



Tiger Tales

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Calendar of Events

22-23 November
Thanksgiving
NO SCHOOL

12 December
Holiday Concert

24 Dec-4 Jan
Winter Recess
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:
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WANTED

Dear Liberty Parents -
Liberty kids 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.
Many Thanks,

Veteran's Day Observance



fifth Grade Teacher



"Juro lealtad a la bandera de los Estados Unidos de America"... The Spanish words sounded familiar, as they should. The combined voices of Mrs.'s and Ms.'s Spanish Immersion classes were reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance" as part of a Veterans Day Memorial Service

It was November 6th, five days early, but at 11:00 o'clock on the 11th month, the students, staff and parents of Liberty Intermediate School on R.A.F. Lakenheath gathered around the school's flagpole to honor both the veterans and currently serving members of the United States military.

Master Chief Petty Officer (U.S. Navy, retired) was the guest speaker. In a poignant address, he reminded his audience of the connection between the heroes of the First World War and our service members today.

Previously, "Old Glory" was proudly raised and saluted with patriotic songs and the pledge of allegiance...recited in English and Spanish

The Veterans Day remembrance culminated with a group recitation of the John McCrae classic poem, "In Flanders Fields", and if the plethora of crimson poppies proudly worn by so many of the students, staff and parents was any indication, the entire ceremony was both moving and meaningful to the Liberty Intermediate School Community.



PTO NEWS

LIS PTO President

Book Fair:

Nov 13-16 was a success; we will have another Scholastic Book Fair in the Spring Time.

BOX TOP Competition:

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



FOR SALE:

New School T-shirts \$9,
Long sleeve T-shirts \$11,
and Sweat Shirts \$13.

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 contact LIS Cafeteria Supervisor at 226-5589 between the hours of 0800-1330 on school days, or via e-mail at ketteringhami@afes.com



SHOEBOX HALLOWEEN



Two 4th grade classes spent Halloween wrapping Christmas gifts. You may think that's a strange way to celebrate Halloween, but not if you know the rest of the story.

The two classes donated small gifts of toys, personal hygiene products and art supplies to be sent to an orphanage in Madagascar. We wrapped each item individually, put it into a shoebox and wrapped the shoebox, so each child would have plenty to unwrap. The wrapped shoeboxes will be sent by ship to Madagascar and it will take two months for the ship to get there. In order for the boxes to be there by Christmas we had to wrap Christmas gifts on Halloween. And now you know the rest of the story.

Both classes had lots of parents in to help with the wrapping. We would like to thank those parents for their support.



Class Wraps Away!!



Hurray for Presents!

FUN FALL ACTIVITIES



Class enjoying their Fall Festival.



Biography Beauties are all dressed up to tell about their favorite books.



A RED RIBBON WEEK!! All Classes signed banners to show that they are drug free and proud.

Holiday Ornaments
At Mildenhall
Library on
November 29 at
4-5pm



Join the Mildenhall Library in its third year of community outreach as we make holiday ornaments to be sent to sick children in local hospitals.

HOLIDAY CONCERT:



Date: December 12, 2007
Time: 1pm and 2pm
Location: Eagle's Landing (Officer's Club)

Volunteers

Can you please stop by the office to fill out background paperwork? We have to have paperwork on all volunteers. Thank you for your help.

FRONT OFFICE BLURB

1. Parents, please call in absences and tardiness before 9am.
2. Please NO drive by drop-offs!! Your child needs to be signed in if they are late or are checking back in after an appointment.
3. Notify Registrar at least two weeks prior to PCS'ing to give enough time for teacher to input grades and to make copies of files.
4. Parents, please reduce the amount of messages to students. Make plans in the mornings with your child, to avoid confusion due to last minute changes.
5. Please contact school as soon as possible when there are any changes to home, work or emergency contact phone numbers so we may contact you in the event of an emergency.
6. Please have your child dress for the weather. It will be cold for at least the next 4 months. A coat with a hood is very important.

READING COUNTS AWARDS

FOR THE SECOND TIME THIS YEAR LIS PRINCIPAL, JOHN FLETCHER, VISITED CLASSROOMS TO PRESENT READING COUNTS AWARDS. SUPPORTED BY OUR PTO, THESE AWARDS ARE GIVEN TO INDIVIDUALS FOR POINTS EARNED READING GOOD BOOKS AND PASSING COMPUTERIZED TESTS WITH 80% OR ABOVE. ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE.



SKATEBOARDS, ROLLERBLADES, ROLLER SKATES

(Humans-powered vehicles)



****ATTENTION****

All personnel must properly wear an approved ANSI, Snell Memorial Foundation, or host-nation certified [helmet](#) while skating (including skateboarding, rollerblading, and roller-skating) or riding a kick-scooter on USAFE installations.

The chinstrap must be properly fastened under the chin while wearing the helmet. The wear of elbow and kneepads are required (wrist guards are encour-

aged) in installation skate parks (*Lakenheath Instruction 31-204, Motor Vehicle and Traffic Supervision, 03 Mar 2006*).

CHARACTER DAY

First, you have to pick out the best book to read. Then, dress up as the main character and describe the book to your class, while Ms. video tapes. Last, but definitely not least you get to party with your parents. This is what Character Day is all about in two 4th Grade Classes.



HealthyPointers: Superbug "MRSA" on the loose RN, BSN, School Nurse

A student in Kaiserslautern, Germany was recently treated and released for a Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) infection. The bacterium is known as the "superbug." The girl did not pose any threat to other students. This "superbug," though has received wide attention in the States with the recent outbreak in several American schools. These schools closed

their doors so classrooms and equipments could be disinfected thoroughly to reduce the risk of MRSA infections. (Source: Stars and Stripes 10/31/2007)

MRSA is highly resistant form of the common bacteria Staphylococcus Aureus. It does not respond to treatment with conventional antibiotics. For the longest time, people get this type of infection from being confined in the hospital because their immune system was already compromised. Now that these highly resistant bacteria are out in the community, scientists are pursuing their research on this "MRSA," even more aggressively. There has been a discovery that would hopefully assist these scientists/researchers to develop drugs against this virulent new strain of MRSA, which is becoming a serious public health issue. (Source: Medical News Today 13 November 2007). In the mean time, we can do something to protect ourselves or at least minimize our chances of getting exposed to this "superbug." The key is "we have to educate ourselves."

Here are some frequently asked questions about MRSA (Source: Center for Disease Control and Prevention)

What does a staph or MRSA infection look like?

Staph bacteria, including MRSA, can cause skin infections that may look like a pimple or boil and can be red, swollen, painful, or have pus or other drainage. More serious infections may cause pneumonia, bloodstream infections, or surgical wound infections.

Are certain people at increased risk for community-associated staph or MRSA infections?

CDC has investigated clusters of CA-MRSA skin infections among athletes, military recruits, children, Pacific Islanders, Alaskan Natives, Native Americans, men who have sex with men, and prisoners. Factors that have been associated with the spread of MRSA skin infections include: close skin-to-skin contact, openings in the skin such as cuts or abrasions, contaminated items and surfaces, crowded living conditions, and poor hygiene.

How can I prevent staph or MRSA skin infections?

Practice good hygiene:

1. Keep your hands clean by washing thoroughly with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
2. Keep cuts and scrapes clean and covered with a bandage until healed.
3. Avoid contact with other people's wounds or bandages.
4. Avoid sharing personal items such as towels or razors.