



Tiger Tales

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Calendar of Events

28 February

PTP General Membership Mtg.

1 – 2 March

Spring Pictures

2 March

Read Across America

10 March

Professional Development Day
No School

13 - 17 March

TerraNova Testing

24 March

Spring Concert

31 March

School Advisory Board
Open Forum – 1600 hrs

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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TerraNova Testing

Bill Hunter, Principal

TerraNova Testing is scheduled for the week of March 13 – 17. A practice test will be given on March 9. This is the Standardized Testing in which our students are required to participate. The purpose of the TerraNova Test is to provide information about students' achievement in the content areas of reading, language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. The tests are designed to sample the skills that students are expected to acquire and give important information to teachers to help shape instruction. The results are important because they provide us with consistent, accurate and objective information about how our students are performing compared with students throughout America. The Terra Nova Test is only one measure of student achievement, but one that is very important. There are many ways you can help your child do his or her best work. During the testing days, make sure your child:

- Gets plenty of sleep
- Eats a good breakfast
- Gets lots of physical exercise
- Has at least two #2 pencils and has a good eraser

It is very important that students are present during the testing week. Parents should avoid activities or appointments that would keep students out of school. If you have any questions about the TerraNova, please do not

hesitate to call me at the school or the school counselor.

Purpose of Standardized Achievement Tests

Student achievement tests are used to provide consistent, accurate, and objective information about students' achievement in various areas of the curriculum.

Standardized means that the tests are always administered with the same directions, the same time limits, and the same scoring criteria, with the goal of ensuring fairness for all students. When used in conjunction with other measures, such as classroom observations and teacher-made tests, a standardized achievement test can provide valuable information about the progress of individuals and groups and the effectiveness of educational programs. It is not, however, an IQ test.



Suggestions for Parents

- Encourage your child to employ good study habits that are useful in test taking as well as in other work. These habits include following directions carefully, avoiding careless errors, and rechecking their work.
- Explain the purpose of the test. Remind your child that this is not a test that a student can fail. It is an opportunity for students to show what they have learned in school. It gives teachers information that helps them know what to teach.



- Let your child know that the test is a “snapshot” of the many things he or she has learned so far. Studying at the last minute for the test won’t help very much because the tests will cover more than can be learned in a few hours.
- Let your child know that you consider the test important, but try not to be too anxious. Students who are calm and confident about themselves do better on tests.
- Be sure that your child gets plenty of sleep and has a good, nourishing breakfast and lunch. Test taking is hard work and takes a lot of energy.
- Be sure your child is at school on time. Rushing and worrying about being late could affect performance on the test.
- Remember to ask your child about the testing at the end of each day.

Read Across America 2 March 2006

5th grade teacher



“The more that you read,
the more things you will
know. The more that you
learn, the more places
you’ll go.” *Dr. Seuss*



Read Across America,
2 March, has always been a
immense success at our school due
to wonderful parent and
community member volunteers.

If you would like to read to a
classroom or assist us during our
Read Across America celebration,
please email:

We are also in need of a few more
people to volunteer at the Sign-in
table and give instructions to the
volunteers. If you don’t have
email access, please leave a note
with the School Office which
includes your name, phone
number, times available, and
whether you have a grade level
preference. We cannot guarantee
that you will read for your child’s
class but we will make every effort
to place you there. The students
really enjoy this special day of
reading fun!

Online Databases

, Information Specialist

Students can access the following
online databases from their
computers at home or in the
classroom. The following website
includes magazine articles,
dictionary, encyclopedia,
thesaurus, atlas, kid’s almanac and
many other features.

<http://ars.sirs.com>

login name:LIBE-IS
password:!dodea



The global website includes
magazine articles and other

reference sources. Within the site
is a search tool called
Searchasaurus.

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

login name:libertyis
password:ebSCO

School Website

Bill Hunter, Principal



We want our website to be as user
friendly as possible. Please visit
our website at <http://www.libertyis.eu.dodea.edu/> and contact our
Webmaster with your suggestions
for improvement!

My Student Teacher

5th grade student



My Student Teacher’s name is
. She is from
Memphis, Tennessee. She wanted
to become a teacher because she
has always enjoyed working with
children and it is an occupation
that constantly challenges and
intrigues her. It offers a chance to
be creative which she enjoys. It is
not monotonous either. This is her
second time visiting England. She
is enjoying her visit and especially
her time at Liberty Intermediate.