



# Tiger Tales

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## Calendar of Events

12 December  
Holiday Concert  
1pm, 2pm @ the Eagles Landing

24 Dec-4 Jan  
Winter Recess  
NO SCHOOL

21 Jan  
Martin Luther King Jr. 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:**  
[LibertyIS.Attendance@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:LibertyIS.Attendance@eu.dodea.edu)  
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## PTO NEWS

, LIS PTO President

### BOX TOP Competition:

The class with the most box tops will win special prizes and treats. So, collect those box tops!!!

### School Shirts:

Any orders for t-shirts will not be taken until **after** the Winter Break.

- T-shirts \$9
- Long sleeve T-shirts \$11
- Sweat Shirts \$13

## 6 + 1 Traits

### Parent Guide

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Have you heard the new "buzz" word going around Liberty IS? It's 6 + 1 Trait Writing. 6 + 1 Trait Writing is a model of instruction and assessment that guides students in the writing process. The 6 +1 Trait Writing helps students to become aware of their writing skills while developing their writing craft. It teaches students to evaluate their own writing pieces empowering them to grow as writers. So what are the 6 + 1 traits?

**Ideas** are the heart of the message. It's the content, the main theme or idea and all the details that enrich and develop the theme. It's important to have strong ideas so the message is clear and the story line is easy to follow.

**Organization** is what holds the story together. It's the internal structure of writing, similar to the framework of a building or the skeleton to a body. It gives the piece form and shape.

**Voice** is the writer showing his/her voice in their writing to best convey the message. It's what brings a writing piece to life! It truly is the heart and soul of the writing. Strong voice has a way of breathing life into the piece and it's unique to each writer.

**Word choice** captivates the reader in a way that moves them and enlightens their sense of the story. Through rich colorful word choice, precise language is communicated in not only a functional way but in a way that entices the reader to keep reading.

**Sentence fluency** is the rhythm and flow of the language. It's the way writing plays to the ears, not just the eyes. With sentence fluency, you can hear the sound of word patterns. It's the natural flow of the words and language.

**Conventions** are what we are most familiar way. It's the nuts and bolts of writing, spelling, punctuation, grammar, paragraphs and capitalization. It's what makes it easy for us to follow text.

**Presentation** is the way we present our writing for others to read. Even when we have all the other traits well executed in our text, if the presentation of the paper is not inviting, others won't be eager to read our writing pieces.

In the coming weeks, you may hear your child or child's teacher talk about 6 + 1 traits. Look for more information to come home as we move through the school year.

## Student Improvement Plan

, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

S.I.P. stands for **School Improvement Plan**.

This plan is a 5-year cycle in which teachers, parents and administrators create a research based educational plan founded on students' academic needs.

Data was obtained from Terra Nova, Communications Arts, Student Parent Focus groups and Teacher Surveys.

The data showed that students at **Liberty Intermediate School** would benefit from targeted instruction in the areas of writing narrative essays and in algebra, patterns and functions.

Based on students needs, interventions were researched, designed and implemented school wide to support the selected goals and promote high student achievement.

## AAFES Auto/Lunch Program

### Cafeteria Supervisor

We have quite a number of students with overdue lunch payments. In order to avoid this in the future parents are requested to use the tips below:

Please check your child's lunch account balance regularly to avoid overdue notices

Payments can be made at the school cafeteria as well as at the Customer Service Counter at either the Lakenheath BX or Mildenhall BXtra.

Check on your family's eligibility for free or reduced lunch with the School Liaison Office at 226-5077. They will be delighted to answer your questions about the program.



Thank you for your support and we look forward to meeting you. Why not join your child for lunch? Simply let your child's teacher know ahead of time so we can include you in our daily lunch count.

If you have questions please, LIS Cafeteria Supervisor at 226-5589 between the hours of 0800-1330 on school days, or via e-mail at [ketteringhamj@aafes.com](mailto:ketteringhamj@aafes.com)

## STUDENT COUNCIL

Dear Liberty Families,

It is with great pride that I introduce our Liberty Student Council Members for the 2007-2008 school year. Student Council members were elected by their classmates to represent them and to be their voice. Members will work together this year to plan and organize events that promote school spirit and "Blizzard Pride." Student council members will be readily visible with their tie-dye t-shirts and their leadership bios (which will be displayed with a picture of themselves in the school breeze way). If you find yourself on the school premises, please take some time to familiarize yourself with our representatives. In the month of December/January, Student Council members will be hard at work mapping out a year of fun filled events. For the immediate future they will be working on organizing bake sales, helping out with P.T.O. fundraisers, as well as creating advertisements for our spirit week, which will be held once students return from Winter Break. Looking forward to a fun filled spirited year with you and your child.

Warmly,

(Your Student Council Teacher Chair)



Student Council Members

## HealthyPointers:

### Medication Reminder

RN, BSN, School Nurse

It's best that students not take medicine during school hours. However, when it is necessary for a student to take medication at school, he or she must leave the medication with the school nurse for safekeeping. The medicine must be in a pharmacy-labeled container with the student's name, the name of the medication, and the scheduled dose or doses. Each student must also bring a parent's written permission to take the medication and written orders from the physician. These include over-the-counter medications, antibiotics, ointments, creams, etc. Lastly, the guardian/parents, not the student, have to bring both the medication/s and doctor's written order.



Two TSG's came to speak with the classrooms about deployment. They did a wonderful job. Thank you for your time!!

"During the winter season's prolonged hours of darkness, the safe transiting of students across our busy base roadways is compromised when pedestrians fail to adhere to the prescribed walkways and crosswalks. We are asking all parents to talk with their children on the proper procedures for crossing a street and to remind them of the safe routes to and from their school or bus stop. Together I'm confident that we can continue to provide Lakenheath children with the safest environment possible. If you have any further concerns, please contact our school's liaison officer, Dr. Ninetta Brown, at 226-5078."

## CHAIN OF PEACE

To show our support for all of our deployed men and women, each LIS student received two chain links to write anything they wanted to the soldiers. All of the links were then put together and are now hanging in our front

office. "The Jet 48" included an article of our school's "Chain of Peace" project. If you would like to view it click on the site below. <http://www.lakenheath.af.mil/news/jet48online/index.asp>



5<sup>th</sup> Graders puts together their links.



4<sup>th</sup> Graders' chain of peace.

## WANTED

Dear Liberty Parents -

Liberty kids we still need your help. We would love to have a yearbook this year, but we are in need of a parent or a group of parents that would like to take on this fun, creative, and rewarding project. If you are interested in lending a hand, please contact your L.I.S. Volunteer Coordinator at [marvso.preciado@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:marvso.preciado@eu.dodea.edu).

Many Thanks,