



CTA Liberty Ledger

May 14, 2018 - August 10, 2018

School Calendar & Spotlights of the Month

May

5/6 - 5/12: National Nurses Week



5/14 - 5/18: Teacher Appreciation Week Please See the Details on Page 5 ([Ann. by PTO](#))

5/14- Concert Rehearsals 6:50 am - 7:50 AM (MPR)

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5/15- 6th Grade Sneak Peak by 5th Grade Parents 4:30 - 5:30 pm in Library

5/15- Orchestra/Band Concerts 6:00- 7:45pm (MPR)



5/16- Costco Visiting 6th Grade Students in MPR

5/16- Farm Bureau Visit 9:45am (Second Grade Classrooms)

5/16- Kindergarten Orientation 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm in MPR



5/17- Sixth Grade End of the Year Pool Party



5/18- Volunteer Reception 7:30 am - 8:15 am in MPR

Thank you Volunteers

5/18- 4th grade Famous Arizonan Presentations

5/18- Orchestra Recruitment 12:30 pm -1:30 pm

5/19- Lion King Rehearsal 1:00pm - 3:00 pm (Room #19 & MPR)

5/21- 2-3 Principal Awards Assembly 8:10am (MPR)



5/22- Sixth Grade Celebration of Learning at Perry High School – 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

5/23- Kinder Celebration at Perry High School – 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

5/24- Voices of Liberty Dress Rehearsal 2:40-5:00 pm (Room#19 & MPR)

5/24- Parent Spanish DLI Agreement Meeting 5:00 pm in Library


5/24- Parent vs. 6th Grade Kickball Game 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm



5/25- Staff vs. Student Kickball Game 8:25-10:00 am (Fields)

5/28 – **Memorial Day Holiday**  No School

5/29- Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance & Safety Patrol Assembly 4th-6th Grade @2:00 pm (MPR) &

Honor Roll Pizza for Lunch  

5/29- School Performance - Choir's Production of Lion King in MPR, K-3rd 8:30am, 9:45am 4-6

5/30- Sixth Grade Clap Out

5/30- 4th Quarter Ends (Grading Period Ends!) Last Day for Students Dismissal 2:40 pm

5/30 -KIST Testing 1:00pm - 5:00 pm

5/30- Choir Music Award Reception 6:00 pm- 7:00 pm (MPR)

5/30- Peter Piper Pizza Yearbook signing party 2:40 to 8:00 pm 127 E Williams Field Rd, Gilbert

July

07/19- **Thursday** Meet the Teachers 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

07/23- **Monday, July 23rd, First Day of School for Students**

August

08/01- Curriculum Night for All Grades (Kindergarten, 1st - 6th Grade) 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

08/10- Peace Pole Dedication Ceremony @ 8:15 am

PTO News:

To Liberty families and staff,

Thank you for your continued support of the PTO board this year. We are so proud of the many events, activities and donations that your backing allowed us to accomplish. Nothing would be possible without your support; whether it was financially or volunteering your time. We couldn't have done it without you! We hope you have a fun and safe summer. See you in July.

*Sincerely,
Liberty Eagles PTO*

Here is a summary of what has been happening over the past few months:

Free Dress day raised \$523.10 for Arizona Brainfood

Flipside fundraiser brought in: \$273.47

Box Tops money earned \$594.40

Harkins Summer Movie program raised: \$327.60

Kroger earnings this quarter: \$774.29

Carnival earnings \$5,370.52

Zupas Restaurant night earned: \$ 274.76

Honor Roll Students earned pizza for lunch

Teachers were treated to breakfast treats and drinks

PTO Board 2018-2019

Congratulations to our 2018-2019 PTO Board:

President: Michelle Estrada and Kimberly Farr

Vice President: Bonnie Dekavallas

Secretary: Meghan Lorentz and Gwendolyn Samayoa

Treasurer: Kimm Gumm

PTO Committee Sign Up

Signing up to help with CTA Liberty PTO is a great way to be involved in your child's school and meet new

people! We will be forming new committees very soon for the next school year. Committee Chairs oversee the committee and help delegate some of the responsibilities. Committee Members helps with the different activities involved with that committee.

This sign up is for the 2018-2019 school year!

General Mills Box Tops - These are great committees for the mom or dad who would like to help out at home. Our schools earn money from the box tops. Volunteers are needed to help cut and count the labels and box tops. This committee plans a Fall and Spring box top contest to encourage students to collect and bring in box tops to their classrooms. The class submitting the most box tops wins a special party or prize. Final compilation, summarization and submission to General Mills is managed by the committee following each contest. PTO receives a check for the total value of the submitted box tops and utilizes the funds for PTO sponsored events.

Dine out Nights - This committee organizes dining out events at local restaurants in order to raise money for PTO. The committee schedules the place(s) and gets the word out the School families. Several "Dine Out" nights are held throughout the school year.

Harkins - This committee promotes and distributes order forms for summer movie passes. Honor Roll-Celebrate our students and their accomplishments. This committee organizes and hosts Honor roll celebrations.

Hospitality - This committee organizes the teacher's luncheon at the beginning of the school year, and meals during fall and spring conferences. They also recognize staff birthdays. This is a fun and friendly committee.

5th/6th Grade Dinner Dance - Volunteers are needed to plan the dance of the for the 5th/6th grade students. The dance usually takes place in May.

Los Padres - This committee ignites culture within our school. Developing and implementing cultural awareness and event for the entire student body.

Room Parent Coordinator(s) - The Room Parent Coordinator(s) creates an email distribution list of all Homeroom Parents and acts as contact person between the PTO Board and Homeroom Parents. This requires weekly email monitoring, having superior communication skills is key. Occasional email reminders will be sent through this chain of communication.

Tears and Cheers - Kindergarten is a big step, this committee will organize a first day of school meet and greet for Kinder parents after they have dropped of their Kinder.

Spring Carnival - This committee decides on district approved rides, and determines themes for class baskets for the silent auction. The group also collects donations from sponsors throughout the year. Secures a DJ, arranges the setup of the event, organizes and secures volunteers.

Yearbook - The Yearbook committee is responsible for taking pictures throughout the year at various CTA Liberty events, planning for the yearbook, coordinating orders, organizing the yearbook and verifying the accuracy of the information included in the yearbook.

Contact any member of PTO with questions!

PTO Announcement

May 14 - May 18

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK - "Go for the Gold"

Friday May 4th- On your marks, Get set and Go! Teacher boards decorating 3-6 pm. Please sign up to help out. Other dates can be arranged for you.

Monday May 14th- Let's perk up our teachers! Coffee bar and sweet treats for teachers in the Copy room. Provided by Gypsy Cup 11am-1pm.

Tuesday May 15th- Breakfast of champions. Our teachers will be treated by Student Council.

Wednesday May 16th- Keep the torch burning with a nice hot lunch. Food and goodies served by PTO for our amazing teachers and staff.

Thursday May 17th- Our teachers deserve a medal on Thankful Thursday. Students are encouraged to write a nice thank you note and bring it to their teachers. Gift cards are also welcome. Don't forget your specials teachers.

Friday May 18th- The closing ceremony. Teachers will be presented with their "School Supplies Bouquet" purchased by students throughout the week.

This year, in lieu of flowers, we will be selling \$1 vouchers throughout the week. Students can purchase them for their teachers, write a note on it and they will be good for colorful sharpies and post-it notes.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,
CTA Liberty PTO



Lost & Found

If your child is missing anything Please remember to check the Lost and Found area in hallway next to 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

Library News

Greetings from the Liberty Library-

We can't believe how fast this year is flying by! I feel so blessed to have been welcomed by the families and students of Liberty and appreciate all of the support provided to me in my new endeavor here. I am so excited for the years to come!

Some important information for the end of the year-



ALL Library Books DUE May 21st

As the end of the year approaches, we will begin collecting and checking in all books and textbooks. The due date for ALL Library books is May 21st. As we approach the end of the school year, all CTA-Liberty Elementary library books will be due on May 21st to allow time to follow up on missing books. We greatly appreciate your support as you help to locate and return school library books!

Summer Reading Programs



Mrs. Tollefson will be introducing the various Summer reading programs available to our students. Summer reading programs help children and teens retain and enhance their reading skills and ensure they continue to be prepared for the next school year. These programs have incentives that will help to motivate readers!

Chandler Public Library- The library program launches June 1st through August 1st. Find more information at www.chandlerlibrary.org.

Scholastic Reading Challenge- This year's Challenge theme, A Magical Summer of Reading, encourages students to join in the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the U.S. publication of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone while tracking their summer reading minutes. Find more information at www.scholastic.com/summer.

Chipotle Summer Reading- All students will receive a bookmark for a free meal and information about Chipotle's Summer program. Visit their website for more information about reading logs and other incentives: <https://www.chipotle.com/reading>.

Barnes & Noble Summer Reading- The Barnes & Noble Summer Reading program allows readers to read books of your own choosing and earn a FREE book! Just visit a store for a journal/ reading log and bring the completed log to the store and get a FREE book! More information at: https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/_/N-rs9.

Thank you for a magical year!

Sincerely,

Kristin Tollefson

Media Specialist/ Library Teacher



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

1st Grade Spotlights

The Oakeson Family

We are the Oakeson family: David, Leslee, Caitlin and Anna. We have been at CTA Liberty for 4 years now. Caitlin is 9 and in Sra. Mizzi's 3rd grade class. Anna is 7 and in Mrs. Garrison's 1st grade class. Both are blessed to be in the DLI program.

Dave and I moved into the neighborhood before Caitlin was born. We hoped that one day our kids would be able to walk to school with other kids that lived on our street. That has come true for us and we thoroughly enjoy it. Since it is so close, it is easy to be involved, even on short notice or for short periods of time. Over the years we have been involved in Dad's club, Los Padres, copy teams, class parties, grading homework for teachers, and going on field trips. It has helped us to get to know the teachers, staff, and other students so we know the influences on our children. I currently substitute teach only at Liberty for those same reasons. I love getting to know the kids and staff personally.



Caitlin is an excellent 3rd grader. She has been in the DLI program for 3 years now. She is amazing in her understanding of Spanish both in and out of the classroom. She is a top student and enjoys school. She has developed a strong friendship with several girls in her class which has helped her socially. She is our studious reader! Outside the classroom, she likes to have fun! She is very silly, imaginative and creative! She currently takes piano lessons and just started Taekwondo.

Anna loves the social part of 1st grade! She is our energetic, silly, attention seeking, people loving girl. She is also an excellent student in the Spanish program. Anna loves to have fun so CTA

has helped teach her some structure! Anna is currently taking piano lessons and gymnastics.

As a family, we enjoy bike riding, games, music, and traveling. It has been important to teach our children to help others. Helping at CTA Liberty is just another avenue to show our kids that others need help and it's just what we do!

First Grade Team Spotlight



Our first grade team consists of Kim Hartwig, Joy Martin, Melissa Duffy, Kristi Moreno, and Molly Garrison. We have taught over eighty years combined! First Graders get to grow in their learning of all subject matters. Their favorite themes are about butterflies and penguins. Our field trips are an extension of appreciating literature and learning animal habitats. This occurs when we attend plays based upon a story we have read and visit places such as the Odyssey Aquarium.



The Schwarz Family

We have been a CTA Liberty family for two years now and couldn't be happier with our school experience! After moving to Gilbert from Scottsdale, Arizona, we looked for a school in the area that with a Spanish Immersion program so that our oldest daughter (Anna, 3rd Grade) could continue what she started in PV District. She is now thriving in the DLI program and we are excited for Paul and Lucy (Kindergarten) to start in that same program next year. We hope to travel as a family to Spanish-speaking countries for vacations and service trips to bolster their (and our) fluency. As parents, Mark and I have helped out in the classroom and beyond as Room Parents, Art Masterpiece volunteers, Dads Club, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and just good old fashioned teacher projects as needed. We are always greeted with a smile from all of the CTA Liberty staff and teachers and know that we are appreciated. Plus, getting to see what our kids are up to during the day is wonderful. Our kids are doing great in school, but we are especially proud to receive reports that they are kind to others in the classroom and in after-school activities. Anna and Paul are performing in a play this month (her 13th show, his 8th) and they are both also very active with their scout groups.

Lucy is a Daisy in the Girl Scouts and enjoys her gymnastics classes and any opportunity to show off how strong she is. All three kids join us with volunteer and fundraising activities often and have contributed hundreds of dollars to various charities through lemonade stands and other projects. We could not be more proud. Now that all three of our kids are attending CTA Liberty, we hope to expand our presence on campus and look forward to meeting as many other families as we can. Say hi if you see us around!

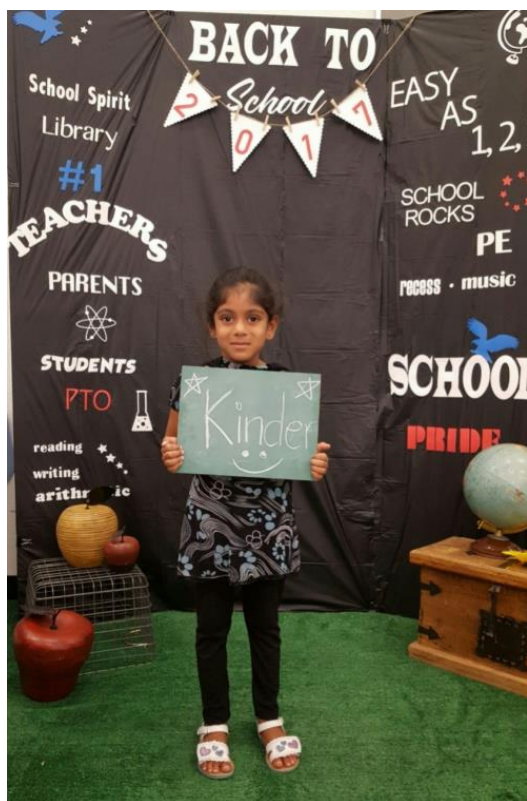
Kinder Volunteer spotlight Jessica Dolin

Our experience at CTA is relatively limited as we are just starting our journey with our kinder. I feel as though I'm learning, as my daughter is, on where I can be useful to our teachers and staff. Volunteering at CTA Liberty has been a wonderful experience! It has allowed me to connect with the teachers, staff, and the community my daughter is growing up in. If I had to pick one thing I'm most appreciative of it would be how the teachers and staff take their time to connect with each student. I feel like the students thrive more because they are seen and understood not just by their own teachers, but all of the teachers and staff. It's truly amazing! I am so grateful for the time I get to spend with the CTA Liberty community. Thank you for all the time and effort you put in for our children and for allowing me to experience a fraction of your busy days.



Student Spotlight

Dithya Bethi



Dithya has become a discipline and socialized kid. Dithya improved her hand writing and we can't believe her hand writing improved 90%. We are really satisfied now. She is now a good reader, she learned this skill completely at school. I was surprised by the way she would break words apart using phonograms and completes reading even some of the difficult words. Dithya is math geek now and when she joined in the school she knew the first twenty numbers, but now she reads over hundred and is good at addition and subtraction facts. She even completes story problem successfully without any help. She became a science kid by taking care of her plants at home after visiting field trip to Schnepf Farms. Dithya tells us all about plants, seeds, soil and pollen as well as facts about different animals and social studies topics. She knows about leaders and some of the important days in other country's history. She talks about the government and the President. That impresses and surprises us a lot. Dithya teaches us Spanish words that she learns at school. I feel so proud she is learning one more language.

Dithya has become a very good disciplined and socialized kid. Now she tells her sister about how to socialize with others and play with appropriately. Dithya has matured so much in her first year at school. Dithya is a good listener now

and reader too. She is becoming good story teller. She is writing her own things to do, some simple words and drawing pictures in her small notebook. She used to carry a phone or tablet during travel and now this has changed to a note book with pencils and crayons. Dithya is now sharing and caring to everyone she meets. Whenever there is a school break, it is difficult for Dithya to miss her teacher, friends and school for 2 weeks.

As Dithya's parents, this first year of school was a completely new experience for us, but we never worried when chose CTA Liberty as her school. We really appreciate Miss Freeman and all other school staff for their service to our community and all their efforts to make our children to become next generation genius', super kids, and the best human beings. A simple thanks is not enough, we are ready whenever our volunteer service is required so that we can give back to the community and our school.

Kindergarten Team spotlight



Whatever the cause, activity, celebration, or event, the kinder team is always involved and united together. We love hosting donuts with dad and muffins with mom each year. The kids get so excited to sing songs and prepare special crafts they make for their moms, dads, and/or family members, as well as enjoying a yummy donut and muffin too. Other events we make memorable for the kids are celebrating the 100th day of school and Dr. Seuss' birthday. The kids love our 100-day museum, showcasing their 100- piece

collection or project and making a # line outside at the park. You know it's Dr. Seuss' birthday when the kids come dressed for school in their pj's and slippers. This special day, we involve our families to come into the classrooms throughout the day, to read a special Dr. Seuss book for the kids to enjoy. Our end of the year celebration ceremony brings excitement for us and all our hardworking students, yet sadness since it is our time to say goodbye. Each kindergarten teacher writes a personalized certificate for each student to receive and makes a classroom slideshow and memory book for each student to keep. We invite family members to share in their child's celebration and thank them for all the support they provide to their child and to us as their teachers.

We are always planning and communicating to help deliver the most effective and efficient learning in our classrooms. Our collaboration makes us not only a strong team but helps every child be successful and work to their fullest potential. "Whatever you need to know, you learned in Kindergarten."

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

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.