

# LIBERTY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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## 2009 ISAT RESULTS REVEAL SLIGHT GAINS

Each year students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades are tested on the Illinois Standards Assessment Test (ISAT). Third and fifth graders are assessed in reading, writing and math. Fourth graders are assessed in reading, math and science.

Below you will find a chart showing our school's historical achievement as well as a comparison between all other District 300 schools and schools throughout the State of Illinois. In depth information is available on the Illinois Interactive School Report Card website at <http://iirc.niu.edu>. This website provides a variety of detailed information about our school's performance as well as that of other schools throughout Illinois.

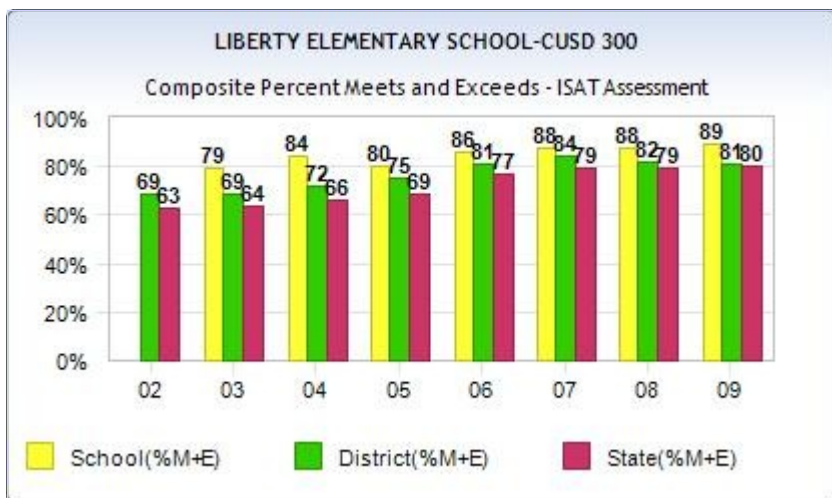
We are especially proud of the following gains shown in 2009 test scores:

- Overall performance of Liberty students tested has increased to 88.6% meets/exceeds overall (up from 87.9% in 2008)
- Fourth grade math scores have increased 4.7% from 2008 to 2009.
- Fifth grade reading scores have increased 3.9% from 2008 to 2009.
- Reading scores for our Hispanic students have increased 11% from 2008 to 2009.

- Reading scores for our Asian students have increased 6% from 2008 to 2009.

Our school's goals for improvement include increasing the performance of our male students in all areas, scores for our Limited English Proficient Students and scores for our Economically Disadvantaged students. Our staff is committed to differentiating instruction to best meet the needs of all students with a specific focus on these targeted areas in 2009-10.

This year's ISAT testing for all students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will take place between March 1 and 12, 2010. Please mark your calendars!



### IMPORTANT

#### UPCOMING DATES:

**Thursday, November 12:**

Picture Re-Take Day

**Monday, November 23**

Parent Teacher Conferences 11am – 4pm and 5pm to 8pm

NO SCHOOL for students

**Tuesday, November 24:**

Parent Teacher Conferences 8am—1pm

NO SCHOOL for students

**Wednesday, November 25:**

District Holiday

**Thurs/Fri, November 26 & 27:**

Thanksgiving Recess

**Monday, November 30:**

Classes Resume

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## LIBERTY STUDENTS SHINE IN ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

Each October the Carpentersville Fire Department holds their annual Fire Safety Poster Contest.

The poster contest is open to all students in grades 1-5 throughout the Village of Carpentersville.

Liberty students have earned high honors in this endeavor each and every year, and this year was no exception! Congratulations to all of the following winners:

**1st Grade:** Erika Penamante (4th Place)

**2nd Grade:** Ashley Clarke (3rd Place)

**3rd Grade:** Lauren Wakeman (4th Place), Erianna Ang (2nd Place), Jatzary Salazar (1st Place)

**4th Grade:** Emma Lamblin (4th Place), Emily Magallanes (2nd Place), Maggie Keller (1st Place)

**5th Grade:** Alex Tamayo (4th

Place), Grace O'Malley (2nd Place), Vince Fabe (1st Place)

Liberty is proud to have the overall winner of this year's Fire Safety Poster Contest! In addition, this student is the overall winner for the second straight year! WOW!

Congratulations to 5th Grader Grace Keller!

Grace's artwork will be used as the cover for the fire department's annual report.



## PREPARING FOR WINTER WEATHER

During cooler weather, students still go outside for recess on a regular basis.

It is imperative that students come to school dressed for the weather. Coats, hats, gloves or mittens, scarves and boots and/or snow pants are essential for keeping warm.

Please be sure your child is dressed not only for a wait at the bus stop, but for playing at recess as well.

When snow is present, students must wear snow pants, gloves and boots to play in the snow. Otherwise they will remain on the blacktop.

Students will be outdoors for recess unless rain or wet snow is falling, or if the temperature and/or wind chill falls below 10 degrees Fahrenheit.



On rare occasions, school may be cancelled due to extreme cold, significant snow fall or treacherous travel conditions. In the event that school is cancelled, you will be notified by the district's Rapid Communication System. For this reason, it is essential that you notify the main office if you have any change in phone number or email address, as the Rapid Communication System accesses your contact information directly from the data available in the main office. Thank you for your assistance in this important matter!



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## SCHOOL SAFETY INFORMATION NIGHT

On January 26, 2010 the Liberty School Safety Team will be hosting a School Safety Information Night from 6:00-8:00pm.

This evening is designated to educate parents on internet safety, gang awareness and school safety procedures. Parents will have an opportunity to ask professionals who specifically work in these areas questions pertaining to student safety. We hope you will join us in our mission to keep all students safe at school.

Please mark your calendars!

## SIGN UP TODAY TO RECEIVE SCHOOL UPDATES ELECTRONICALLY

In an effort to better communicate with families, Liberty will begin sending home newsletters and other typical "Tuesday Folder" information online to families who sign up for this option!

Enroll online by following the steps below:

1. Go to the Liberty website <http://www.d300.org/schools/les>
2. Go to the "eNewsletters" section on the right side.
3. Enter your name and email address
4. Choose the format you'd like to receive emails (HTML or plain text)
5. Select the school information you'd like to receive electronically (For Liberty—you will want to sign up for both the "LES Newsletters" and "LES Announcements." This is a two-step process.

After signing up for this option, your Tuesday folders may be a little lighter. We will begin our "paperless" process for all of those who sign up beginning the week of November 16, 2009!

## ATTENTION KISS 'N GO LANE USERS

With the onset of colder weather, traffic in our kiss 'n go lane becomes heavier. To make this a more pleasant experience for all, please keep the following in mind:

- ◆ *Be considerate of other drivers and be sure to pull as far into the lane as possible.* Students can enter door #2 in addition to the park district and main entrance doors.
- ◆ *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.