



Liberty Patriot Stars

Liberty Leaders are changing the world!

May

3—Progress Reports
31—No School—Memorial Day

June

4—Last Day for Students

FSA TESTING DATES FOR MAY

May 4th and 5th
ELA for Fourth & Fifth

May 6th and 7th
Math for Third

May 11th and 12th
Math for Fourth & Fifth

May 18 and 19th
Science for Fifth



Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

As the 2020-2021 academic year draws to a close, we want to express to all of you our deepest appreciation for your support and a most earnest commendation for a job well done!!

With the pandemic causing a year of uncertainty, you have more than survived.

You have overcome! You have done a superb job under trying circumstances this entire school year. Your ingenuity and dedication in coping with the hardships caused by this pandemic have helped our students to have an excellent school year. You cushioned the blows for them, shielded them from the problems, and made sure they had a good, productive, and happy school experience.

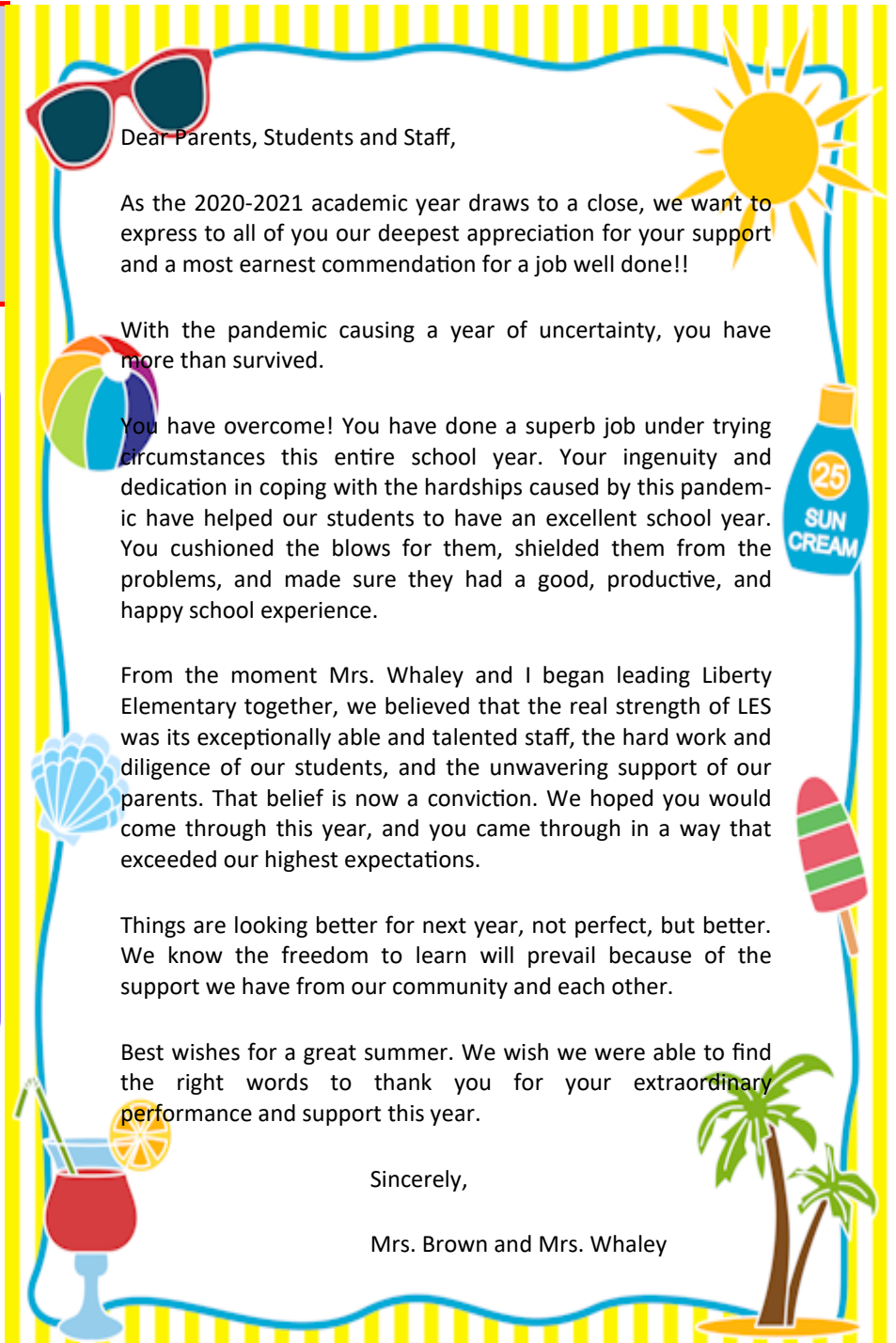
From the moment Mrs. Whaley and I began leading Liberty Elementary together, we believed that the real strength of LES was its exceptionally able and talented staff, the hard work and diligence of our students, and the unwavering support of our parents. That belief is now a conviction. We hoped you would come through this year, and you came through in a way that exceeded our highest expectations.

Things are looking better for next year, not perfect, but better. We know the freedom to learn will prevail because of the support we have from our community and each other.

Best wishes for a great summer. We wish we were able to find the right words to thank you for your extraordinary performance and support this year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Whaley



Mrs. Starkey's Pre-K

FUN FUN FUN



Dress up day!!



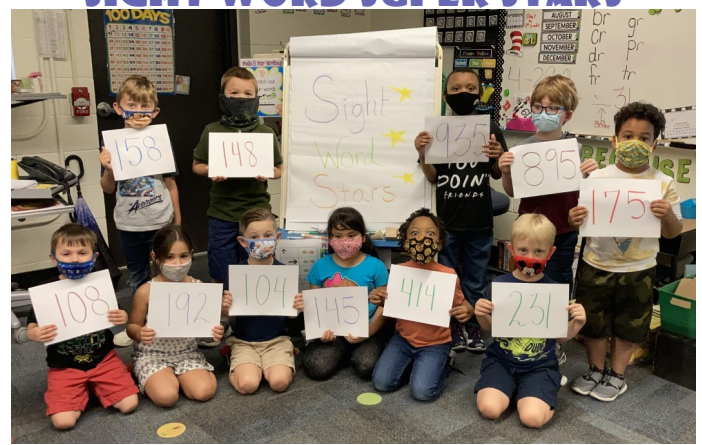
Easter Bunnies!!

LIBERTY FLAG HANDLERS



Cassidy McTigue 5th Grade & Bree McTigue 3rd Grade

MRS. REIDLING'S SIGHT WORD SUPER STARS



Top Row: Bentley Povia, Michael Gavac, Jaden Dalisien, Elijah Thompson, Bryson McKenzie
Bottom Row: Preston Dunworth, Analia Gonzalez Estrada, Landon Keen, Leanne Duong, Kendrick Fleming, Jaxon Tissot

MEMORIAL DAY

In September of 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a History teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock, did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks in her classroom. When the first period kids entered the room they discovered that there were no desks.

'Ms. Cothren, where are our desks?'

She replied, 'You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk.'
They thought, 'Well, maybe it's our grades.' 'No,' she said.
'Maybe it's our behavior.' She told them, 'No, it's not even your behavior.'

And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still no desks in the classroom. Kids called their parents to tell them what was happening and by early afternoon television news crews had started gathering at the school to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the desk-less classroom. Martha Cothren said, 'Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he or she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you.'

At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it. Twenty-seven (27) U.S. Veterans, all in uniform, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, 'You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. They went halfway around the world, giving up their education and interrupting their careers and families so you could have the freedom you have. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it.'

By the way, this is a true story. And this teacher was awarded the Veterans of Foreign Wars Teacher of the Year for the State of Arkansas in 2006. She is the daughter of a WWII POW.

Let us always remember the men and women of our military and the rights they have won for us.

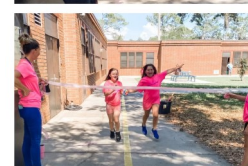
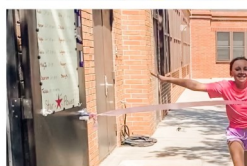
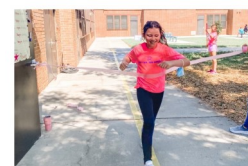


inspiring girls to be healthy and confident

Girls on the Run honors its core values. We strive to:

- Recognize our power and responsibility to be intentional in our decision making
- Embrace our differences and find strength in our connectedness
- Express joy, optimism and gratitude through our words, thoughts and actions
- Nurture our physical, emotional and spiritual health
- Lead with an open heart and assume positive intent
- Stand up for ourselves and others

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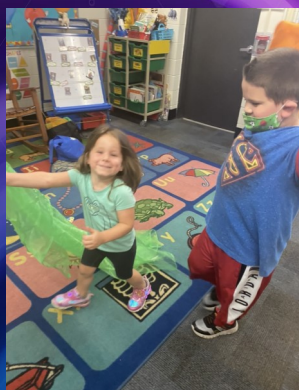
LEAP'n LEGOS



Our afternoon LEAP students were showing off their engineering talents by building skyscrapers with Legos.



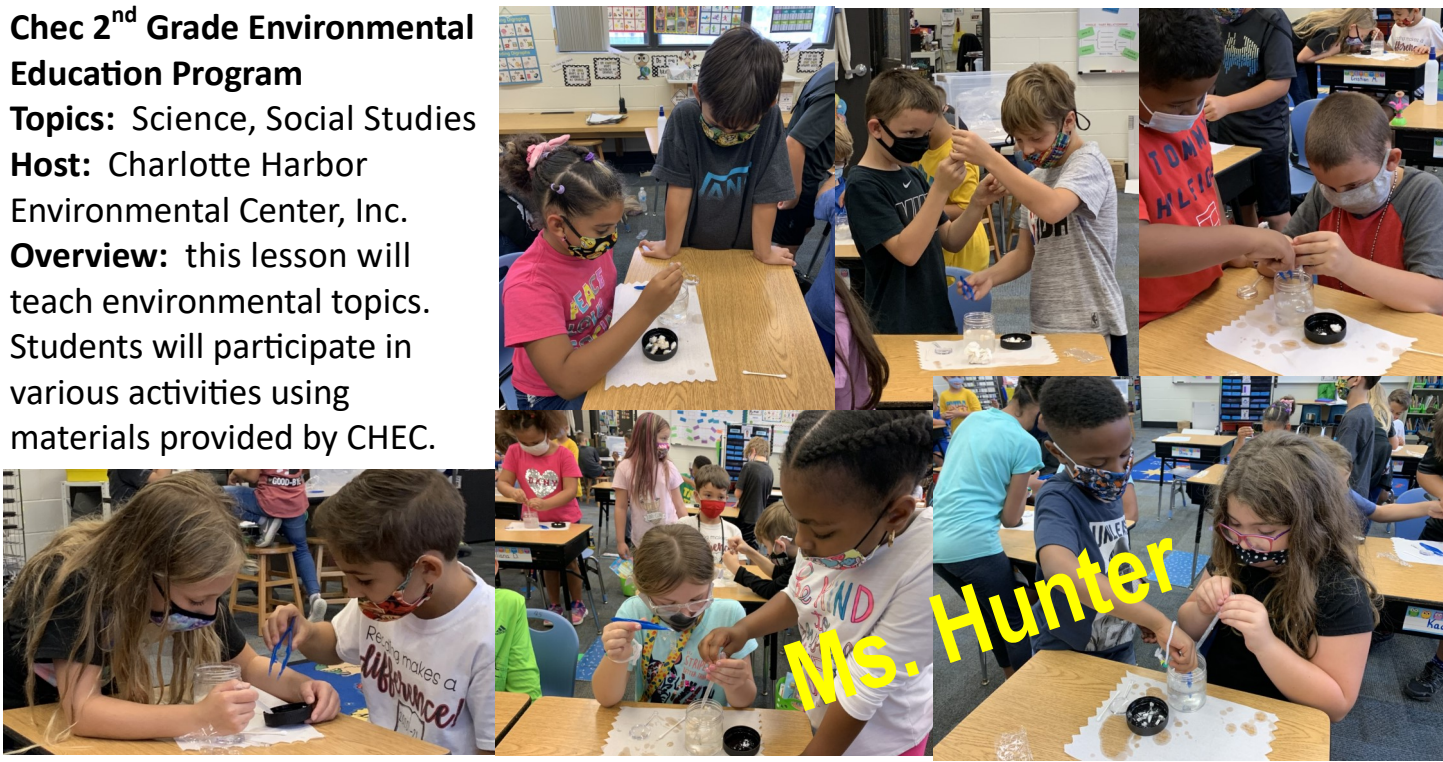
Mrs. Starkey's Pre-K Learn about the colors of the rainbow.





CHEC 2nd Grade Environmental Education Program

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Topics: Science, Social Studies
Host: Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, Inc.
Overview: this lesson will teach environmental topics. Students will participate in various activities using materials provided by CHEC.



The Balloon Farm

When preparing for the FSA, Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. Kulman's students watched a movie entitled "The Balloon Farm." The movie is about a farming community of Watertown that is struggling to survive a severe drought. Harvey Potter arrives in the community and rents a farm. One day a young girl named Willow passes by Potter's field to find his crop is full of magical, colorful balloons. The townspeople buy the balloons from Mr. Potter and miraculous things begin to happen to each and every one of them. Through the magic of the balloons ailments are cured, trucks are repaired and the drought ends and everyone is reminded about the power of faith and the magic that Harvey has brought to their community through the balloons. So as a surprise, Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. Kulman "order" balloons from Mr. Potter for all of their students. When the balloons arrive, students listen to a special letter of encouragement from Mr. Potter. Next, they are asked to walk carefully among the balloons and choose the balloon that has been sent especially for them. This will be the balloon that will remind them of the power of faith that their teachers have in them and that they have within themselves. With this symbol of faith and encouragement they will certainly do their personal best on the FSA.



Mrs. Buck and Mrs. Beechler's First Graders

Mrs. Buck's first grade class celebrated Earth Day by building the most magnificent things



Liam's most magnificent thing!!!!



What's the Dirt?

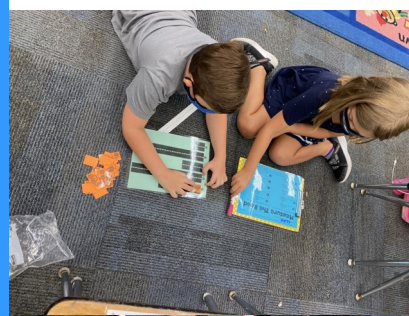
Learning about different types of soil with Mrs. Beechler was so much fun!



Who says worms are gross!?

Mrs. Buck's class learned about the earth's surface, soil and worms.

Mrs. Beechler taught the First Graders how to measure the road with this fun math lesson.



"Liberty. . . We have lift off!" Henry has his sights high for career day! Reading really can take you places!



Thank you, Mrs. Dempsey!

Barb Dempsey is an angel sent to all Liberty staff and students! She is the most selfless and caring individual. She works tirelessly with our students and is always so positive with them. Every morning she provides a comfortable family style breakfast start to the day for so many children. We are BLESSED every day by Barb!

Thank you,
Mrs. Schnulle

Dear Mrs. Dempsey

Valuable is the work you do.
Outstanding is how you always come through.
Loyal, sincere, and full of good cheer,
Untiring in your efforts throughout the year...
Notable are the contributions you make.
Trustworthy in every project you take.
Eager to reach your every goal.
Effective in the way you fulfill your role.
Ready with a smile like a shining star.
Special and wonderful that's what you are.

-Unknown Author
With Love,
Mrs. Schmidt



Barb has touched so many lives in fourth grade. She always has a kind word and sense of humor. The students look forward to working with her. This has been a year full of challenge and changes, and somehow Barb manages it all with a smile on her face.

-Ms. F. Hunter



Mrs. Dempsey,
Our students absolutely adore you, and so do us teachers! You truly go above and beyond for everyone. We are so blessed to have you spend your days with us. You fill the school with genuine love. Saying thank you is just not enough to express how much we truly appreciate you. We love you!

-Mrs. Hall



Mrs. Dempsey,
Thank you!! We are so very fortunate that you decided to continue working at LES even after you retired!! You have made the lives of so many of our children and staff members better, I am not sure what we would do without you!!

-Mrs. Brown