ❖ Radio Cambridgeshire – AM 1449/FM 96.9



Planting Bulbs

On November 10, students from Ms Miller's & Mr. Conklin's class plant bulbs outside of their classrooms.



Liberty Intermediate School ROARS With Success





Online Databases

Students can access the following online databases from their computers at home or in the classroom by using the following:

<http://www.sirs.com>

login name:LIBE-1S
password:!dodea

This website includes magazine articles, dictionary, encyclopedia, thesaurus, atlas, kid's almanac and many other features.

<http://search.global.epnet.com>

login name:libertyis
password:ebasco

This website includes magazine articles and other reference sources. Within the site is a search tool called Searchasaurus.

DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Survey

Mr. Hunter

Have you filled out your Customer Satisfaction Survey? Liberty Intermediate School is participating in a Customer Satisfaction Survey from November 1 – December 13. Students, parents, and teachers will be asked to respond to questions about Liberty Intermediate School. The results will allow us to make improvements in the educational services provided to students. The surveys are brief and are available on line this year. Just go to the DoDEA Web site (www.odedodea.edu/) and click on the link for the survey. Your comments are important to our school.

NEW GUIDELINES FOR FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH

Many Families may now qualify.

For the first time in nearly twenty-five years, the eligibility for free or reduced-price lunches in Department of Defense (DoD) schools will be calculated for families living on the economy *without* including their housing allowance as income. This should greatly increase the number of children eligible to receive reduced-price or free lunches at school. The new policy went into effect immediately upon the signing of an agreement between the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in late October. Some children living off installation may find that they now qualify for reduced price lunches, those already eligible for the reduced prices may now qualify for free lunches. This policy applies only to those DoD civilian and military dependent children living in civilian housing overseas. There is no change in the policy for the children of families living in military housing, and no change for students at DoD schools in the United States.

Families interested in seeing if their eligibility has changed with the new policy should contact Eileen Williamson at 226 5078. You will need to provide a copy of your most recent LES when you apply under the new provisions.

In 1980, the DoD signed the first agreement with the USDA allowing its schools to participate in the National School Lunch Program. This change in eligibility criteria marks the first major revision in that agreement. This change will help many of our families, particularly those living on the economy. Please take advantage of this benefit.

Student's Records

Mr. Hunter, 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



Reading Counts at Liberty

Reading Counts Committee

Reading is the key that will open the door to the rest of your child's education. All students need to develop strong reading skills they will use every day, in and out of school. That's why we are excited about launching the **Scholastic Reading Counts Program** again this year at Liberty. We want to give you some information about how the program will work and some ways you can help making it a success for all our students. The goals of the program are simple and truly important:

Promote Reading: Reading more books and developing a lifelong love for reading are important to your child's success.

Improve Test Scores: Independent reading has a positive impact on student achievement, which has even been demonstrated on certain standardized

tests. The more your child reads, the better your child is likely to perform.

Develop Language Arts Skills: Reading develops and promotes comprehension, vocabulary knowledge, and writing skills that students will use in all subject areas.

Your child will select and read from a wide variety of books independently or as part of a group. After reading, your child will take a computerized quiz that will assess whether your child completed and understood the book. With the help from the Scholastic Reading Counts Management system, we will keep track of your child's reading and how your child performs on the quizzes. We will send letters periodically that report your child's progress. In partnership with the Liberty Intermediate School Parent Teacher Organization, there will be plenty of school-wide celebrations to keep students working toward their goals, but we need your help, too. Talk to your child about what they're reading. Read aloud after dinner. Talk about the books you are reading. Make reading a fun part of your child's daily life, and your child is certain to succeed. Feel free to contact us at Liberty Intermediate School.

Suggestions to Encourage Reading at Home

Read Every Day

Make reading to and with your child a part of every day. Take turns reading newspaper articles, or favorite paragraphs from whatever you happen to be reading. Talk about the writing style, perspective used, and any unfamiliar words.

Ask Questions About Reading

Find out what Scholastic Reading Counts! book your child is reading right now and talk about it. Is it as good as the last one? Is the main character sympathetic or not? Can your child predict what will happen next in the book? What book will be next?

Set Up a Reading Area

Creating a cozy home reading corner is a great way to encourage your child to read. If you have room for two chairs, spend some quiet time reading together.

Define Unfamiliar Words

Be prepared to help your child discover new words while reading. It's a good idea to keep a dictionary handy, just in case you both are stumped.

Share Stories

Encourage your child to read stories to siblings or other children.

Give Books

Magazines and books make great gifts and rewards. Give your child lots of exposure to reading material.

PTO News

Beth Peterson, Teacher Representative

The **School Store** is open! Monday, Wednesday and Friday the store is open during the students recess time 11:55-1:05. Tuesday and Thursday the store is open from 8:00-8:15, weather permitting. The school store is located near the counseling center. The outside door will be open during store hours. Thank you, Rissa Mueller, for volunteering your time for this endeavor!

The following **t-shirts are available for sale:** t-shirts for \$10, long-sleeved t-shirts for \$15, student sweatshirts for \$18, and adult sweatshirts for \$20. Sizes available vary. If you are interested please send money and a note explaining which shirts you would like in a sealed envelope. Classroom teachers will put the request envelopes in the PTO mailbox and volunteer Geoff Mueller will do his best to accommodate them depending on the sizes available. Please make sure to include your child's name and classroom teacher name to make communication/distribution easier.

Please send in your **Box Tops!** The class with the most points at the end of each month gets to have our school mascot, Blizzard, spend the following month in their classroom. For every 500 points a class collects the PTO provides a popcorn party. The class with the most points collected at the end of the Quarter will receive an Ice Cream Sundae party! Thank you, Geoff Mueller, for keeping track of the Box Tops!

The next PTO General Membership meeting will be in January

Lakenheath CHEERLEADERS Present LHS MINI CHEER CLINIC

When? January 8th & 9th

Where? LHS gym

What time? 9am – 4pm on the 8th
1 pm – 4 pm on the 9th

How much? \$30.00

What does that include?

- Snacks and drinks will be provided for morning and afternoon
- T-shirts will be distributed for the performance

What you need to bring? A sack lunch for Saturday

Show off for the parents? On Sunday afternoon at 3:00pm

Performance date? 15th of January at the Girls Varsity Basketball game @ 12:00
The clinic kids can cheer in the stands for the first half and then perform their dance at half time.

Who is going to attend the clinic? Anyone ages 4-14

Where do I get my form and power of attorney? See attachment to Tiger Tales.

When do I need to turn in my form and power of attorney by? Friday, December 17th

Lost & Found

Mr. Hunter, Principal

Parents we need your help. Our Lost & Found has grown tremendously over the past couple of weeks. Please have your child check the Lost & Found for any missing item. Anything still in the Lost & Found baskets will be taken to Airmen's Attic on 20 December.

