

Happy  
Holidays!

# LIBERTY ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

December 2017

C.L.A.S.S. LifeSkills for December: Caring and Effort

## Box Tops

Please continue to send in your **Box Tops** labels for our school. This is a very easy fund raiser for LES with wonderful benefits for our students.

## School Attendance for Academic Success

Attendance is a critical factor in any child's school success. Children should attend school every day, except in cases of illness or emergency. It is impossible to replace the learning that happens on any school day with make-up work. **Regular attendance and promptness are good habits that are expected and appreciated at all levels of schooling and in the work place.** This year, make school a priority in your household. Commit to excellence in attendance. Your child's future depends on it!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 4 Canned Food Drive Week begins
- Dec 5 Robotics Club
- Dec 6 Student Council Lunch Meeting
- Dec 7 School Christmas Program
- Dec 8 P.T.O. Movie Night
- Dec 8 1<sup>st</sup> Gr. Gingerbread Houses
- Dec 11 Student Council Sycamore Springs
- Dec 11 Student Council Ornament Painting
- Dec 11 P.T.O. Playground Meeting 3:30
- Dec 11 UCCCJSD Board Meeting 7:00
- Dec 12 Corner Market open at UCHS
- Dec 12 Robotics Club
- Dec 14 P.T.O. Meeting 6:00
- Dec 15 School Pride Rally (wear gray shirts)
- Dec 18 Last Day to Pay Book Fees
- Dec 18 Kindergarten Holiday Workshop
- Dec 20 Kindergarten Polar Express

- Dec 21 Winter Break Begins
- Jan 3 School Resumes

## Music Programs

Our Christmas programs will be held on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 pm with the kindergarten and first grades. Second and third graders will perform at 7:00 pm. Fourth and fifth graders will perform at 8:00 pm. Students are to arrive at the high school auditorium 15 minutes before their performance time. Students should wear a nice red, green or white shirt or dress. Jeans and tennis shoes are fine. Each program will last about 25 minutes.

## Math Tips for Parents: Beyond $2 + 2 = 4...$

Parents should encourage creative problem-solving. Problem-solving is the basis of good mathematical thinking, and the problems don't have to involve only numbers. **These are the sort of mathematical reasoning problems that are based on the Indiana Academic Standards for which our students are held accountable:**

- Explain how you know that  $7/12^{\text{th}}$  is greater than  $1/3^{\text{rd}}$  but less than  $2/3^{\text{rds}}$ .
- Draw a picture to solve this problem: You need to put 20 ice cubes into 5 glasses. How

many cubes should go into each glass?

- What's another way to arrange the furniture in a particular room?
- Bailey has 39 moon stickers and 52 star stickers. How many more star stickers than moon stickers does she have?
- Elliott says that  $\frac{1}{8}$  is greater than  $\frac{1}{4}$  because 8 is greater than 4. Is she right? Explain your answer.
- How many different ways can Julie measure flour to get half a cup?
- Martin buys a sandwich for \$4.00, an apple for \$.95, and a soda for \$2.20. How much did he pay in all? How much change did Martin receive if he paid with a \$20 bill?
- Adam has \$20 to spend. He wants to spend \$3 each day for 5 days and \$4 on the weekend. Does he have enough money? If so, how much will he have left?

**Parents might consider choosing gifts that develop problem-solving (mathematical reasoning) skills such as:** Blocks, building sets, geometric tile sets, puzzles, board games, weather stations, maps, puzzle books, calculators, strategy games, chemistry sets, and origami. These are just a few gift ideas that will give

your child pleasure and knowledge at the same time.

Adopted from the following web site:  
<http://www.thelearningcommunity.us/resources-by-format/tips-for-parents/math.aspx>

### **Parent-Teacher Meetings**

Communication between parents and teachers is very important to us! That being said, our teachers' schedules are very busy which makes for impromptu meetings difficult. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please contact the teacher directly by phone or email to set up an appointment. You may also call the school office to leave a message that will be forwarded to your child's teacher.

*Merry Christmas and  
Happy Holidays from  
the teachers and staff  
to all the families of  
Liberty Elementary  
School!*

