



# CTA Liberty Ledge

December 18, 2017 - January 31, 2018

## School Calendar

### December 2017

18- Voices of Liberty Dress Rehearsal 2:40-5:00pm (MPR)

18- **Spirit Week Starts Winter Theme Colored Clothing Day** (wear the colors of the holiday)

19- **Ugly Holiday Sweater or Holiday/Winter Theme sweatshirt Day**





19- Placing luminaria bags which have been colored with a holiday design by all students inside the perimeter fence of our campus\*



20- **Holiday or Winter Theme T-shirt Day**





20-  Beginning Band 7:00 - 7:45am. It is 

20- Voices of Liberty School Performance K- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. 8:30-9:30am, 4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Gr. 9:45-10:45am

20- Choir Concert 6:00 pm for parents (Chandler Center of the Arts - Bogle Theater)



21-  Advanced Band 7:00 - 7:45am. It is 

21- **Non-Uniform Free Dress Day or Winter PJ for \$1 Donation Sponsored by PTO**  
(The theme of the spirit dress is PJ Day.)

21- 1st Grade Winter Breakfast 8:15 - 8:45 am (MPR)



21- **Last day of 2nd Quarter**

22- Bosa Donuts Fundraiser by PTO from 5:00 am to 9:00 pm. CTA Liberty will receive 15% of all purchases.



\*The **luminaria** is tradition in Spanish-speaking countries and is used during the holiday season to light the paths of travelers. Each student will get a battery-operated tea light to place in the bag so that the bags will be illuminated.

Our PTO parents punched out stars, ovals, and designs in the white bags for the kindergarten and first grade children because they are too little to do those themselves. The children can color the bag with a holiday design and write their names on their bags.

The second through sixth grade students will cut out their own designs on the bags and decorate them.

## Dec.22- Jan.8 - Winter Break - No School



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## January 2018

8- Open Enrollment for online submission begins @7:30 am for the 2018-2019 school year

9- Students return to school

9- Kinder Registration begins 9:00am on site (Neighborhood families only)

10- PTO Meeting 6:00pm-7:00 pm (LIB) 

12- School Tours @ 8:30 am 

15- Martin Luther King Day- Holiday- No School




16- Site Council Meeting 3:05-4:00 pm (LIB) 

16- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Pueblo Grand Museum



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18- Kinder DLI Info Mtg. In the Library @ 5:00 pm -7:00 pm 

19- Honor Roll, Safety Patrol, & Perfect Attendance Awards Assembly 4Th Grade @ 8:10am & 5-6 @ 2:00pm (MPR) 

19- Smencils Sale by PT 

22- K-1 Principal Awards & Perfect Attendance Awards Assembly 8:10 am (MPR)

23- Club Picture Day 

23- Kindergarten Open House 5:30 - 6:30 pm

25- K-6 Science Night 5:00 pm- 6:30 pm (MPR)



29- 2-3 Principal Awards & Perfect Attendance Awards Assembly 8:10am (MPR)

31- Kinder Field Trip to Tempe Center for the Arts



## Kindergarten News

Dec.15- Kindergarten Field Trip to Schnepf Farms



Jan. 9- Kinder Registration begins 9:00am on site (Neighborhood families only)

Jan.18- Kinder DLI Info Mtg. In the Library @ 5:00 pm -7:00 pm



Jan. 22- K-1 Principal Awards & Perfect Attendance Awards Assembly 8:10 am (MPR)



Jan.23- Kindergarten Open House 5:30 - 6:30 pm



Jan.31- Kinder Field Trip to Tempe Center for the Arts

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade News

Dec. 21- 1st Grade Winter Breakfast 8:15 - 8:45 am (MPR)



Jan. 22- K-1 Principal Awards & Perfect Attendance Awards Assembly 8:10 am (MPR)



## CHANDLER ACADEMICALLY TALENTED STUDENTS (CATS)

### (Gifted Program)

CATS testing for students who are currently in grades 3rd through 6th will be conducted on site for placement in the gifted program for the 2018-19 school year. The test will be administered in January. CATS Testing will be taken online. Teachers or parents may request testing for any 3rd through 6th grade student. CATS testing applications can be found in the front office. Please return the forms no later than December 19th to your child's teacher or the front office.

CTA Liberty will also be administering CATS testing for ALL 2nd grade students in January. The assessment will be administered on the computer so that we can receive testing information quicker. If parents do not wish their child to be tested, a signed note declining testing must be on file at the school to excuse a child from testing. We ask that parents try to refrain from picking up their child early and/or dropping them off late on these days due to testing.



You can send pictures for the yearbook to [ctalibertyyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:ctalibertyyearbook@gmail.com) until beginning of Spring Break.

## Absences:

Please remember to call in your child's absence anytime they are not at school. The 24-hour Attendance line is #480-883-4903. Even if you have notified the teacher, the front office must receive a call from you to excuse the absence.

Thank you

## The Chandler Education Foundation 2018 Car or Cash Raffle

## The CEF 2018 Winner's Choice Car Raffle Drawing will be on

**January 21, 2018**

You do not have to be present to win. Purchase a \$20 raffle ticket and you will be automatically enter in the CEF Winner's Choice, Car or Cash Raffle. The winner will have a choice between \$20,000 in cash or \$27,000 towards the purchase of 2011 Toyota vehicle of your choice. By purchasing a ticket for the raffle, you agree to comply with the terms outlined in the official rules. [Click here](#) to read the official raffle rules.

The more tickets you buy the more chances you have to win. Do not forget that CEF Raffle tickets are available for sale now through Jan. 21. Our school receives \$4 of the proceeds from each ticket sold in front office or online at [www.CEF-Raffle.com](http://www.CEF-Raffle.com)

**Chandler Education Foundation Raffle**  
**Winner's Choice: Car or Cash**  
Drawing: January 21, 2018 (need not be present to win)  
Sponsored by BIG TWO Toyota and Toyota Financial Services

**Early-Bird Drawing**  
**December 12, 2017**

**Early-bird prizes**

- Amazon Echo Dot
- Black Apple TV 32GB
- Beats by DRE
- FUJI Instant Camera
- Bose Black Soundlink Speaker
- LG 55" LED HDTV
- Various Giftcards \$50-\$100

**ENTER NOW**  
for a  
**Chance to Win**  
**Early-Bird**  
**Prizes!**

**CEF will draw an additional ticket**  
**on January 21 for a \$500 VISA gift card!**

Tickets can be purchased online at  
**[www.CEF-Raffle.com](http://www.CEF-Raffle.com)**  
or at the CUSD district office and any CUSD school

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## Library News:

### Author Visit

Our Liberty Library hosted author Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford the week of December 11<sup>th</sup>. First, Roni hosted a family night where she shared with our families about her culture. Each person in attendance was able to sample Jamaica tea and make a bundle of a cinnamon stick, fresh rosemary, and fresh mint. That evening, our wonderful PTO provided treats. The next day, Roni and her husband shared stories from her books, *Nana's Remedies*, *HipHip Hooray*, *its Monsoon Day*, and *Miguel and the Amazing Alebrijes* from the new Disney/Pixar *Coco* movie. Roni told stories about her pathway to becoming an author with the theme of never give up, find your passion, and always do your best! All Liberty students were able to attend the visits throughout the day. We were so blessed to be able to host author Roni Rivera-Ashford and look forward to her books in the future.



### Library Books Over Break

Readers are able to have library books over break. In order to properly keep up with our inventory, ALL books will be due back after break. Please try to be sure and have library books back in your child's backpack when students return on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Thank you!

### Missing Books

Did you receive an email that your child has missing or late books? You can log in online and view their circulation history from home. Student's user name is stID# and then their computer password. The library website is [www.cusd80.com/destiny](http://www.cusd80.com/destiny). Sign in using the login link at the top right corner. Any questions? Please let Mrs. Tollefson know.



Sincerely,

Mrs. Tollefson

### You Have Access to the Library's Catalog from Home!



Check on the status of a book, make a book bag or research using Web Path Express, internet sites that have already been evaluated by librarians. Just go to the NEW address: <https://cusd80.follettdestiny.com> and click on CTA- Liberty.

# PTO Report

The past month the PTO has stayed busy, and we are thankful for the support from the CTA Liberty community. Here is a summary of what has been happening:

- Box Tops collected earned the school \$1,147
- Box Top Classroom Winners received Pizza party for 1st place, Dessert party for 2nd place
- November Smencil Sale profit was \$206.52
- Movie Social at “A Bad Moms Christmas”
- Teachers and staff were treated to Gypsy cup and pastries before Thanksgiving break
- Holiday Staff party
- Family Movie Night at “COCO”
- Author Family Night with Cocoa and Cookies
- Luminary supplies purchased\*

\*Luminaries will be decorated by the students and placed outside the school on Tuesday, December 19th. The bags will be illuminated around the perimeter of the school until Thursday, December 21st, so for the best viewing come after dark.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email us at: [ctalibertypto@ctalibertypto.org](mailto:ctalibertypto@ctalibertypto.org).

Stay informed by following our CTA Liberty PTO Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/CTALibertyPTO/>

## Parent Portal:



Do not forget to sign up for the Parent Portal through Infinite Campus. This is where you can access to your child’s grades, or pay for field trip fees, and print report cards etc. If you don’t have an account set up, go to [www.tinyurl.com/cusdportal](http://www.tinyurl.com/cusdportal) . You will enter your email address. The email address must match what we have on file in the school computer. There is also a portal app available for your cell phone.



## School Lunch Schedule:

6<sup>th</sup> Grade -11:05am

1<sup>st</sup> Grade -11:10am

Kinder (Jauregui, Smool, Freeman) -11:20am

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade -11:25am

5<sup>th</sup> Grade -11:30am

Kinder (Butters, Hull/Wilson) -11:45am

4<sup>th</sup> Grade -11:50am

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade -11:55am

## School Safety Reminders:



Students are **not to be on campus before 7:45am**. Staff Supervision of the playground begins at that time.

When entering our parking lot, please slow down and stay off your cell phone.

Please display a sign with your child's name in the passenger side window for helping expedite the pick-up process

Students should exit the car on the curbside only.

When picking up and dropping off your child, please remember to:

**Do NOT BLOCK the CROSSWALKS WITH YOUR VEHICLE.**

## Giving Tree



Our school appreciates your generosity and support. This year, we will be sponsoring a "Giving Tree" Holiday Gift Card Drive and we are asking for donations of gift cards to assist families within our Liberty community. A "Giving Tree" is in the front office. Please stop by and pick an ornament. Once you have purchased a gift card, please drop off your gift cards to the front office. The gift card drive begins today and runs until Monday, December 18.

All gift card donations are due to school by Monday, December 18. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Aldecoa at 480-883-4906 or e-mail her at [aldecoa.barbara@cusd80.com](mailto:aldecoa.barbara@cusd80.com). Please see the flyer for more information.



### CTA-Liberty "Giving Tree" Holiday Gift Card Drive



We are collecting **Gift Cards** to assist our CTA-Liberty families through the Holidays.

If you are able, we would appreciate any dollar amount of gift cards donated to help families within our school community.

Here are a few ideas....

Target  
Wal-Mart  
Any groCery stores  
Gas Gift Cards  
Visa Gift Cards  
Kohl's  
JCPenny's

Any dollar amount is appreciated; please make sure that the amount is marked on the card. Thank you!

Please drop off your gift cards to the front office by  
Monday, December 18, 2017

Thank you for your support this holiday season!



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call  
Barbara Aldecoa at 480-883-4906.



We hope that you have a safe and wonderful holiday season!



# 6th Grade Spotlights



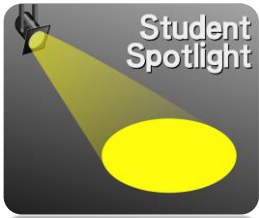
## The Schultz Family

First, we must say that in the 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  years that we have been part of the CTA family, we have felt blessed to be part of the amazing staff, teachers, principal, and school environment. Sure we have struggled with the volume of homework, and sure we have battled a tired student at the end of the day coming home to even more school work, but the journey along the way has been so fulfilling that it makes the "struggle days" worth it. Our student has faced her share of challenges, and though at times I questioned whether CTA was the right fit for our family, she was met with teachers with an unwavering commitment to help her succeed. They have always been willing to go the extra mile (forego their lunch hour or early morning prep time, even spend time after school tutoring), which made me realize that we were in the right place all along. Additionally, this alleviated frustration and stress in our household knowing that the teachers were willing to take the extra time with our student, therefore, we were able to do our job at home to review homework and ensure it's completeness, rather than struggling to teach the concepts from the lesson that our student was misunderstanding. In a busy, split-family, commuting, working parent household, this assistance is invaluable!

CTA has shown us that it is not just a school where our kids leave us for 8 hours per day, learn a few things and come home. Rather it's a family and a community joining together for the purpose of molding and educating productive and contributing future adults. CTA has laid the foundation for our student to understand how to treat others, and through fundraisers and charities, they've shown how to give to others. We've been encouraged to persevere through great examples, phenomenal leadership, and an incredibly positive environment. Lastly, CTA has given our student the tools she needs to be successful throughout her school years and adult life. I am not worried about the upcoming transition to Junior High, as I know CTA has fully prepared my student for the future.

I am so grateful for this wonderful school, and I will leave a flood of tears behind on the last day in May 2017, but I will also hold tight to the wonderful memories we've made and super people we have been blessed to cross paths with. Thank you to all who make CTA the wonderful family and community that it is.

Madison's mom and I chose CTA because of its strong academic reputation and diverse student body. We also liked that CTA planned many outside educational activities such as trips to museums, zoos, etc. Madison has been a student at CTA now since kindergarten and we have been impressed by the unwavering interest of teachers and staff making sure that Madison, like all of the other students, receives the attention she needs in order to succeed. Because CTA has allowed both Madison's mom and I to participate in outings, in the classroom, and other school activities, Madison has had a positive attitude toward the school and feels more welcome. The academics, teaching style, and attention she receives has increased her confidence and social skills. With Madison having a blending family, she has been able to transition easily because of the positive atmosphere at the school. Overall, we don't believe that Madison would have had a better experience at any other institution.



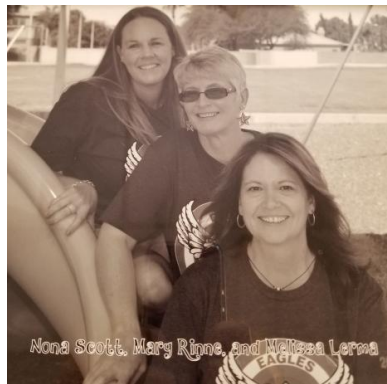
## 6th Grade



# Marissa Ray

Marissa has accomplished so much at CTA Liberty since starting school here in 3rd grade. She is a straight A student. Everything she does, she gives 110 percent. She always tries to do her very best, even when things are hard. She is a very hard worker and she has learned how to better manage her time so she can get her homework done but still have time for fun. She has learned how to play cello. She did 1 year of choir. She is also a member of NEHS. She has also gained an interest in learning different languages.

## 6th Grade TEAM



Ms. Rinne, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Lerma are a team that are focused on building a school community amongst their students through learning and experiences. Students not only learn through adopted curriculum but hands on activities that incorporate goal setting, team building and leadership skills. Students are immersed in learning through Egypt day, Science camp, and book studies. Other activities such as football math and ASU presentations allow students to transfer and apply learning from other subjects. Students leave 6<sup>th</sup> grade with practices and principles that they will utilize throughout their academic careers and beyond.



# *Volunteer Spotlight*

## **Carolyn Hale**

I enjoyed volunteering at CTA Liberty because everyone I work with, from students to staff to other volunteers, is invested deeply in making this school a welcoming and inspiring place to learn. Students are respectful and hard-working, the staff works tirelessly to be innovative and creative and give the very best of themselves, and other volunteers are always ready to pitch in where needed to make our school great. Volunteering here has really become a family mission and I can't imagine a better elementary experience for my children.