



Tiger Tales

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Calendar of Events

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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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.

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.

Tiger Tales Sent Home Electronically

Bill Hunter, Principal



Beginning with the next issue of Tiger Tales we will be sending a copy home with

the students and also through email. This is in preparation for next school year when we will only send home newsletters electronically. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis. This is necessary for a number of reasons, the main reason being cost of paper and printing. Please make sure that your preferred (work/home) email address is current with our registrar. You can email her at:

LibertyIS.Registrar@eu.dodea.edu

Principal's Club Celebrates a Hot Chocolate Morning

Bill Hunter, Principal

On 9 February, all Principal Club members were treated to Hot Chocolate when they arrived to school.



The Principal's Club has been a huge success. From the date of it's conception to now we have 102 members with the list growing weekly. If you have not yet taken the challenge, please call me and join the club.



If you have a change of address or phone number, please notify the School.



TERRA NOVA: Parent Can Make a Difference

DIANA J. OHMAN
Director, DoDDS-Europe

Students throughout DoDDS-Europe will open their Terra Nova test booklets this month. In the hours that follow, they will answer multiple-choice questions and write out answers in a display of their problem-solving skills. The results of these efforts will show the strengths and weaknesses they have in five subject areas: Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies.

Although the Terra Nova exam doesn't count toward the student's overall grade, it does rank and compare them in a norm-referenced, standardized test against students across the United States. The tests also help teachers and administrators measure and compare the progress against the top U.S. schools.

Although most students don't enjoy tests, they find them "not so bad" if they are prepared. Here is where you, as a parent, can help our students tremendously.

- Don't cram the night before. Get students to bed early. Ensure they have a good breakfast.
- Before the test talk to your child about what they have learned, review notes, handouts and textbooks. Play a brainstorming game. Develop flash cards for difficult subjects. Review tough subjects over several days.
- On their way out the door, congratulate them on being prepared.

- When they come home, let them express feelings about the test. Show support and understanding.

Such parental preparations and support have paid big dividends over past years. Schools in the United States would love to have our scores. They are good. DoDDS-Europe scores have consistently been in the upper 60 to 70 percentile across the board. Past year results of DoDDS-Europe Terra Nova scores as well as other standardized test scores can be viewed on the web at <http://www.dodea.edu/data/europe.htm>.

DoDDS-E students have made significant gains by increasing the percent of students in the "Above the Standard" and "At the Standard" levels since Terra Nova was adopted in 1998. We can continue to do so with your help.

Math Facts in a Flash! CHAMPIONS

Julie McClung,

Congratulations to the following twenty students who mastered all 44 levels in the Math Facts in a FLASH program.



These students answered forty problems correctly in less than two minutes! The levels included addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, squares, and decimal to fraction conversions. Wow, these students

really know their facts! Will they accept their next challenge, to complete each level in one minute thirty seconds?

PreRegistration SY 2006-07

Bill Hunter, Principal

Fourth and fifth grade Pre-Registration for SY 2006/2007 will be held at Liberty Intermediate School, 24 - 28 April from 0900 - 1400 hrs. Any sponsor, who is in doubt as to whether or not their child will be returning, should go ahead and re-register. More information to follow later in March.

The following is a list of *dates and times of registrations for the school complex.

10 March - LHS
17 - 21 April - FES & LMS
0900-1500 hrs
24 - 28 April - LES & LIS
0900 - 1400 hrs.

All Complex Schools (except LHS)
26 April - RAF Lakenheath at LIS
0900 - 1500
27 April - RAF Mildenhall Bob Hope Center, 0900 - 1500 hrs

**Subject to change*

If you are PCSing this school year or during the summer, please give the registrar **at least two weeks notice** so that she can have your child's records available for you to hand carry to the next school. Please note that the registrar does not work over the summer. If you

are PSCing over the summer, please let the registrar know before the last week of school so that she can have your child's records ready before her last day of work. Otherwise, your child's records (5th grade only) will be transferred to Lakenheath American Middle School.



*Meningococcal Meningitis:
Should your child be
immunized?*

New public health recommendations have been issued to help protect teenagers and college students against a potentially fatal bacterial infection, called meningococcal disease, commonly referred to as meningitis.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommends routine meningococcal immunization at the preadolescent doctor's visit (11 to 12 years old). For those teenagers who have not been previously vaccinated, immunization also is recommended at high school entry and for incoming college freshmen living in dormitories (only one shot required).

Meningococcal disease is a dangerous bacterial infection that can strike teenagers and college students. The disease can progress rapidly and within hours of the first symptoms, may result in death or permanent disability, including brain damage, organ failure, and loss of hearing and limb amputations. Research shows teenagers have an unusually high death rate; nearly one

in four cases are fatal among this age group. The good news is that immunization may help to protect against up to 83 percent of cases among teenagers and college students. A conjugate meningococcal vaccine is now available that public health officials anticipate will provide longer protection against the disease.

“Symptoms of meningococcal disease often resemble the flu and can include a fever, headache, nausea and stiff neck, making the disease difficult to diagnose,” said Lisa Ablang, School Nurse, Liberty Intermediate School “That’s why it’s so important for parents to be aware of the disease and consider immunization for their teenagers and college-bound children.”

The bacteria that cause meningococcal disease are transmitted through air droplets and by direct contact with an infected person (e.g., kissing, coughing). Due to lifestyle factors, such as crowded living situations (sleep-away camps, dorms), sharing personal items (e.g., utensils, drinking glasses), active or passive cigarette smoking and irregular sleep patterns, teenagers and college students are more likely to contract meningococcal disease than the general population. In fact, this age group accounts for nearly 30 percent of all cases in the U.S.

Parents should be aware of the CDC’s immunization recommendations for meningococcal disease and talk to their child’s health care provider about vaccination.

To find out more about meningococcal disease and immunization contact your family’s health care provider, or your school nurse, or visit the CDC Web site at www.cdc.gov.

Preventing Identity Theft – Practice Computer Information Safety



- Keep your OS software and anti-virus software updated on home computers (even those never used to surf the Internet).
- Install, keep up-to-date, and run spyware-monitoring software.
- Use a firewall.
- Passwords: Remember them; don’t write them down. Use strong passwords that include upper and lower case letters as well as symbols or numbers.
- Change passwords at least twice a year.

<http://www.ou.edu/oupd/idtheft3.htm>

<http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/fraud/idtheft.html>

Job Shadow Day

*Sydney Houde & Candice Elrod
5th grade students*

On Job Shadow Day, Sydney & I went to the hospital with our dads. The first thing we did was that Sydney saw a shoulder scope and I saw the very end of it. Next, we had a tour of the surgical wing, including the secret room with all of the sterile utensils. We couldn’t touch ANYTHING!

We then saw a C-section! It was nasty but it was nature. After that we went to the nursery and saw all of the things they do to the newborn babies.

A couple of lessons we learned were: If it’s blue, don’t touch it. If it’s purple, don’t touch it. And if it is sterile **DON’T TOUCH IT!**

We had a lot of fun on shadow day.

As an added note of interest, we had 78 LIS students that participated in Job Shadow Day on 2 February 2006.