

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

May Edition



Important Dates

May 2	4th Grade Tours SVUE
May 5-9	Staff Appreciation Week!!
May 6	Track Meet
May 7	Early Dismissal
May 8	PBIS Skating Party (invite only)
May 21	Early Dismissal
May 23	Student Talent Show
May 26	No School
May 27	Bounce House Day
May 28	Field Day
May 29	Field Day
June 3	10:45 Dismissal/ Last day of school!

From the desk of Principal Gouard

Greetings Liberty Sparkler Families,

May is here! We are in the “home stretch.” As always, learning is taking place and it is important that your child continue to attend school each day.

Towards the end of the month, we will be having our yearly fun activities including field day and bounce house day. These activities will be tied in with our PBIS goal of following Liberty’s expectation of following the group plan across all settings in the school. Spring is in the air and school is almost finished for the year, but we must continue to follow our school rules.

Thank you for trusting us to educate and love your children this school year. We look forward to working with you next school year! Have a great summer break!

Mrs. Amber Gouard

From the desk of Principal Gouard



VERMILION COUNTY
REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION #54

Attendance doesn't seem like much, but...

He/She is only missing...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling, that's...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes a week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks a year	Nearly ½ year missed
20 minutes a day	1 hr & 40 minutes a week	Over 2 ½ weeks a year	Nearly 1 year missed
30 minutes a day	Half a day per week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years missed
1 hour a day	1 day a week	8 weeks a year	Over 2 ½ years missed

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling, that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days a year	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks a year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days a week	80 days a year	16 weeks a year	Over 5 years
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks a year	Nearly 8 years of school

From the desk of Principal Gouard

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

For your child to be successful at school, attendance matters.

If your child is going to be late or absent from school, please call:

Liberty Elementary School: 217-444-3000

Illinois law defines "chronic truant" as a **student who misses 5 percent of the school day within an academic year without a valid excuse**. That's nine (9) days of an average 180-day school year. Chronic truants are at risk of academic and behavioral problems.

From the desk of Principal Gouard

For the month of April:

Amount of tardies by grade level:

Kindergarten-102

Grade 1-101

Grade 2-96

Grade 3-87

Grade 4-46

There were 432 tardies in the month of April. These tardies were accomplished by 90 students (23% of our students!)

Tardiness is a disruption to the educational setting!

Please bring your students promptly to school at 7:35.



April Students of the Month



Leilani S.
Alennia N.S.
Taki T.
Mason P.
Amor W.
Taylor W.

Madelyn W.
Elijah S.
Mason P.
Taraka S.W.
Laquinton W.
Khai H.

Delilah F.
Alaina W.
Senah D.
Layla J. P.
Isla W.

What's Your W.I.G.???

Your child has a W.I.G.!!!!!!

A W.I.G. is a "wildly important goal!"

We are focused on being our best selves and bettering our reading abilities. So, everyone in the building has a goal.

Liberty's goal is to have at least 25% of students in 1st-4th grades score at or above the 60th percentile on their reading Fastbridge Tests.

Your child's teacher has a more specific classroom goal to help us achieve our building goal.

AND your child has an individual goal that they set for themselves!

How is your student(s) progressing with their WIG?
How can you assist them in reaching their goal?

AVID

(Advancement via Individual Determination)

We continue with collaboration as the year comes to an end. Students really enjoy the team huddle strategy. They move around the room and when the teacher calls out a number, the students huddle. This strategy can be used in reading and math. The teacher calls out a question and the students use their speaking and listening skills to come up with the answer.

Students benefit from AVID strategies in and out of the classroom. Liberty uses AVID strategies to also teach important life skills such as organization and collaboration. These kids are AVID scholars! They utilized many WICOR strategies this year that helped them move forward in their achievements. We look forward to learning and practicing new strategies next year!



Kindergarten

As April showers turn to May flowers our Kindergarten students are in full bloom! We're amazed by how much they have grown this year as they've worked hard to learn letters, sounds, and sight words to become early readers. We encourage you to continue reading with your child and practicing those sight words they need to be ready for the next level.

In math, we are focusing on both addition and subtraction as we solve word problems and work to master facts through 5. We will spend the rest of the school year polishing up our skills, reviewing and strengthening what we have learned, and preparing students for next year.

Have a great summer! We have enjoyed working with your kiddos!

Your Kindergarten Team!



First Grade

Dear First Grade Families,

General: Students have a red folder that contains important information and/or assignments that are due. There is a keep at home side and a return to school side. The return to school side is any documents or paperwork that must be returned to school. The keep at home side is any papers that can be taken out of the folder after school and kept at home. This will encourage responsibility to the students. The students have a monthly calendar in their folder to document their attendance days. There is also a weekly calendar to let families know what is happening for the week. It is encouraged that parents sign their students weekly calendar each day.

Math: The students receive math worksheets Monday through Thursday to continue practicing math facts. The worksheets are due the next day. This month students will begin to practice place values. They will understand that two-digit numbers represent the number of ones and tens in any given number. They will also begin practicing adding and subtracting within 100.

Reading and writing skills: The students have been working very hard this year. This month we will be working on blending CVC words, digraphs, double letters and glued sounds. Students should practice tapping out each sound of CVC words. The students will also need to practice "trick" or sight words we have learned so far. Trick words are sent on yellow paper each Monday to practice every night.

Ms. Armstrong, Mrs. Lawhorn, and Mrs. Doggett



Second Grade

May is a busy and exciting month in second grade! Mrs. Boyer and Mrs. Carlton's classes are diving into the War of 1812 and exploring life cycles in CKLA. Miss Dye's class is reading Geodes daily and answering comprehension questions to strengthen reading skills. All three classes are focusing on improving their writing skills.

In math, students are working hard on three-digit addition and subtraction and we'll be wrapping up the year by introducing multiplication.

Please continue to encourage your child to read their AR books at home and take quizzes regularly. Don't forget to check ClassDojo daily for important updates and communication!

Together we're better,

Mrs. Boyer, Mrs. Carlton, and Miss Dye



Third Grade

Greetings 3rd Grade Families,

Hello future 4th grade families! We are almost there! Please remind your child that school expectations are still in full effect! The weather has gotten nice and we will be going outside for recess. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

In math, we will complete our last unit, Geometry and Measurement Word Problems. If time permits, we will end the year reviewing skills that have been previously taught. Continue to practice multiplication/division and addition/subtraction facts at home. Students should be able to do these readily.

In reading, Mrs. Cash and Mr. Parker will complete a unit on Weather and Climate. Mrs. Smiley will be completing the Astronomy: Our Solar System and Beyond, and beginning Native Americans: Regions and Cultures. Mrs. Swafford will complete the unit Native Americans: Regions and Cultures, and is hoping to begin Early Explorations of North America. Please encourage your children to read their library books each evening and be ready for an AR test the next day.

Your third grade team,

Mrs. Cash, Mr. Parker, Mrs. Smiley, and Mrs. Swafford



Fourth Grade

Your child has been working hard on “Flexible Thinking.” They continue to work on “Body in the Group” and “Thinking with your Eyes.” The students and staff are always focused on being here and being on time each day. Please set those alarm clocks and help get those kiddos on the bus everyday..unless you are sick of course.

Next week, the entire building will be taking our last Fastbridge assessment. Please make sure your child gets to sleep on time and is here and ready for school each day. Stay tuned for a 4th grade walking field trip to Liberty Park!

We are finishing our reading unit on “Confronting Challenges,” and how to overcome obstacles. We will be moving into “The Power of Electricity.”

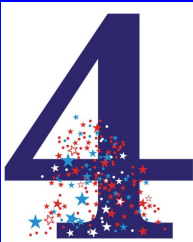
In writing, we are working on using text evidence to support our thinking and writing 3-5 paragraphs.

In math, we are finishing our modules on learning about different angles and lines, as well as fractions and decimals. We will touch on conversions and spend a lot of time reviewing math concepts such as, long division, multiple digit multiplication, and three and four-digit addition/ subtraction. It is EXTREMELY important that your child knows their math facts! They have math and reading homework each night and we ask that they read at least 30 minutes every day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your teacher at their extension or Dojo.

Your 4th grade team,

Ms. Williams and Mr. Pettit



Nurse Notes



A note from your School Nurse....

Keep your student home with any of the following: Temperature over 100 degrees within the last 24 hours, vomiting and/or 2 or more episodes of diarrhea within the past 24 hours, undiagnosed rash, eye drainage that cannot be maintained, persistent coughing or difficulty breathing, live lice, diagnosed illness without completion of 24 hours of antibiotics.

2025/2026 School Year

If your student has a health condition that requires physician documentation or takes medication at school, I will be sending a new form home with them to be completed for the 2025/2026 school year. This can be completed and turned in anytime for the next school year.

Kindergarten Registration

If you have a new kindergartener coming to Liberty for the 2025/2026 school year. Now is a good time to start preparing. The following will need to be in your students' file before they can start Kindergarten on 8/15/2025.

- **Current Physical (dated 8/15/2024 or after)-this must include blood lead screening and diabetes risk assessment**
- **Current, up to date immunization record**
- **Eye Examination by an Optometrist or Waiver (Due by 10/15/2025)**
- **Dental Exam (Due by 5/15/2026)**

The sooner you get these completed and turned into the nurse's office, the better. Doctors' offices get very busy over the summer with school physical and immunizations, which can make it difficult to get an appointment. Getting everything completed as soon as possible will make your Kindergarten registration process easier. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school nurse.

For any questions or concerns, please contact your school nurse at
217-444-3031

Thank You, Nurse Darwish

Home Program Intervention Coordinator Comments

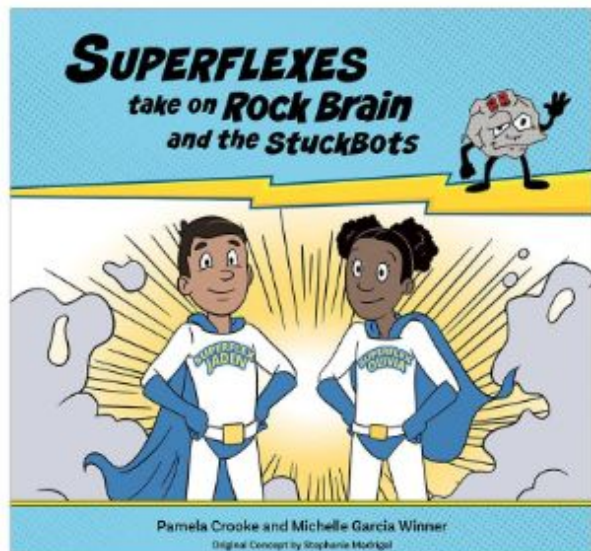
Happy spring! It's wonderful to have the warmer weather upon us! Please remember school attendance is still important. If your child needs to be absent for illness or an appointment, please notify the school at (217)444-3000. Research shows, students who improve their attendance improve their academic prospects and their chances of graduating.

We recently received a candy donation from McLane! Our students receive treats as rewards for positive office referrals, 100% attendance days, Check In/Check Out rewards, and PBIS incentives. Thank you McLane!

Feel free to contact me if I can help you in any way!

Sarah Funk
Home Program Intervention Coordinator
217-444-3021

Social Emotional Learning (S.E.L.)



In our social emotional learning lessons, we are introducing the Superflex Series: Superflexes Take on Rock Brain and the StuckBots as part of our learning about flexible and stuck thinking. This goes along with our Social Detective and social thinking skills instruction.

The purpose of the storybook and accompanying curriculum is to teach social concepts through a superhero adventure. The lessons (Quests) are fun and interactive and are presented through the lens of attending an imaginary superhero academy. They provide students positive and prosocial ways to figure out how people work, learn, and play together.

Social Emotional Learning (S.E.L.)

SUPERFLEX

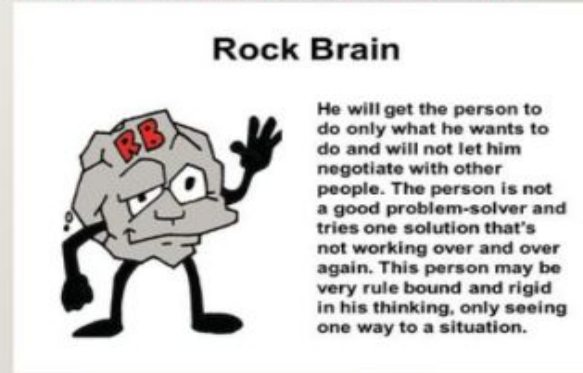
VS

ROCK BRAIN

WHEN A PERSON IS ABLE TO CONSIDER
DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW OR WAYS
OF DOING SOMETHING



WHEN A PERSON GETS STUCK ON AN IDEA
AND HAS DIFFICULTY CONSIDERING OTHER
OPTIONS OR WAYS TO DO SOMETHING



Lessons in the story are presented through Superflex quests. Quests start with teaching students to learn about their own strengths. Teaching then expands into learning about experiences that require us to use more flexible thinking. These struggles are represented through imaginary characters called UnthinkaBots which cause our thinking to get stuck, stubborn, worry or get frustrated. The character Rock Brain uses StuckBots to make all of us get stuck on doing things only one way. Students will practice more of our flexible thinking strategies to learn how we can use them to be more flexible in challenges that can happen at home and at school.

PBIS May Challenge

(Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports)



LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Big news alert!

May's PBIS Challenge is:

100% Attendance Days

A 100% day is a day we strive to have 100% of our students in attendance!

These days will be selected at random and will not be announced to students.

All students in attendance on these days will get their name placed into a drawing to receive a chance to "spin the wheel" and select a prize!

When you miss school, you miss out!



May Breakfast Menu

MAY | 2025

Pre K – 8 Breakfast Menu



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

4.30.25

28

5 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast
Cinnamon Applesauce
100% Apple Juice
Skim or 1% White Milk

12

Apple Strudel
Plain Applesauce
100% Apple Juice
Skim or 1% White Milk

19

Blueberry Bread
Blue Raspberry Applesauce
Colby Jack Cheese Stick
100% Orange Juice
Skim or 1% White Milk

26

NO SCHOOL

29

6 Turkey Sausage & Cheese Bagel
Fresh Apple
100% Fruit Punch Juice
Skim or 1% White Milk

13

Turkey Sausage and Egg Burrito
Fresh Apple
100% Fruit Punch Juice
Skim or 1% White Milk

20

Stuffed Waffle
Fresh Orange
100% Fruit Punch Juice
Skim or 1% White Milk

27

Turkey Sausage Pizza Bagel
Plain Applesauce
100% Apple Juice
Skim or 1% White Milk

30

7 Oatmeal Round Bar
Colby Jack Cheese Stick
Banana
100% Very Berry Juice
Skim or 1% White Milk

14

Mini Cinnamon Waffle
Turkey Sausage Link
Fresh Orange
100% Orange Juice
Skim or 1% White Milk

21

Glazed Donut
Fresh Apple
Strawberry Gogurt
100% Apple Juice
Skim or 1% White Milk

28

Mini Cinnamon Caramel Roll
Fresh Banana
100% Fruit Punch Juice
Skim or 1% White Milk

1

Turkey Ham and Cheese Slider
Fresh Pear
100% Very Berry Juice
Skim or 1% White Milk

8

Mini Maple Pancakes
Fresh Orange
100% Orange Juice
Skim or 1% White Milk

15

Banana Muffin
Strawberry Banana Yogurt
Banana
100% Very Berry Juice
Skim or 1% White Milk

22

Mini Chicken Patty on Biscuit w/honey
Fresh Strawberries
100% Very Berry Juice
Skim or 1% White Milk

29

Snack Bun
Fresh Orange
Vanilla Yogurt
100% Orange Juice
Skim or 1% White Milk

2

Cosmic Confetti Waffle
Blueberries
100% Strawberry Kiwi Juice
Skim or 1% White Milk

9

Egg and Cheese Omelet
Wrap
Fresh Pear
100% Strawberry Kiwi Juice
Skim or 1% White Milk

16

Turkey Sausage Breakfast Pizza
Fresh Grapefruit
100% Strawberry Kiwi Juice
Skim or 1% White Milk

23

Chef's choice
Fresh Pear
100 %Strawberry Kiwi Juice
Skim or 1% White Milk

30

Chef's choice
Fresh Apple
100% Strawberry Kiwi Juice
Skim or 1% White Milk

News
2nd Meal Option
WG Reduced Fat Cereal

Mother's Day

**Happy
Memorial
Day!**

For Questions
Regarding This Menu,
Please Contact:
Zetta Piggott
Director Food Service
217-444-1070

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May Lunch Menu

MAY | 2025

Pre K – 8 Lunch Menu



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

4.30.25

28	29	30	1 BBQ Chicken Filet Macaroni and Cheese Mixed Vegetables Fresh Broccoli w/ranch Fruit Cocktail Cornbread	2 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich w/lettuce Popeye Salad w/dressing Baked Wedges Fresh Strawberries
5 Turkey Taco w/ lettuce, shredded cheese, salsa Spanish Rice Black Beans Baby Carrots w/ranch Clementines	6 Cheeseburger on bun w/lettuce, tomato, pickles mustard, ketchup Baked Wedges Fresh Celery w/ranch Fresh Pear	7 Chicken Bowl w/mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed corn Fruit Cocktail Sliced Bread	8 Baked Potato w/ Homestyle Chili, butter, sour cream, shredded cheese Steamed Broccoli Dinner Roll Fresh Apple	9 Lasagna Garlic Bread Tossed Salad w/dressing Mixed Vegetables Fresh Strawberries
12 Chicken Patty on Bun w/mayonnaise Waffle Fries w/ketchup Fresh Cauliflower w/ranch Clementines	13 Sweet & Sour Chicken Brown Rice Steamed Edamame Grape Tomatoes w/ranch Pineapple Tidbits Goldfish Grahams	14 Chicken Drumstick Steamed Carrots Cole Slaw Fresh Strawberries Dinner Roll	15 Turkey Club Sandwich w/mustard & mayonnaise Steamed Broccoli Baby Carrots w/ranch Fresh Apple	16 Spaghetti w/meat sauce Garlic Bread Steamed Corn Sliced Zucchini w/ranch Fresh Pear
19 Chicken Pot Pie w/biscuit Fresh Cauliflower w/ranch Fresh Apple	20 Chicken Alfredo Dinner Roll Steamed Fresh Broccoli Grape Tomatoes Fresh Strawberries	21 Loaded Nachos w Salsa Sour cream, Cheese sauce, lettuce and Turkey taco meat Refried Beans Fresh Pear	22 Chicken Tenders w/BBQ sauce Steamed Fresh Carrots Cole Slaw Sliced Bread Clementines	23 Chef's choice Steamed Corn Popeye Salad Fruit Cocktail
26 NO SCHOOL	27 Hot Dog on bun w/mustard, ketchup, and relish Vegetarian Baked Beans Grape Tomatoes Fresh Apple	28 Turkey and Cheese Hoagie w/lettuce, tomato Mayonnaise, mustard Glazed Fresh Carrots Tossed Salad w/dressing Fresh Strawberries	29 BBQ Meatball Sub Baked Wedges Sliced Zucchini w/ranch Fresh Pear	30 Chef's choice Fresh Steamed Broccoli Celery w/ranch Clementines

News

Served Daily:

Cold 1% White Milk
Cold Skim White Milk
Cold 1% Chocolate Milk
Cold 1% Strawberry Milk

2nd Meal Option:

Variety of Specialty Salads
Or Deli Sandwiches

Cinco de Mayo

**Happy
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