



Dear Liberty Families:

We are halfway through the first quarter of school. During the month of September, teachers were busy assessing students to ensure they know exactly what students know and are able to do so that appropriate learning paths can be created to move each student to the next level. Staff will continue to spend time modeling, practicing, and ensuring that students follow the four principles that guide our day: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, Be Kind. Students will continue to learn how to use these principles throughout the school community—in the hallways, in the restrooms, in the lunchroom, on the playground, and most importantly in the classrooms.

Mark Your Calendars: Important Dates

- October 8 Early Childhood Professional Development Day, NO SCHOOL for Prek
- October 15 District Professional Development Day, NO SCHOOL for All Students
- October 20 Fall Picture Day
- October 21 VIP (Very Important Parents) Meeting, 5-6pm via Zoom
(<https://ccsoh-us.zoom.us/j/94183684732?pwd=OE93b3gzcElIcDBDbGFOQnhvaDgrQT09>)
- October 25-29 Grades 2-5 Standards Mastery Assessment
- October 26 End of Quarter 1
- October 27 Records Day, NO SCHOOL for All Students
- October 28 Liberty Lion of the Month Principal Luncheon
- October 25-29 Grade 3 Ohio State Reading Test
- November 1, Fall Festival, Trunk o Treat, 5-7pm, Playground

***Parents, you will receive a weekly phone dialer call on Sunday evenings from administration. The phone dialer will detail important information and weekly events/updates from the school.

***Please make sure your contact information stays up to date in the Parent Portal so that you receive the weekly phone dialers and so that the school can reach you in the case of an emergency.

Chromebooks

It is the expectation that your child brings his/her Chromebook to school each day, fully charged. We are also asking that the charger be put in the child's backpack so that if the device requires charging it can be done. The only time the charger will leave your child's backpack is in the event the device loses charge. Teachers will work with students to ensure that both the charger and the Chromebook are returned home at the end of each day.

If you need assistance with device repairs or exchanges, you can come to the building Monday-Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you are unable to come during this time, you can email Mr. David Danzy at ddanzy@columbus.k12.oh.us to schedule an individual appointment.

Toys

Students should not bring toys of any kind, including pop its, to school. Toys are a distraction to the learning environment. Staff will take any toys brought to school.

Parent Portal

By now, all parents should have activated the parent portal account for your child. This gives you real-time information and access to your child's education records. Important information will be sent via Blackboard to your email address; it is important that you maintain an active email account as we are moving away from paper communication. If at anytime your email address changes, you must use the parent portal to update it. You must also update the Emergency Medical Card (YELLOW) on the parent portal, listing friends/relatives who can have access to pick up your child if you cannot. Remember anyone attempting to pick up a child must have valid identification, including parent/guardians.

Transportation

Please download the CCS App to your cellphone so that you can receive Bus Bulletins with information for your child's bus route. The number to the Transportation Department is 614-365-5074. For concerns/complaints about transportation, please call the Customer Relations Office at 614-365-8888. School staff, including the principals, will not have the answers that you are seeking regarding missed pick-ups, late buses etc. It is best to call the numbers listed to help with your concerns.

Sign-Up for Instant Communication (with your child's teacher)

You may have received an invitation to join Class Dojo or Seesaw. It is important that you accept the invitation. This is a two-way communication platform and an easy way for you to have access to your child's teacher. Teachers often monitor the apps throughout the day. It's fast, it's convenient, and most importantly it's FREE.

Attendance—Every Minute Counts

The instructional day begins at 9:00. Please make sure that your child is present each day and stays until dismissal time. Each minute counts!!! Avoid a House Bill 410 attendance intervention plan by making sure to send in medical or written documentation for any absences. As much as possible, please refrain from late starts and early dismissals as this will count against your child's attendance.

Family Ambassador, Mrs. Collins

Ambassadors share their unique perspective as parents and family members of our students. Mrs. Kay Collins is our school's family ambassador. She is dedicated to improving the quality of your Liberty experience for students and their families through ongoing communication and tiers of support. Her role is to promote and encourage increased parental engagement in the educational process. Here is the link to the VIP (Very Important Parents) newsletter created by Mrs. Collins: [Liberty VIP Newsletter](#)

Stay Connected

Join us on Facebook. Search for Liberty Parent Group and request to join or use the following link to join- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/libertyes.ccsoh/>. Family Ambassador, Kay Collins, is the creator and moderator of this page.

Liberty Website: <https://www.ccsch.us/LibertyES>.

School Store Fundraiser: Subject Line: Please Help Our School

On October 1, your child is bringing home a Parent Information Envelope letting you know about a safe and easy way for our school to raise funds for essential tools our students and teachers need to succeed.

The School Store fundraiser is 100% online so there is no face-to-face selling, handling money, or delivering products. Your participation will take less than 12 minutes, and there are exciting prizes to make it fun for the students.

Here is all you need to do to participate:

1. Go to <https://www.schoolstore.net/sid.t?0000283787> to sign up.
2. Send form emails inviting family, friends and co-workers to support your child.
3. Return the Envelope with the Student Prize Code to school for your child to get their fun participation prize.

Be sure to ask your child for the Parent Envelope. Your participation will make a difference for our school and teachers!

Thank you, Liberty Elementary School