



Tiger Tales

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Calendar of Events

10 October

Columbus Day – No School

11 October

PTO General Membership Mtg.
1700 hrs in PTO room

09 – 15 October

Fire Prevention Week

17 & 18 October

Picture Day

20 October

Math Match Training

23 – 31 October

Red Ribbon Week

4 November

Teacher Work 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:

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Fire Drills, Code Blue & Code Red Exercise

Bill Hunter, Principal

Safety drills are an integral part of our goal in keeping students safe. During the month of September we had a fire drill each week. I am proud to say that our students and staff had excellent ratings according to the Fire Department for every one of our drills. This month we will have a Code Blue and a Code Red exercise. The Code Blue exercise is for a total evacuation of the school. When notified, the Classroom teacher or specialist, takes the students to our safe area, which is the skating rink. The school goes into a lock down mode for a Code Red exercise I will send out more information to you on these drills later this month.



- Sudden academic problems
- Secretive/sullen temper outbursts
- Ravenous after school-Ask why: someone may be taking lunch or money
- Rushes to bathroom after school-Ask Why: your child may be frightened to use bathroom at school due to threats
- School reports frequent visits to the nurse with mysterious complaints, especially after recess (may be to avoid or need for nurturance)

If You Suspect a Problem:

- Make it a habit to talk to your child about school
- Ask pointed questions such as "who is a bully in your class?" "Who bothers kids at recess and on the bus?"

Cookies for Katrina

5th grade teacher

Students at Liberty Intermediate School raised \$1,000 for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. A Bake Sale was held during Open House, and during all three lunches on Friday, September 16th.



Bully Proofing Liberty Intermediate School!

Counselor

What Parents Can do...

How to find out if your child is being bullied.

What to Look for:

- Excuses for not wanting to go to school
- Unexplained bruises
- Torn clothing
- Need for extra school supplies or money
- Continually "loses" belongings and school supplies
- Problems sleeping/nightmares
- Sudden loss of appetite

During Social Studies discussions in 5th grade, students brainstormed how they could be responsible citizens and help others in need. suggested a Bake Sale, and plans were soon underway. Principal, Bill Hunter, dubbed the project



“A Cookie for Katrina” and AAFES cafeteria staff, an integral part of the school, donated cookies for the event. All students were invited to bring in baked goods. Some students even went the extra mile making special snack mixes at school and crafts to sell. The PTO gladly sponsored the event.

The students are proud that they have made a difference. The monies collected have been donated to the Air Force Aid Hurricane Relief Fund. Many Air Force families have been directly affected by the disaster while all ready being separated by deployments. The students at LIS roar with success!

Math Match Volunteer Training

School Community Home Partnership

Math Match is a volunteer opportunity at Liberty Intermediate School for those parents and community members interested in working with students on Math skills. We are looking for people able to offer an hour or more per week on a consistent basis. Volunteers may also sign up to “job share” a time slot with another person so their personal obligation would be bi-weekly but the classroom teacher could depend on a volunteer at the same time each week.



A training session for interested participants will be held on October 20th from 3:30-4:30 PM at Liberty Intermediate School. Volunteers will be familiarized with the Accelerated Math program, and trained in successful methods to use when working with students. Any further questions will be answered at this time as well. Parents and community members that are currently helping with Math in the classroom are highly encouraged to attend this training. We will coordinate the times already arranged with the Math Match program.

If you are interested in becoming a Math Match volunteer please

by Monday, October 17th so that we can plan accordingly. Thank you for supporting our students!

Online Databases

Information Specialist



Students can access the following online databases from their computers at home or in the classroom by using the following:

<http://ars.sirs.com>

login name:LIBE-IS
password:!dodea

This website includes magazine articles, dictionary, encyclopedia, thesaurus, atlas, kid’s almanac and many other features.

<http://search.global.epnet.com>

login name:libertyis
password:ebSCO

This website includes magazine articles and other reference sources. Within the site is a search tool called Searchasaurus.



Lexile Level Website

Parents and students often inquire about the lexile levels of books while visiting the library because they are an important part of the Scholastic Reading Counts Program. The lexile level is a way to match readers to books by measuring the reader’s ability to text difficulty.

To find the lexile level of a book, you can go to www.lexile.com You can then begin your search by clicking into the appropriate category, which all basically lead you into the “Welcome” page. Then you can click into the Lexile Book Database to search for lexile levels by title, author, keywords, lexile range or ISBN number. The ISBN number means the International Standard Book Number, which is used by publishers to distinguish one book from another. If you cannot find the book you are searching for, try

the Lexile Analyzer link, which looks at a piece of text to determine the lexile level.

LHS Homecoming, Our Students Judge Hallways

Bill Hunter, Principal



On 27 September, 5th grade class and 4th grade class walked over to Lakenheath High School to judge hallways. Freshman – Senior classes at LHS decorated their hallways with movie themes this year; fantasy, sci-fi, horror, and musicals. It was a hard decision for the students to make as all of the hallways looked great. But the final tally showed the seniors to be the overall winner.



COW’s invade Liberty Intermediate School

Educational Technologist

Liberty Intermediate School has a 24 wireless laptop lab on wheels or COW’s – computers on wheels. This wireless lab can be checked out by teachers for use in the classroom as they infuse technology related to a DoDEA standards based educational program.



Recently, _____, our Host Nation teacher used this tool in her classroom with all the 5th grade classrooms at LIS. _____ created a link on the LIS website for students to access their host nation lesson at home and school. To view the 5th grade student's lesson click on this link: <http://www.libe-is.eu.dodea.edu/> Then select Activities and Clubs, Host Nation, Discovering Castles to view the 5th grade assignment for the Host Nation class.



4th grade teacher at LIS meets the 2005-2006 DoDEA technology initiative by teaching keyboarding skills to her 4th grade students. _____ class used the COW's to practice their keyboarding skills using "Type to Learn" software program.



Red Ribbon Week 23-31 October

Mildenhall Base Library

"Building a Safe & Healthy Community - A week when millions of our American population wear a red ribbon to show that our young people and our adults are united for a drug-free society."

Find out more about Red Ribbon Week from:

<http://www.defenselink.mil/specials/drugawareness/rrweek.html> or
<http://www.redribboncoalition.org/>

Students:

Pick up your coloring page or puzzle from the Children's Room Bookshelf

to win a prize, while supplies last, & bring it back to get a raffle ticket raffle ticket drawing even more prizes!

Adults:

Wear a red ribbon to the library during the week of 23 – 31 Oct to win a prize, while they last, and enter a drawing for a calling card!

Cooler Weather

Bill Hunter, Principal

As the temperatures drop the students should dress warmer and be prepared for outdoor weather. Make sure that your child has their sweater or jacket when they leave for school in the morning.



Has your child misplaced a jacket, coat or lunch box? If so, have them check our lost and found for their missing item. Items not claimed are donated to local charities on a regular basis.

Bus Safety Training

4th grade teacher

Liberty students received bus safety training on Monday, September 26, 2005. They were reminded of the following five rules:

- 1. Walk; don't run to the bus stop.
- 2. Wait three steps back for the school bus to arrive.

- 3. Take your seat, buckle up and stay seated. Wait three steps back for the school bus to leave.
- 4. Never go in front of or behind the school bus.



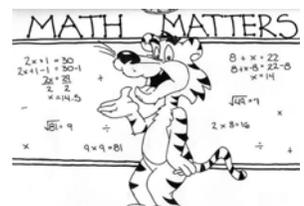
All students, not just bus riders, need to be aware of these rules. Students that walk to school and are dropped off by parents often walk within close proximity of the buses at the school. It is also important to remember these guidelines when the buses are used for field trips.

PTO News

On 25 September the PTO had a great time raising \$170.00 with a car wash at Liberty Intermediate School. A big thank you to all of you that participated, either by washing the cars or having your car washed.



The PTO would like to invite you to the first general membership meeting of the school year on 11 October at 1700 hrs. in the parent center at Liberty.





THE DoDEA VISION

Communities investing in success for ALL students!

DoDEA MISSION STATEMENT

The Department of Defense Education Activity provides, in military communities worldwide, exemplary educational programs that inspire and prepare all students for success in a global environment.

DoDEA GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Student achievement...a shared responsibility
- Trust and respect for others' rights
- Unlimited opportunities to reach high expectations
- Dedication to lifelong learning
- Equal access to a quality education based on standards
- New and motivating challenges to inspire excellence
- Total accountability with teamwork
- Success for all...students first!

DoDEA Community Strategic Plan Goals 2001-2006

Goal One - Highest Student Achievement

All students will meet or exceed challenging standards in academic content and special area programs so that they are prepared for continuous learning and productive citizenship.

Goal Two - Performance-Driven, Efficient Management Systems

DoDEA will use a performance driven management system that operates in a timely, efficient and equitable manner, places resource allocation and decision-making at the lowest operational level; and facilitates a safe environment conducive to optimum student achievement.

Goal Three - Motivated, High Performing, Diverse Workforce

The DoDEA workforce will be motivated, diverse, and committed to continuous professional growth and development resulting in exemplary performance and optimum student achievement.

Goal Four - Network of Partnerships Promoting Achievement

Every level of DoDEA will develop, promote, and maintain a network of partnerships to enhance optimum student achievement.