



Tiger Tales

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Calendar of Events

19 October
Code Blue Drill

23 October
SAC meeting

24 October
Code Red Drill

23 – 27 October
Red Ribbon Week

01 November
PTO Board Meeting, 1630

03 November
Teacher Work Day - No School

08 – 09 November
Parent/Teacher Conferences

10 November
Veteran's Day – No School

13 November
.5 Parent/Teacher Conferences
.5 Professional Development Day

23 – 24 November
Thanksgiving Break

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.

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Fire Prevention Week

Mary Dalla Betta, Principal

During the 10th and 11th of October the Lakenheath Fire department

along with the British Fire Brigade were at Liberty showing students



ways to avoid fire hazards and what to do in an emergency situation.

Our students were able to experience first hand what it would be like to be in a smoke filled room. A group of 10 – 15 students at a time entered a simulator room that was about to catch on fire. Smoke filled the room with the students being instructed about procedures to follow. The students were reminded to Stop, Drop and Roll if their clothes should catch on fire.

Cyber Bullying

School Counselor

10 Steps for Families and Schools to Stop Cyber Bullying

1. Teach your children to Tell Adults if They are Bullied.
2. Every School Must Have a Proven Anti-Bullying Program.
3. Schools Should Invite Law Enforcement to Talk with Kids.

4. Watch for Signs Your Child May Be a Victim.
5. Discuss Cyber Bullying & Internet Safety with Kids.
6. Keep Computers in Common Areas of the Home.
7. Save Cyber Bullying Messages.
8. Teach Kids Not to Respond or to Say "Stop."
9. Teach Kids Not to Give Out ANY Private Information.
10. File Complaint with Internet & Phone Service providers.

Celebrating Diversity – Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15-October 15

4th Grade Teacher



Liberty Intermediate School students are celebrating the Hispanic culture while developing an "Ethnic Literacy" to foster pride in one's own culture, to respect/understand diversity, and the appreciation for the uniqueness of others. Hispanic Heritage Month begins on 15 September, which commemorates the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, and Chile and ends on 15 October. *This year's theme: Our Rich Culture Contributing to America's Future.*



SAC Committee

Mary Dalla Betta, Principal

Members of the Liberty SAC committee are:

Parents:

Teachers:

The School Advisory Committee (SAC) is scheduled to meet on **Monday, October 23rd at 1500 in the information center.**

The SAC is made up of parents and teachers who are elected to serve as representatives to the SAC. The SAC is an opportunity for parents to give suggestions or voice concerns regarding how to improve our school to benefit our students.

The SAC serves as an advisory body and not a policy-making organization.

Safety Reminders

Mary Dalla Betta, Principal

Please remind you children to be vigilant around vehicles. Students need to be reminded to be alert around vehicles with engines running. Students who attend events including parades need to be aware that moving vehicles can be dangerous and to stay out of pathways and streets while there are moving vehicles.

Arrival at School

Mary Dalla Betta, Principal



Students who walk to school should arrive no earlier than 8:05. Students who ride to school in a car should be dropped off no earlier than 8:05. Thank you for your cooperation.

The World's Greatest Explorer Exhibition

Gifted Education Resource Teacher

The fifth-grade GE students were tasked with convincing the other fifth graders at Liberty Intermediate School that the explorer of their choice is the greatest in the world. To do this the GE students prepared an exhibition to display the virtues of each of the explorers. The exhibition took place on October 12, 2006. After viewing the exhibition, all the fifth-graders voted for the explorer that they were convinced is the greatest all-time explorer in the world. These are the results of the vote.

- 1st – Sakakawea
- 2nd – Luc Jacquet
- 3rd – Robert Ballard
- 4th – Christopher Columbus
- 5th – William Clark
- 5th – Ferdinand Magellan
- 6th – James Cook
- 6th – Leif Eriksson
- 6th – Meriwether Lewis

All the students worked hard on this project. Their displays were extremely impressive, and the students were experts about the explorers they chose. The displays can now be viewed in the breezeway at Liberty Intermediate School. The exhibition turned out to be a great way for all to learn and have fun at the same time.

Showcase 2006

Gifted Teacher

Showcase 2006, the literary and art magazine published by DoDDS-Europe, has been received. Students, whose work has been

published, will receive a copy. There is a copy in each classroom a copy in the library and a copy on the student drive (students/showcase). The following list is of students whose work was published in the 2006 edition. It's rare to have so many works published from such a small school. Please encourage your children to look at the latest issue when they have some spare time. The quality of the work may be an inspiration to them. Outstanding literary and artwork will be submitted for publication in Showcase 2007.



Customer Satisfaction Survey

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) will begin administering its biannual Customer Satisfaction Survey (CSS) today through February 28, 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, and clicking on 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.



Halloween safety tips

Lakenheath Fire Department

There are many ways to keep children safe at Halloween, when they are more prone to accidents and injuries. The excitement of children and adults at this time of year sometimes makes them forget to be careful. Simple common sense can do a lot to stop any tragedies from happening.

- Help children pick out or make a costume that will be safe. Make it fire proof; the eye holes should be large enough for good peripheral vision. Be sure kids are wearing sturdy foot ware. It may be cold and wet and sturdy foot ware can help prevent slips and falls.
- If you set jack-o-lanterns on the porch use a flashlight to light up the inside. It is just as spooky and is less dangerous than using candles.
- Make sure that if children are carrying props, such as a scythe, butcher knife or a pitchfork, that the tips are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on.
- Kids always want to help with the pumpkin carving. Small children should not be allowed to use a sharp knife to cut the top or the face. There are many kits available that come with tiny saws that work better than knives and are safer. It's best to let the kids clean out the pumpkin and draw a face on it, which an adult can carve for them.
- Treating kids to a spooky Halloween dinner will make them less likely to eat the candy they collect before you have a chance to check it for them.
- Teaching or remind children about basic everyday safety, such as not getting into cars or talking to strangers, watching both ways before crossing streets and crossing when the lights tell you to. These tips will help make

them safer when they are out trick or treating.

- At least one adult in each group should wear a high visibility/ day glow vest for safety (or as a minimum a reflective belt).
- Everyone should know how to contact the Fire Department or Police in case of an emergency. Dialing on-base (RAF Lakenheath and RAF Feltwell) from a cell phone or residential phone you must dial 01638-527911.

