



Dear Liberty Families:

I want to take the time to give you several reminders as we are currently nearing the half-way point of the school year.

- Liberty follows Columbus City Schools dress code adopted by the Board of Education. Students clothing should completely cover all body parts (no skin showing). Flip flop sandals and/or slides should not be worn to school. Students need to come to school with closed toed shoes on.
- Talk with your child about personal hygiene. Please make sure that he/she is taking care of their hygiene needs before leaving the house every morning. Poor personal hygiene can have a negative impact on your child's school day and learning environment.
- Disrespect of any kind will not be tolerated. Students are to adhere to adult directives at all times. Failure to do so could result in a removal from the educational environment.
- Physical violence will be dealt with swiftly and severely. We are working to maintain a respectful, responsible and safe school environment for all students.
- Your child should be engaged in educational activities during the school day. Blatant refusal to complete assigned work is not an option.
- If you are unsure of homework policies, please make certain that you contact your child's teacher for clarification.
- You must schedule an appointment to meet with school personnel. Please do not come in demanding to see anyone without an appointment. (This is an expectation in any professional environment). We are willing to meet with you, but things must be done with proper procedure. Our number one goal is the education of students.
- Please limit the number of times your child is tardy to school or leaves school early. Every minute counts for attendance—this will help you avoid an attendance intervention meeting and or a referral to Franklin County Children Services (FCCS).
- Please check your child's backpack/book bag nightly. You are missing important information when you fail to do so.

i-Ready Diagnostic Testing (Reading and Math)

All students will be required to take the i-Ready Reading and Math diagnostic between 12/6/22-1/20/23. Please make sure that your child is in attendance, and brings his/her district assigned Chrome book fully charged.

Mark your Calendar

December 8 Select Students Field Trip to OSU Women's Basketball Game

December 15 Thankful Thursday: Parent Appreciation Spaghetti Dinner, 5-6:30pm

December 16 Lion Pride Celebration (for PEAK FREE students for month of December)

December 19 Grade 3 Field Trip to Columbus Zoo

December 20 Early Release, 3pm Dismissal

December 20- January 3 Winter Recess (No School for Students)

January 4, 2023 School Resumes for All Students

Inclement Weather

This is a friendly reminder that if the temperature (with wind chill) is 30 degrees or higher, students will have outdoor recess. Please make sure that your child comes to school appropriately dressed. Your child should wear a coat, hat and gloves to school each day. **We cannot make special provisions for individual students—if there is outdoor recess, all students go outside (unless we receive a note from a physician stating otherwise).**

In the event that weather prevents us from coming to school, you will be advised as such through district notification and information given on local news and radio stations. Please make sure that you stay tuned for the latest updates.

Changing Students Route Home

If you need to change how your student is getting home, you should call the office as soon as possible, preferably before noon. We understand emergencies happen, however, the office closes at 2:45pm to prepare for dismissal. Last minute changes cause confusion with the office staff, as they are preparing for a safe dismissal.

Grief Group

Has your student lost someone close to them? Would he/she benefit from grief counseling? If you are interested in your student participating in a Grief Group with our counselor, Mrs. Hooper, please call the school to speak with Mrs. Hooper or email her at mhooper7297@columbus.k12.oh.us.

Office Depot Start Proud Adoption

Each year, Office Depot adopts one Title 1 school for their Start Proud Program. Liberty Elementary was the lucky recipient this year! At the beginning of the school year, the company donated over 500 book bags filled with over \$100 of school supplies in each bag. We offered a bookbag drive in August. We still have tons of bookbags left. If your child needs a bookbag, let the teacher know.

Office Depot raised over \$51,000 for our school and allowed the teachers to go on a shopping experience at Office Max on November 6th to purchase items needed for their classrooms. Additionally, second grade teacher, Mrs. Bennett (Alvarez) was named Teacher of the Year, and received additional prizes.

This is a great example of the POWER OF ONE....one organization coming together to give our students what they deserve! THANK YOU, Office Depot, for your generosity.



Friendly Reminders

- ❖ As often as you change your personal contact information (address, phone number, etc) you will need to log on to the Parent Portal to update the changes. This will ensure that you are receiving important communication from the school.
- ❖ Parents of Pre-K and K students, please make sure that you child has a change of clothes (including socks and underwear) in his/her backpack each day. This is in case your child has an accident at school. This will alleviate the need for you to leave work to attend to your child.
- ❖ Finally, you must be on time to pick up your child at the end of the school day. We do not have staff to supervise students after 3:45 p.m. If no one is here to get your child, we begin the process of trying to locate a contact to assist. If we are unable to locate anyone we call to have the child picked up by the Columbus Police Department and transported to Franklin County Children Services. I began the year telling parents that you must always have a backup plan to ensure your child's safety at dismissal. It is not incumbent on the school staff to wait for your child to be picked up. To avoid this series of events, make sure someone is available to pick up your child.