

CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

The news you've been waiting for! Listed on the label(s) on the right side is your child(ren)'s teacher assignment for the 2010-11 school year. The first line indicates the teacher's last name, grade level and room number. The second line is your child's name. Please refer to the spreadsheet on the next page for a full listing of teacher's names.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 5TH GRADERS

One of the most exciting things about becoming a 5th grader is the opportunity to play a musical instrument. Liberty Elementary offers the opportunity for students to join either band or orchestra, if they wish.

We have a very strong music program for our students under the guidance of Mrs. Beagley (orchestra) and Mr. Storer (band). Last school year over 90% of our 5th graders opted to learn to play an instrument.

For additional information about these opportunities as well as information about the various instruments students may choose from, please visit the newly created band and orchestra website at:

<http://les.d300.org/band-orchestra-enrollmentband-orchestra-enrollment-algonquin-lakes-dundee-highlands-eastview-liberty>

LUNCHROOM INFORMATION

Each day all students, with the exception of AM and PM kindergarten, will have a 30 minute lunch time. Fifteen minutes of this time is dedicated eating time, and the remaining 15 minutes is for physical activity. Those students who do not have time to finish eating within the 15 minute time frame are given the opportunity to finish eating their lunches and join their classmates when they finish.

ARAMARK is our foodservice provider. Hot lunches are available each day for \$2.50, and students have 3 entrees to choose from. A copy of the September lunch menu is accessible online at: <http://aramark.d300.org/>

ATTENTION BUS RIDERS

This year the transportation department will be providing identification wristbands for all students in grades Pre-K through Grade 2. We are requesting that students wear the wristband during the first two weeks of school. The information included on the band will be your child's last name and take home bus route number. This will help our drivers to know that your child has boarded the correct bus and also ensure that they get off at the correct bus stop.

If your child is a bus rider, please look for a postcard from Durham Transportation to arrive in your mailbox sometime during the week of August 9 with detailed bussing information.

LIBERTY CLASSROOM TEACHERS 2010-2011

Mrs. Conzelman	Kindergarten	Room 107	Green Kindergarten Gate (in front of school)
Mrs. Karoumi	Kindergarten	Room 106	Green Kindergarten Gate (in front of school)
Mrs. Collazo	Dual Language Kindergarten	Room 174	Green Kindergarten Gate (in front of school)
Mrs. Bennett	First Grade	Room 124	Playground Area Blacktop
Mrs. Bianchi	First Grade	Room 181	Playground Area Blacktop
Mrs. Gavin	First Grade Dual Language	Room 123	Playground Area Blacktop
Mrs. Ortiz	First Grade Dual Language	Room 180	Playground Area Blacktop
Miss Song	First Grade	Room 122	Playground Area Blacktop
Ms. Volpe	First Grade	Room 179	Playground Area Blacktop
Miss Arnold	Second Grade	Room 129	Playground Area Blacktop
Mrs. Arsoniadis	Second Grade	Room 131	Playground Area Blacktop
Mrs. Oberle	Second Grade	Room 130	Playground Area Blacktop
Mrs. Pretelt	Second Grade Dual Language	Room 133	Playground Area Blacktop
Mrs. Wallenberger-Corcelles	Second Grade	Room 132	Playground Area Blacktop
Mrs. Chuy	Third Grade Dual Language	Room 224	Playground Area Blacktop
Mrs. Johnson	Third Grade	Room 226	Playground Area Blacktop
Mrs. Nangle	Third Grade	Room 223	Playground Area Blacktop
Mrs. Piper	Third Grade	Room 224	Playground Area Blacktop
Ms. Stark	Third Grade	Room 214	Playground Area Blacktop
Mr. Betts	Fourth Grade	Room 249	West blacktop
Mrs. Chism	Fourth Grade	Room 208	West blacktop
Mrs. Hladik	Fourth Grade	Room 248	West blacktop
Mrs. Weirich	Fourth Grade	Room 206	West blacktop
Miss Ebervein	Fifth Grade	Room 202	West blacktop
Ms. Laipple	Fifth Grade	Room 205	West blacktop
Mrs. Liedtke	Fifth Grade	Room 201	West blacktop
Mrs. Mannella	Fifth Grade	Room 203	West blacktop

START EACH DAY WITH A HEALTHY BREAKFAST

With only a few days left of summer parents and students are getting their checklists ready to prepare for the new school year, but what about breakfast?

Breakfast is one of the most important meals of the day and studies have shown children who eat breakfast are more alert and less tired during the day. District 300 is pleased to participate in the breakfast program at Liberty Elementary School. With this program schools expect to see a significant improvement in student performance in and out the classroom.

Students can enjoy great-tasting morning favorites, such as fruits, cereals, breakfast sandwiches, yogurt and juice beverages. Each morning in the school cafeteria students will be able to receive a grab and go breakfast. Breakfast will be served from 7:50am to 8:00am starting on the first day of school.

The price for paid student breakfast is \$1.50 and \$0.30 for reduced meals. All students that receive free lunch will also be eligible to receive a free breakfast. Adults who wish to participate in the new breakfast program will receive breakfast for \$2.00.

5 Reasons why you should eat school breakfast:

1. Children who eat breakfast perform better on standardized achievement tests and have fewer behavior problems in school.

Harvard University/Massachusetts General Hospital study of children in Philadelphia and Baltimore schools discovered that students who usually ate school breakfast had improved math grades, reduced hyperactivity, decreased absence and tardy rates, and improved psycho-social behaviors compared with children who rarely ate school breakfast.

2. Eating breakfast has an advantageous effect on late-morning mood, satiety and cognitive performance.

Eating breakfast of any kind prevent(s) many of the adverse effects of fasting," such as irritability and fatigue, according to Bonnie Spring, Ph.D. , University of Health Sciences/Chicago Medical School.

3. Eating breakfast keeps you thin.

Researchers from the National Weight Control Registry, a database of more than 3,000 people who have lost at least 60 pounds and kept it off for an average of 6 years, found that eating breakfast every day was a weight control strategy for 78% of the people in the registry. People who kept off weight long-term also reported eating a low-fat diet and exercising for an hour or more each day.

4. Breakfast is delicious.

5. Breakfasts served as part of the SBP provide one-fourth or more of the daily recommended levels for key nutrients that children need.





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STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Parents who drive their children to school are asked to use the front entrance and exit. The front entrance is the driveway closest to the school building and main entrance. Please follow the directions of our staff to maintain a safe and orderly procedure.

- Be considerate of other drivers and be sure to pull as far into the lane as possible.
- Avoid getting out of your car while in the lane.
- If dropping off your child requires you to get out of your car, please be considerate of others and park in the east parking lot.
- Dropping students off on the curve not only blocks traffic, but also creates a hazardous situation for students.

It is our desire to make our drop-off and pick-up as efficient as possible. However, please keep in mind that our primary focus is on the safety of our students. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

The east entrance houses our main parking lot and the bus lane. Please refrain from using this area for dropping off students as doing so compromises the safety and efficiency of our bus system.

BACKPACK DROP-OFF/PARENT NIGHT INFORMATION

Students are welcome to drop-off school supplies, meet their teacher and familiarize themselves with the building on **Thursday, August 12**. Students with last names A-L are invited to come between 12:00pm and 1:00pm and students with last names M-Z are invited to come between 1:00pm and 2:00pm.

Dates have also been planned for Parent Night. Parent Night is an opportunity for parents to learn about curriculum and classroom policies and procedures. Presentations will begin promptly on the following dates:

Thursday, August 19:

- AM/Dual Language Kindergarten—6:00pm
- PM Kindergarten/3rd Grade—7:00 pm

Monday, August 23:

- 2nd Grade—6:00 pm
- 5th Grade—7:00 pm

Tuesday, August 24:

- 1st Grade—6:00 pm
- 4th Grade— 7:00 pm



Please understand that these evenings are designed and structured for parents/guardians only.

We kindly request that you arrange for at-home childcare in advance .

LIBERTY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you as part of the Liberty Elementary School family for the 2010-11 school year! The Liberty staff is committed to providing your child with the knowledge and experiences that will maximize their learning potential. Your input and support are essential to your child's success. We encourage you to communicate regularly with your child's teacher to assist them in knowing how your child learns best. Together we can work to maximize your child's academic growth and development.

Every summer brings new changes to our Liberty staff. This summer was no exception. To begin, I would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to some staff who have left our building. Mrs. Chris

Arnold, a literacy teacher and former 1st grade teacher who has been with us since our opening year, has moved on to be a literacy teacher at Gary D. Wright Elementary as budget reductions have reduced our literacy staff. Also leaving us are ESL teacher Miriam Leiton, 2nd grade teacher Linda Willetts and 1st grade teacher Jeff Didricksen. All of these talented teachers have landed at other D300 schools, and will be greatly missed at Liberty.

One grade level change this year is Miss Mandy Arnold moving from 4th grade to 2nd grade.

We are also delighted to announce some new staff to our building. Mrs. Maria Rim is our new part-time social worker. Mrs. Rim will be



split between Liberty and Meadowdale Elementary. Mrs. Amanda Chuy joins our staff from Perry Elementary as our new 3rd grade Dual Language teacher and Mrs. Alex Gavin joins our 1st grade Dual Language team from Gary D. Wright Elementary.

As we go to press our staffing for PE and Music have not yet been identified, but we look forward to our new "specials" staff coming on board very soon!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL REMINDERS

The first day of school is Monday, August 16. This will be a full school day for all students in 1st through 5th grades. Kindergarten classes will follow their usual AM/PM schedule. Students will line up outdoors (weather permitting) and will walk with their teachers to their classroom. The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 2:15 p.m. Morning kindergarten begins at 8:00 and ends at 10:35. Afternoon kindergarten begins at 11:40 and ends at 2:15.

We know that the first day of school is an exciting and memorable day in our students' lives. However, please realize that parking at Liberty is extremely limited. Traffic congestion is traditionally very high on the first day. We strongly encourage any families within walking distance to walk with their child on the first day of school in lieu of driving.

We look forward to a wonderful year for you and your child and look forward to seeing everyone again on August 16!

IMPORTANT

UPCOMING DATES:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12:

Backpack Drop-Off

12:00—1:00 pm—Last names A-L

1:00—2:00 pm—Last Names M-Z

Monday, August 16:

First Day of School

Monday, August 30:

School Picture Day

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