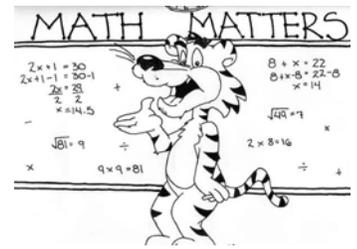


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Calendar of Events

March 2
Read Across America

March 8
PTO General Membership Mtg.
School Gym – 1700 hrs.

March 11
Professional Development Day
No School

March 14 – 18
TerraNova Testing

March 21 – 25
TerraNova Makeup Testing

March 21
Theater Group at Liberty

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 14 – 18. 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 you r 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.

Professional Development Day

Bill Hunter, Principal

Staff members at Liberty have spent many hours this school year looking at student work and test scores to help us determine the progress of our students. It is our commitment to give students whatever is needed to experience success at our school. Our School Improvement Plan (SIP) states, *All students will improve math*

communication skills in a safe school environment conducive to learning across the curriculum.

We have two strategies to assist us in that goal: All students will accurately use the language of mathematics to communicate concepts with clarity and precision in all curricular areas and All students will communicate good character through learning and practicing appropriate social skills.

On Friday, March 11, we will spend the day preparing for our upcoming accreditation visit to be held on April 27 – 29 and conducted by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA). The following work we accomplish is important in our preparation:

- Review specific data used to support our Math Communication and Bully Proofing goals
- Work with the school committees in the development and evaluation of interventions selected to reduce discrepancies between actual and desired levels of student performance
- Review our school profile
- Review our data and assessments to ensure appropriate alignment
- Identify strengths, weaknesses, and recommendations for further improvement

We are committed to continuous school improvement. We work very hard to ensure that your child receives a high quality education. If you have any questions regarding our School Improvement Plan or Professional Development Day, please feel free to contact me.

Ask your child about Read Across America Day. We celebrated this event at our school today



Essay Contest 2005

The Armed Services YMCA Essay Contest 2005 seeks readers who can write about **why they love to read** for its annual contest. This is a contest asking the children what is it about reading that makes them happy. Grades eight and below should submit entries of 300 words or less. Entries should be postmarked no later than 17 March 2005 to be eligible. For the application and more information log on to the Armed Services YMCA website:
<http://www.asymca.org>



Math Corner

Answers to School Improvement News, Math Corner February 2005

- 8 to 10, 12 to 2 and 4 to 6
- 10 to 12 and 2 to 4
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Time	Rainfall during previous two hours
8 am – 10 am	¼ inch
10 am – 12 pm	½ inch
12 pm – 2 pm	¼ inch
2 pm – 4 pm	½ inch
4 pm – 6 pm	¼ inch