

## Principal's Message

## Hello Skyeeeehawks!

The "Love of Learning" is our focus this month but really it's our focus all year. First, let me clarify the word *love*. In this context, *love* doesn't mean "the warm fuzzies" or "you make me so happy" or "everything is sunshine and roses". Instead, *love* in this context means: I *respect* the transformational power of learning; I am *devoted* to how learning makes me a better version of myself; I *admire* how learning creates a better life for me. The reason why this distinction is important is because learning at its core creates struggle. Learning most of the time does not create the *warm fuzzies*, which means that a classroom and a teacher might become a source of discomfort.

Standards for excellent behavior are difficult to achieve. Being good at something is hard. When a student starts his journey towards excellence, the struggle may cause him to devalue the learning process. An effective mentor will come along side those who struggle, not to rescue or halt the growth process, but provide the assistance needed to successfully navigate the struggles. A good mentor finds a healthy balance between struggle and support. Too much struggle can overwhelm the person who needs to change. Too much support can coddle and enable the person to remain in failure. A mentor not only provides the wisdom needed to navigate the difficult journey but will also help sustain a student's value for those standards. People who are overwhelmed, coddled, or rescued eventually lose their value for growth. Students, if mentored properly, will eventually take ownership of their pursuit for excellence. Mentors build the grit in those trying to obtain excellence. Experiencing success after investing the hard work needed creates respect, admiration, and devotion for those things that provide personal growth.

Therefore, the most powerful ways to support individuals are through families and schools. These are the social structures that rely on mentors. They don't rely on protocols, mandates, and bureaucratic procedures to nurture the soul. Instead, through collaborative relationships, educators, families, and students hold themselves accountable to higher standards and celebrate growth towards those standards. If this happens, students have a better chance at respect, admiration, and devotion.

Please "Join Our Journey" to mentor our students so they develop a true Love for Learning.

Thank you, George Petersen Liberty Elementary School





At the beginning of each year, we ask our families to join our school community by setting up and/or updating their account for each child at <a href="https://fresnolibertyptc.membershiptoolkit.com">https://fresnolibertyptc.membershiptoolkit.com</a>

There is no cost to sign up! Once registered you will have the opportunity to become a member of the PTC as well as purchase many items and events throughout the year. This is how we connect with our families to share important news and updates so register early.

Melissa Gullekson, PTC President

Monday, Oct. 14	Tuesday, Oct. 15	Wednesday, Oct. 16	Thursday, Oct. 17	Friday, October 18
10:10 Student Council Meeting	7:20 Science Fair Meeting Room 8	7:00 Drama Try-Outs A - G	7:00 Drama Try-Outs H - N	7:00 Drama Try-Outs O - Z
2:50 - 3:50 Sports	9:00 Hillcrest Farm Field Trip Jog-a-Thon Movie Day Primary Grades 2:50 - 3:50	1:15 History Day Meeting Room 2 3:30 - 5:00 Comp Cheer Practice 6:00	7:20 Science Fair Meeting Room 8 2:50 - 3:50 Sports Detention—Room 8	12:30 Fall Sports Pictures Home Game! Maple Creek
	Sports Detention—Room 8	Fall Art Reception	Jog-a-Thon Inflatables Day Jog-a-Thon Balloon Toss	vs. Liberty
Monday, Oct. 21	Tuesday, Oct. 22	Wednesday, Oct. 23	Thursday, Oct. 24	Friday, October 25
Red Ribbon Week!	Red Ribbon Week!	Red Ribbon Week!	Red Ribbon Week!	Red Ribbon Week!
7:00 Drama Call-Backs	7:20 Science Fair Meeting Room 8	7:00 Drama Rehearsal	School Picture Day Make-Ups	7:00 Drama Rehearsal
10:10 Student Council	2:50 - 3:50 Sports Detention—Room 8	1:15 History Day Meeting Room 2	7:20 Science Fair Meeting Room 8	Cross-Area Games
Meeting		3:30 - 4:15 Cheer Practice	2:50 - 3:50 Sports	END OF 1st QUARTER
2:50 - 3:50		4:15 - 5:00	Detention—Room 8	5:00 - 8:00
Sports		Comp Cheer Practice	Championship games	Liberty Carnival!
			5:00 DI Team Manager Mtg. Room 10	



Check it out!





