



CTA Liberty Ledger

March 1, 2018 - April 27, 2018

School Calendar & Spotlights of the Months

March

March 1st - April 6th – Pre-Sale of wristbands and raffle tickets for the Liberty Carnival

01- Spring Pictures (No retakes) Free Dress Day (No donation required)>>>>>>



02- Dr. Seuss Spirit Week Starts due to Dr. Seuss Read Across America



02- Sleep Book- Wear your favorite Pajamas!(Kick off day for Dr. Seuss)



05- Fox in Socks- Wear CRAZY socks with your uniform!



06- The Lorax- Wear a MUSTACHE with your uniform!

06- 5th & 6th Gr. field Trip to Track & Field Day 9:30 am - 1:00 pm



07- Bus Evacuation



07- Cat in the Hat- Wear a HAT with your uniform!

08- Cozy up to a Good Book- Dress like your favorite book character!



09- 3rd Grade Field Trip to Phoenix Zoo



- Non-Uniform Dress Down Day for \$1 donation, proceeds will benefit Arizona Brainfood

09- **3rd Quarter Ends**

10- Last day for early bird pricing for Yearbook and for Yearbook pictures

12-23 **March 12-23: Spring Break - No School**

27- **Students Return to School from Break**

28- Battle of the Books 3 pm - 3:40 pm (Library)




30- **Spring Holiday - No School**



April

April 2nd - April 6th : Week of Book Fair 

2- K-1 Principal Awards Assembly 8:10 am (MPR) 

3- Café Zupas Restaurant night from 5:00 - 9:00 pm
(20% of proceeds come back to CTA Liberty) 

4- 2nd Grade Field Trip to Desert Botanical Garden

6- Last Day to buy wristbands and raffle tickets at the Pre-Sale pricing

- Honor Roll Assembly 4th - 6th Grade @ 2:00pm (MPR)  & Honor Roll Pizza Lunch 

10- Site Council Meeting (Only Team Leaders Attend) 3:05 pm in Library 

11- PTO Meeting 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm(Library) 

13- Spring Carnival 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm (MPR and Fields) 

16- 2-3 Gr. Principal Awards Assembly 8:10am (MPR) 

23- DLI Benefits of Immersion Meeting 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

26- 2nd Grade Field Trip to AZ National Museum

27- 5th & 6th Gr. Dance Night 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (MPR)

PTO News



SAVE THE DATE

April 13th, 2018 from 5-9pm for our SPRING CARNIVAL

We are working hard to make this evening a fun night for the entire family, so please keep an eye out for our pre-sale of wristbands and raffle tickets going on from March 1st – April 6th.

Here are a few of the highlights:

- Bounce Houses (including slides & obstacle courses)
- Rides
- Games
- Raffle Prizes
- Silent Auction of Gift Baskets
- Food Trucks
- Photo Booth
- Face painting
- DJ

If you are interested in volunteering, please email us at: ctalibertypto@ctalibertypto.org.

Stay informed by following our CTA Liberty PTO Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/CTALibertyPTO/>

Library News

Want to Honor Your Child by Adding a Book to the Liberty Library?

As the year is winding down, want a way to commemorate your child's year and help the library? For a \$25 donation, your child can come to the library and choose a new book of their choice. Then, your specific commemoration will be placed on the inside front cover of the chosen book. After about a week, the book will be given to your child, so he/she may be the first to check it out prior to placing the book on the shelf for circulation.



Forms will be going home in March to kick off Read Across America Month and conclude with our next **Book Fair on April 2nd**. This will be a BOGO. Students can purchase a book and another book of equal or lesser value for FREE! Bookplates may also be purchased to honor a family member, friend, or teacher who is either living or deceased. Please contact me at :

tollefson.kristin@cusd80.com if you have any questions.

Want to volunteer? Email Mrs. Tollefson at tollefson.kristin@cusd80.com

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. Sign in using the login link at the top right corner. Any questions? Please let Mrs. Tollefson know.



Sincerely,

Mrs. Tollefson

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



Lost & Found

If your child is missing anything Please remember to check the Lost and Found area outside the MPR for any missing items.



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 . 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.



CTA-Liberty AzMERIT/AIMS Testing Schedule 2018



Week of: April 2nd	Tuesday, 4/3 6 th Grade Writing	Wednesday, 4/4 5 th Grade Writing	Thursday, 4/5 4 th Grade Writing	Friday, 4/6 3 rd Grade Writing
Week of: April 9th	Monday, 4/9 6 th Grade Reading Part 1 Math Part 1	Tuesday, 4/10 6 th Grade Reading Part 2 Math Part 2	Wednesday, 4/11 Grade 5 Reading Part 1 Math Part 1	Thursday, 4/12 Grade 5 Reading Part 2 Math Part 2
Week of: April 16th	Monday, 4/16 Grade 4 Reading Part 1 Math Part 1	Tuesday, 4/17 Grade 4 Reading Part 2 Math Part 2	Wednesday, 4/18 Grade 3 Reading Part 1 Math Part 1	Thursday, 4/19 Grade 3 Reading Part 2 Math Part 2

Please make sure that your child has a set of earbuds to keep at school no later than March 28, 2018. All testing except AIMS Science will be completed on the computer and the students will need the earbuds for AzMERIT. Please assist us in promoting a positive and productive testing atmosphere by making sure your child arrives to school on time each day. Attendance is **very important** and is used by the state in calculating our school's rating. Our goal is to have **100% perfect student attendance** during testing and we appreciate your support.

Please do your best to assist your child with the following:

- get plenty of rest
- eat a healthy meal before arriving to school
- send a healthy snack to school with your child
- encourage your child to do his/her best
- discuss any concerns your child may have about testing to reduce anxiety



A Note from Cafeteria



March 5-9,
2018:
March School
Breakfast
Week



Every time you have a breakfast, take a sticker and add it to your grade's poster



The **grade** with the most plates wins either a pizza party or ice cream social.



Breakfast is only \$1.60 for full-priced students, \$0.30 for reduced students, and free for free students. How can you beat that?

3rd Grade Spotlights

The Gumm Family



Third Grade DLI Family

We are the *Gumm* family and have been a part of CTA Liberty since January, 2006. As far as families go we are pretty typical. We love to go camping, fishing, hunting, hiking, dirt bike riding and off roading. We enjoy movie marathons at home, going to shows, and sports games. And a few of us love shopping, manis and pedis. Our journey began with Madisson in 5th grade, Luke in 3rd, Peighton in 1st, Taylor a toddler, Jacob an infant and Gabriel just a thought.

With many children our schedule can be and IS pretty hectic even when they are older. As a family we have shed lot of tears over homework, celebrated those academic triumphs, dressed up for book reports, Macarena'd in the MPR, for Secretary of STUCO, memorized poems, sat in the principal's office(oops), clapped at assemblies, soaked ourselves on field days, sang our hearts out at choir, attended spring carnivals, contributed to many library books, been carted off the playground in a wheelchair(Yes, that (would be the youngest. He was fine. LOL) and cried at graduations. Many of you may be exhausted but we aren't quite done. Gabriel will be the last of our brood.



He's a third grader in the DLI program. It has been an adjustment as well as a challenge. However, we knew from when our journey began many years ago if we as a family needed help from the teachers and staff they were more than willing to spend some extra time in helping my children. It was back then that we knew we had found an environment that we believed would benefit all of us in our quest to educate our children.

During our time at CTA, we have had the opportunity to meet so many wonderful families. Many of our children have graduated high school together, played sports together and maybe even a few innocent crushes here and there. Our children will remember CTA

Liberty; the good, the bad and the ugly. We look forward to the last few years at the campus. After all is said and done, our family will have been walking the halls for 15 years.

Below are the words of our children who have been through the program.

Maddie: Throwing it back to fifth and sixth and you will catch little Madisson throwing the football around with the boys and chit chatting with the girls (some I'm still friends with today). CTA taught us to work hard and play hard; a motto I still live by today. I don't miss the cardboard cheesesticks, but I do miss the cafeteria being transformed into Mr. Plamondon's gym class when we would run beneath the parachute. I'm very thankful CTA helped guide my way to where I am today and the friendships that I still have. **THANK YOU CTA!** *Maddie is 22 now, self-employed and is always looking to travel and for more adventures!*

Luke: CTA challenged me right off the bat with the uniform policy and phonograms. Of course, I had my family to push me and soon I had the family at CTA Liberty as well. Crazy, how much I despised the uniform and tying my shoes as a kid. However, I've grown to appreciate the respect and values that CTA Liberty represents and in trying to instill into everybody that goes there. I know I enjoyed my time there and so has my family. *Luke is now 20 and a Lance Corporal in the United States Marine Corp.*

Peighton: It is not every elementary school that you can go back to as a freshman in college and still hug the teachers, the lunch ladies, the librarians or even the front office staff. Some of which have moved on I learned recently. I will forever be thankful for the good friends and family of CTA and all the lessons I learned as they (very patiently) watched me grow from first to sixth grade. The good character they instill and the habits they teach are part of my siblings and I forever. Lucky us! *Peighton is now 19 and a freshman in college studying Forensic Biology playing on a soccer scholarship.*

Taylor: When my Mom asked me to write a piece about CTA Liberty one thing came to mind, uniqueness. From the uniform standards to the passionate teachers I was always able to learn something new every day. Now, as a junior in high school, I still recall information that my third grade teacher taught. The individuals at Liberty have impacted me in more ways than educational, for which I am appreciative. Once an Eagle, always an eagle. *Taylor is close to finishing her high school career and plans on being a dentist.*

Jacob: CTA did a lot for me during the time I was there. They would always challenge you to try your hardest and be the best you possibly could. Liberty has helped me with junior high math and spelling those difficult words. The CTA community was understanding when something happened to you in or outside of school. They were always trying to help you. I liked going to CTA for all these reasons and I'm sure my family continues to enjoy it. *Jacob is looking forward to high school and still loves playing sports. Contemplating being a pilot.*



Third Grade Team

Here is your third grade team: Sra. Gabriela Toala-Mizzi, Mrs. Valerie Willis, Mrs. Cindy O'Dell, and Mr. Robert Clayton. In third grade students study rocks and minerals, map skills, sentence diagramming and well written paragraphs. Third graders are fortunate enough to attend three field trips; Pioneer Village, Skateland (STEM lesson), and the Phoenix Zoo. These extensions allow students to see their studies come to life! There is much fun to be had in third grade!

DLI Student Spotlight

Mia Yuva

Mia is a stand out student who loves being in the DLI program. She thrives in her favorite subject, math, which is taught completely in Spanish. Learning Spanish has allowed Mia to further embrace her heritage. During her time in the program Mia joined a Mexican Folklorico dancing group and performed during the Día De Los Muertos celebration in Phoenix and at CTA Liberty. She has participated in Running Club where she placed 2nd in her very first race. For two years Mia has cheered for ASU Jr. Spirit Squad where she has performed in front of 60,000 fans at Sun Devil Stadium. On Saturdays you can find Mia playing volleyball with her team, the Red Hots. Mia has a big heart and understanding toward her fellow students and enjoys giving back to her community by volunteering at St. Vincent de Paul. Mia has two younger brothers, one in Kindergarten at CTA Liberty and a 3-year old in preschool. Mia loves her teachers, her fellow students, and being an Eagle at CTA Liberty.



World Language Student Spotlight

Aaron Carson



My name is Aaron Edward Carson. I am named after my dad and grandfather. I was born in Chandler, AZ and have lived here my whole life. I have 2 sisters, Katherine (11) and Kaelynn (5) and 1 brother, Aiden (7). I have been a student at CTA-Liberty since kindergarten. All my teachers have been great. I love reading. Most recently I finished *The Hobbit* and just started *Lord of the Rings*. J.R.R. Tolkien's books are easy to read and very detailed. I've also read all the *Captain Underpants* series, which is really funny. I love math because it challenges me. I like to work hard in class to achieve good grades. I like things to be organized, like my desk at school. Playing soccer and kickball on the playground with my friends is great, especially when I score a goal. Trying new sports is fun. I have started hitting baseballs in my backyard. I've have been in Chess Club since kindergarten. I've gotten really good with the help of Coach Plamondon. I love playing at home and giving my dad a serious challenge.

I love swimming and am about to start on swim team. Going for bike rides with my family is a lot of fun. I like to play *Minecraft* and we play as a family in our free time.

My favorite toys are Legos. I love putting them together and making my own unique creations. My family and I love to travel. I've been to San Diego, Los Angeles, Anaheim and Big Bear, California, also Honolulu, Hawaii and the Grand Canyon. In October of last year we went to London, England. It is really cool exploring new and exciting places.

Every new year at CTA-Liberty I'm excited for the upcoming challenges and love to do my best to quickly master them.

3rd Grade World Language Family Spotlight

The Li Family



Kerserinne attended kindergarten at CTA Liberty. They could barely read English then. We speak Mandarin at home. I remembered they came home happy every day and they could not stop talking about their teachers, Mrs. Wilson and Ms. Miller. They brought home Spalding phonogram homework and without any of our help, they could read sentences within four weeks of school. We were very impressed. They learned and followed CTA Liberty's culture and discipline. They grew into little 'man' and little 'lady'! At the end of the kindergarten year, they were reading almost two grades above their reading level. Learning to read has always been the strong believe of the kindergarten through 3rd grade classrooms at CTA Liberty. Preparing to enter 1st grade, Spanish immersion program was implemented to CTA Liberty. Question was asked, could Keison and Keiserinne handle the 3rd language when English being

their 2nd and Mandarin their 1st. We held a family meeting, they were given the choice, it was at their liberty to choose if they wanted to enter Spanish immersion classroom. Both of them chose to attend the Spanish class. After two weeks into the program, they came home teaching us Spanish language. They had very much fun with a new language.

Four weeks into 1st grade, we learned that we had to go to China for a year, we were torn. Giving up 1st grade at CTA Liberty and attending school at Tianjin, China was a big change. Fortunately, they adapt to the world of Mandarin with ease. But I could not let their English language fall through. We brought along the Spalding phonogram cards. We practiced phonograms every weekend while we were in China. But I could not help much without knowing Spalding myself. I looked into the program and found that there would be a Spalding class held at CTA Liberty in the summer of 2016. I enrolled myself to learning Spalding - The Writing Road to Reading. Then I realized that the class was mostly for training the teachers of Chandler school district and I was the only "parent" taking the class. I was intimidated. But everyone in the class made me feel very comfortable. And taking the Spalding class was one of the best decisions I had ever made.

One year passed by and we were ready to come home. Two weeks before going back to CTA Liberty 2nd grade 2016. I confidently reviewed and refreshed Spalding phonograms with Keison and Keiserinne getting them ready for 2nd grade in 2016. I was happy that they could remember most that they learned in kindergarten. With a crash course from their mom, I sent them off to 2nd grade. Both their 2nd grade teachers, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Cooper were impressed by them being able to catch up with English language arts.

But four weeks into their 2nd grade, we learned that we had to leave for China again. We continued doing our revision of Spalding in the weekends. But life caught on. We slowly drifted away from the familiar sounding of the phonics to the sounding of Chinese HanYuPinYin (汉语拼音).

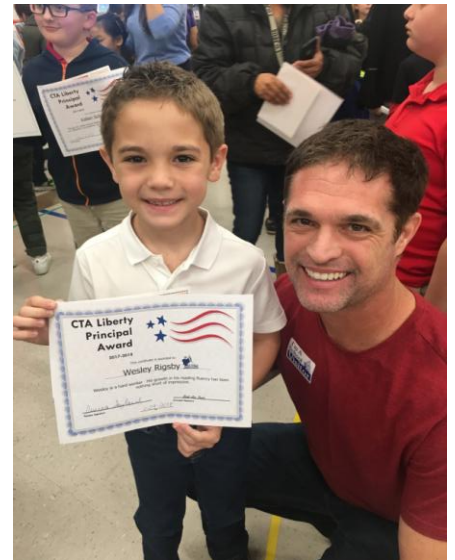
In 2017, summer approached. We broke the news of going home to the States for good to Keison and Keiserinne. They had mixed feelings, having immersed into the Chinese school system and feeling they belong, yet we had to leave again. The very consoling side was they were going back to CTA Liberty where they were not total strangers. But Ms. Karissa sadly informed us that CTA Liberty 3rd grade was full. My twins were not able to get in. We had to find a new school for them. Ms. Karissa insisted to place our names on the waiting list and promised to call me in case there is openings. Three weeks after school year 2017-2018 began, I got a call from Ms. Karissa giving me the great news that we could come back to CTA Liberty. Placing them both in Mr. Clayton's 3rd grade classroom. We were thrilled. Excitedly they came home telling us Mr. Clayton's classroom is the only 'boy' teacher classroom at CTA Liberty. And how Mr. Clayton wants them to understand they have to have good education. Mr. Clayton always gives chances for them to prove themselves. They are very proud to be in Mr. Clayton's classroom. I thank Mr. Clayton making the transition so smooth for my twins. CTA Liberty has great programs. But it is the people at CTA Liberty that make the difference.

We love CTA Liberty. Just try walking into the front office, you will feel the warmth and kindness everywhere. With the great leadership of the principal, Dr. Bader CTA Liberty will continue to be one of the top performance schools in Chandler unified school district.

2nd Grade Spotlights

Volunteer Spotlight Darren Rigsby

Since my daughter started with CTA in 2012, I have been a volunteer. The opportunity to be a part of the educational experience for not only my children, but their friends as well is truly gratifying. Working with the wonderful, innovative, and involved teachers and staff at CTA Liberty is a privilege. I feel my volunteer contribution allows our teachers and staff to spend more time one on one with the students and lead their classes without worry about the administrative duties or classroom tasks with which I can help. Thank you for letting me be a small part of the great things CTA Liberty is accomplishing with our kids.



The Second Grade Team



Ms. Battani, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Soyland, and Ms. Walker are working together to build a unified school community among their students. We focus on preparing our students for the intermediate grade levels ahead. We use our district adopted curriculum to enhance our students learning. Our students learn through many different hands on activities in Social Studies and Science. We use our field trips to Superstition Farms, The Museum of Natural History, and The Botanical

Gardens to bring our Social Studies and Science standards to life. We make learning fun and find ways to help the students invest in their learning. The students leave Second Grade prepared for the intermediate grade levels ahead and the academic rigor it requires.



DLI Student Spotlight Laila Hebert

Laila is a 2nd grader at CTA Liberty and has enjoyed her teachers and classmates since starting here in Kindergarten. Her reading has excelled with encouragement from her teachers, and she spends a lot of her free time reading a variety of sci-fi, fantasy, and nonfiction books. Some of Laila's favorites include Harry Potter, Star Wars, and Animorphs. Laila's progression in the Dual Immersion program has inspired the rest of her family to learn Spanish as well; she is especially helpful correcting pronunciation. Laila participates in the Drawing club and looks forward to Art Masterpiece each month. Laila's hobbies include reading, playing violin, and playing with her little sister. Laila loves animals and dreams of being a veterinarian at a zoo or an animal shelter someday.



World Language Student Spotlight Taiya Shepherd

Taiya started CTA Liberty at 1st grade. She made a very smooth transition from Montessori. She is happy with her change to CTA Liberty. She has had really nice and helpful teachers and has made new friends. Taiya is a very hard worker and an excellent student. Taiya plays soccer, does acting, and loves hanging with friends. They would say she is funny, nice, fashionable and a good friend. Taiya is most recently proud of the goal she scored at her last soccer game.

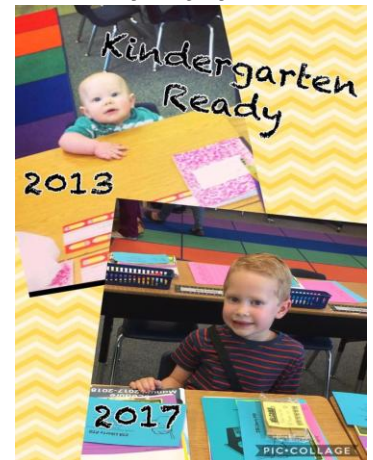
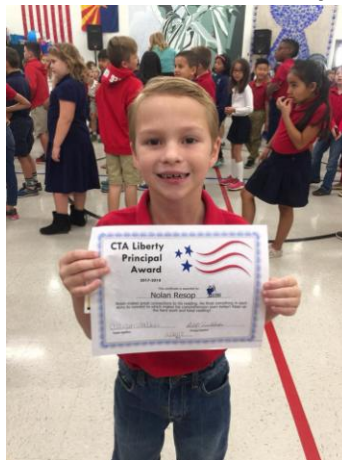


2nd Grade Family Spotlight

The Resop Family



We are the Resop Family. We currently have two kiddos enrolled at Liberty: Nolan who is in 2nd grade and Brayden in Kindergarten. We were first introduced to CTA Liberty and the curriculum by Mrs. Hull (Kindergarten teacher and proud aunt of both Nolan and Brayden). Perhaps there was a little bias...but we quickly learned that there was no other school or program other than Liberty, that we wanted our children in. The experience has been nothing short of amazing. Our boys have had the privilege thus far to learn and grow with Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Jauregui, Mrs. Hartwig, and Ms. Walker. We cannot say enough about the teaching staff at Liberty and we look forward to the years ahead. There have been so many memories made with the school from the field trips, to graduations, to in class parties, and various carnivals. Their commitment to the students and families have made this experience absolutely enjoyable.



Yearbooks are on sale now! All books are sold online at <http://community.pictavo.com/> First, click on SHOP YOUR SCHOOL. Then, fill out the State, City, and School name. Finally click on Yearbooks. They are \$17 until March 10,2018 and afterward, they will be \$25. SO ORDER NOW!



6th Grade -11:05am

1st Grade -11:10am

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

2nd Grade -11:25am

5th Grade -11:30am

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

4th Grade -11:50am

3rd 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.