

LIBERTY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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ISAT TESTING FOR GRADES 3-5 BEGINS MARCH 1

Attention all parents of 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students.

For the two week period between March 1 and March 12, all students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will be taking the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT).

All students will take three reading assessments and three math assessments. In addition, fourth graders will also take two science assessments and third and fifth grade students will take a writing test.

The results of state tests will be reported to you on the School Report Card by the end of October. We will review these results along with information from our local assessments to help us improve our school program. In addition, you will receive information about your child's performance on the state tests he or she took.

Be sure to mark your calendars with these important dates, as it is extremely important that students are in school during these two weeks.

You can help your child do his/her best on the test by:

- making sure that your child attends school on the days of testing;
- making sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before testing;
- providing breakfast on the mornings of testing;
- reminding your child to ask the teacher questions if he/she does not understand the test directions;
- letting your child know that you have confidence in his/her ability to do his/her best; and
- advising your child not to worry about the test – just do the best he/she can!

Sample reading questions can be viewed online at:

<http://metacat2.com/iltestlinks.html>

Please call your child's teacher if you want additional information or have further questions about these tests.

IMPORTANT

UPCOMING DATES:

Friday, February 26

NO SCHOOL - Kane County
Institute Day

March 1-12

ISAT Testing—Grades 3, 4, 5

Friday, March 5

End of 2nd Trimester

Friday, March 12

Report Cards Sent Home

Thursday, March 25

Spring Picture Day

March 29—April 2

Spring Break—NO SCHOOL

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HOW NUTRITIOUS IS YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH?

ARAMARK is excited to introduce the District 300 Elementary Lunch Nutritional Calculator.

We are providing this resource to help parents and students make selections that fit their personal health and nutritional goals and preferences. Meal choices are selected using a series of drop downs and the nutritional values appear, providing the nutritional content for the meal.

You can access the tool using the following link:

<http://aramark.d300.org/document/16318>

We are very excited to offer this resource to the parents, students, staff and Administration of District 300. Calculators for middle and high school lunch, as well as breakfast at all building levels are under development and coming soon. Please take a look and give us your feedback!

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LIBERTY STUDENTS HELP IN HAITI RELIEF

After learning about the devastating affects of the earthquake in Haiti, our Liberty students stepped up to make a difference.

Fifth grade classes initiated the idea to collect money for the Red Cross Haiti Relief Fund, which then branched out to other classrooms throughout the building.

When all was said and done, we had collected so much change that it took a flat bed cart to get the money out of our school and to the bank! In total, Liberty students collected \$991.14 to help the Haitian people get the necessary materials and supplies they need to rebuild their lives.

We are very proud of our students for their efforts toward this worthwhile endeavor!

DUAL LANGUAGE INFORMATION NIGHTS

Liberty is the home of District 300's Dual Language program. For the 2010-2011 school year we will once again offer incoming kindergarten students throughout District 300 the opportunity to apply for the Dual Language program.

This is a voluntary enrichment program in which 50% of the students selected are native English speakers and 50% of the students will be native Spanish speakers. The program will continue through 5th grade with a target for all students to be bilingual, bicultural and biliterate by the end of 5th grade.

Two informational meetings are scheduled to provide parents with background about this program as well as details on how families can apply. The meetings will take place on the following dates and times:

- ◆ Monday, March 1, 2010 at 6:00pm—Liberty Elementary School
- ◆ Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 9:30am—deLacey Family Education Center

This program is open to all students in District 300, so please share this information with others you know who may be interested!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION DATES SET

Do you or someone you know have a child who will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2010? If so, it's time for kindergarten round up! Liberty Elementary School will conduct kindergarten round up on the following dates:

- ◆ **Monday, May 3, 2010 from 11:30am—1:30pm**
- ◆ **Tuesday, May 4, 2010 from 9:00am—11:30am**

Parents of incoming kindergarten students are encouraged to contact the Liberty Main Office at your earliest convenience so we may add you to our mailing list.

Families unable to attend either date may contact the school during regular hours (7:15am—3:45pm). We will mail registration packets to their homes the week prior to registration.

We will need copies of the child's birth certificate (county issued), emergency phone numbers and proof of residency (copy of current lease or closing statement and copies of 2 utility bills). Forms for kindergarten physicals are available in the main office and online at www.d300.org.

Please contact the Liberty main office prior to April 23, so we may send paperwork to your home to save you time during registration.

A SUNNY FORECAST IN THIRD GRADE

On Friday, February 19 our 3rd grade classes were visited by a special guest reader. Paul Konrad, weatherman on the WGN-TV Morning News, was our special guest!

Mr. Konrad was initially contacted as a reader for our Boys Book Club, but being a real TV celebrity, the Girls Gossip Group joined in the fun as well!

Mr. Konrad shared stories with students about weather balloons, the many instruments used to forecast the weather and what his job is really like. He also spoke with students about the approaching severe weather season, and where to seek shelter in the event of severe weather. Have you and your child discussed your family's plan at home?

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs was story for the day, a fitting choice for a real-life weatherman!





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5TH GRADERS ARE DARE GRADUATES!

On Monday, February 8, our fifth grade students celebrated their graduation from the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program.

Throughout the first semester of school fifth graders participated in classes focused on learning to make good choices, avoid peer pressure, and stay drug free.

Courses were taught by Officer Steve Whitcomb of the Carpentersville Police Department.

During graduation students shared essays they wrote about lessons they learned through DARE and were recognized for their commitment to the program.

Guest dignitaries in attendance included Chief Neumann of the Carpentersville Police Department, Chief Schuldt of the Carpentersville Fire Department and Mr. Ed Ritter, Carpentersville Village President.

Featured fifth grade DARE essay winners were:

- ◆ Grace Keller —Mrs. Mannella's class
- ◆ Collin Beus—Miss Ebervein's class
- ◆ Regina Zelazny—Ms. Laipple's class
- ◆ Steven Bellefontaine—Mrs. Liedtke's class

DANCE COMPETITION WARMS UP JANUARY

During the first three weeks of January, all Liberty students were actively participating in our annual dance unit. Team taught by our PE and Music teachers, students learned a variety of dances during their regular "specials" time.

In addition to many of the traditional dances students learn, 4th and 5th grade students also participated in a "Dance Challenge." Students choreographed a dance routine to Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean" in groups of five to six students.

Students performed their group dance in front of a group of peer judges. These peer judges selected the top six dance routines for the school. On Tuesday, January 27 a panel of staff judges watched as students performed their dances for the final judging.

The dances were evaluated by a panel of guest judges who narrowed the field to two top teams. These top two teams competed in a dance-off to determine an overall winner. After a hard fought battle, the runners up were from Miss Ebervein's 5th grade class: Collin Beus, Saulo Alcantar, Andrew Walker and Braedon Harder.

The winning team was from Mrs. Liedtke's 5th grade class: Maddie Egan, Morgan Loga, Rochelle Sia, Isabella Trojanek and Allison Sweeney.

Congratulations all of the hard working dance teams for their incredible work. Way to go Liberty Stars!