



Dear Parents:

Can you believe it? March 15th marks the end of the third grading period. Spring is the busiest time of the school year, as we prepare students to take the Spring Ohio State Test in Grades 3-5. No matter how busy it gets, please remind students to continue to stay focused on their behavior and academics. At Liberty, we are **respectful, responsible, safe and kind**. We expect students to keep hands, feet and objects to self, and treat others as they wish to be treated. Please continue to review these expectations with students at home.

Emergency Contact Information

Is your Emergency Contact Information up-to-date? It is extremely important that we are able to contact you in the event there is a situation with your child. You can update emergency information using the parent portal. Please make sure that you have reliable alternates listed should your child need to be picked up from school. ***Anyone retrieving a student from school must have proper picture identification.***

Transportation from School

Does your child know how he/she is getting home from school each day? Constant changes to your child's dismissal plan creates confusion for the child as well as additional work for the teaching and office staff. Changes to dismissal should be used sparingly. All changes must be written or called in to the school office by 2:00pm each day. The sooner the better! Class Dojo is not a reliable source as teachers are busy teaching during the school day and may miss a message from you. ***Failure to follow this protocol will result in your child being sent home using the regular mode of transportation unless you are here to physically retrieve them.***

Report Cards

Did you know that your child's report card is accessible through the Parent Portal? Quarter 3 report cards will be available in the Parent Portal on March 21st.

Attendance/House Bill 410

School attendance is a powerful predictor of student outcomes. Every school day, every hour, every minute and every second counts in a child's academic life. A missed school day is a lost opportunity for students to learn. In December 2016, the Ohio General Assembly passed House Bill 410 to encourage and support a preventative approach to excessive absences and truancy. When a student is excessively absent from school, the following will occur:

1. The district will notify the student's parents in writing within 7 days of the triggering absence;
2. The student will follow the district's plan for absence intervention; and
3. The student and family may be referred to community resources.

Excessive absences interfere with students' progress in mastering knowledge and skills necessary to graduate from high school prepared for higher education and the workforce. To support academic success for all students, the district will partner with students and their families to identify and reduce barriers to regular school attendance. Student attendance is everyone's responsibility. Avoid meeting with the Attendance Team by ensuring that your child's attendance is counted EVERYDAY!!!

Important Dates

3/6	District Professional Development Day-No School for Students
3/14	Math Night & Spring Choir Concert, 5-6:30pm
3/15	End of 3 rd Grading Period
3/20	Records Day—No School for Students
3/21	Reports Cards Ready to Review in the Parent Portal Grade 4 Field Trip to Ohio State University
3/25-3/29	Traffic Safety Awareness Week
3/28	Liberty Lion of the Month Luncheon Early Release, 3pm Dismissal
3/29-4/5	Spring Break

Friendship Dance: THANK YOU

On Friday, February 23rd, Liberty hosted a Friendship Dance for families. This was an opportunity to get together, dance our hearts away, enjoy some snacks and engage in Arts & Crafts. Thank you to all that came out to show your support. Here are a few pictures from the evening.

