



Liberty Patriot Stars

NOW'S THE TIME!

November

18—Book Fair Begins
18—Family Night
18—Mid Terms sent home
22—Student Lead Conferences
22—Turkey Trot @ 8:30am
27—Thanksgiving break begins



Thanksgiving Break
No School
NOVEMBER 27—29

December



Winter Break
12/23/19—1/6/20

Students Return to School
on January 8th, 2019

January

7—No School: Teacher Work Day
13—STAR Testing Begins
13—Report Cards Sent Home
17—No School Teacher PD
20—No School MLK Day
30—SAC/PTO @ 3:00pm

Empty Bowls 2019

Thursday, November 7, 2019 from 5:00pm-7:30pm

Tickets are \$10 each. (Children eat free)

Ticket includes:

Your Meal:

- * Three bowls of soups (You choose from the many selections donated from over 30 local restaurants.)
- * Bread
- * A bottle of water

Your "empty" Bowl:

- * You choose a handcrafted bowl

The bowl serves as a visible reminder
that people go to bed hungry each night.

Entertainment provided by:

- * Charlotte High Jazz Band

Purchase your tickets from:

Liberty Elementary 941-255-7515
The Homeless Coalition 941-627-4313

Read more about Empty Bowls on page 4.

Make checks payable to: The Homeless Coalition
Walk-ins welcome!

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND
8:20AM TO 8:50AM**

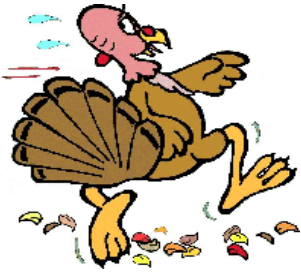
If you have students in multiple grade levels, please visit your oldest child's classroom first and then go to your youngest child's classroom.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



November 18–22
8am–3pm

Family Fun Night
November 22
4:00pm–6:30pm



TURKEY TROT



FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22ND
9:00AM TO 9:30AM

Are you ready to run?

Make a donation of canned or boxed food or bring \$1.00 . You *must* wear sneakers to run. Unfortunately, students without sneakers will not be able to participate.

Prizes are awarded for each grade level winners.

*FIRST PLACE boy and girl wins a Turkey
 SECOND PLACE boy and girl wins an Apple Pie
 THIRD PLACE boy and girl wins a Pumpkin Pie*

All food and monetary donations collected will be given to the Charlotte County Public Schools Homeless Education Project which serves students and families in Charlotte County.



The History of Empty Bowls

In 1990, a high school art teacher in Michigan helped his students solve a problem. They were searching for a way to raise funds to support a food drive. What evolved was a class project to make ceramic bowls for a fund raising meal. Guests were served a simple meal of soup and bread. They were invited to keep the bowl as a reminder of world hunger.

By the following year, the idea had evolved into *Empty Bowls*, a project to provide support for food banks, soup kitchens, and other hunger fighting organizations. The Imagine/Render Group was created to promote *Empty Bowls*. Since then, *Empty Bowls* events have been held throughout the world, and millions have been raised to fight hunger.

In Charlotte County, Joann Winkler began the *Empty Bowls* program in 2000 with just 40 bowls. They had to beg people to come. Since that time, the *Empty Bowls* event has moved to several locations as we outgrew the facilities. This year, the event will be held on Thursday, November 7th, from 5:00pm to 7:30pm at New Day Christian Church, 20212 Peachland Blvd., Port

Charlotte. Tickets are \$10.00. Local musicians/entertainers donate their time. This year This year we will be entertained by Charlotte High School Jazz Band. You will have a choice of three bowls of soup from approximately 30 different varieties. Bottled water and bread are also provided. You will be able to select a handmade bowl made by community members, public school students, and local artists (artist bowls are usually selected for an additional cost). There will be a silent auction and a live auction.

Empty Bowls T-shirts are available for purchase at the event for \$10.00.

We hope that you will join us in the fight against hunger by attending or volunteering as we support these organizations:

- ◇ Charlotte County Homeless Coalition
- ◇ Charlotte County Public Schools Homeless Education Project
- ◇ Meals on Wheels.

EMPTY BOWLS

Fill the Truck Feed the Hungry!!!

We would like to fill the Gardiner and Sons moving truck with nonperishable food items to replenish our food kitchens. If you are shopping this weekend, please consider picking up some extra items to help us Fill the Truck next Thursday at Empty Bowls. You can drop items off when you come to the Empty Bowls event or if you are not able to attend the event you can still swing by on Thursday and drop off some food at New Day Christian Church on Peachland.



Let's Fill the Truck!!

Thanks for helping fight homelessness and hunger in Charlotte County!





ROTARIANS DONATE DICTIONARIES

Each year our local Rotary chapter deliver dictionaries to all of the Third Graders at Liberty Elementary, and this year was no exception.

Paul Rizzo, Walt Powers, Ricardo Gauthier and Larry Byersmith presented each third grade student with a copy of their very own dictionary. These dictionaries are designed by the Rotarians and contain many interesting science, social studies, and math facts. The most exciting part for the students is seeing the longest word in the English language which consists of 1,909 letters!



*Thank you
Rotarians for
this generous
gift!*



Perfect Attendance Luncheon

Second Grader Nhi from Mrs. Steagal's class with Principal Brown at the Perfect Attendance luncheon.

FIFTH GRADE DEBATE TEAM

The fifth grade debate team will be facing off against the Neil Armstrong team at the Charlotte County Schools Board Room on Wednesday, November 13 at 5:30 PM. The topic this year is "Should schools require students to complete homework?" Neil's team is for required homework, and our team is against required homework. Both teams have been working hard to research their side, and they will be ready to have a lively debate on this topic. If you are available and would like to come support these hard-working fifth graders, you are welcome to attend. I know the students enjoy seeing teachers and other staff there cheering them on to victory.

LES 2019-2020 Debate Team

Genevieve Goforth
Kira King
Landon Boyle
Hayden Sifford
Ethan Pope
Alexandrea Davis
Maria Morreale
Jaiden Churchill
Lexi Magill
Ally Rotach
Damian St. Marc
Will Jones
Ava Evans
Ivan Rodriguez

Second Grade



Ella from Ms. Hunter's Second Grade class spent her Class Dojo points to have lunch with Mrs. Schnulle and Mrs. Magill.

First Place Winner



In 1996 Bonnie Plants initiated the 3rd Grade Cabbage Program in and around headquarters in Union Springs, Alabama, with a mission to inspire a love of vegetable gardening in young people, teach kids where their food comes from, and grow our next generation of gardeners. By 2002 the program grew to become a national endeavor, including the 48 contiguous states. Each year, Bonnie trucks more than one million free O.S. Cross, or "oversized" cabbage plants to 3rd Grade classrooms across the country, whose teachers have signed up for the program. The program awards a \$1,000 scholarship to one student in each participating state. The 2019 winner for the state of Florida was Liberty Elementary student Dylan Smith in Mrs. Schmidt's. Hopefully this will inspire the current third grade classes into raising an awesome cabbage and entering it into the contest.

Family Reading Experience

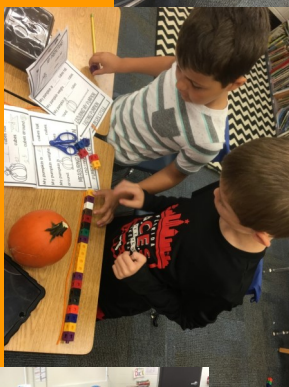
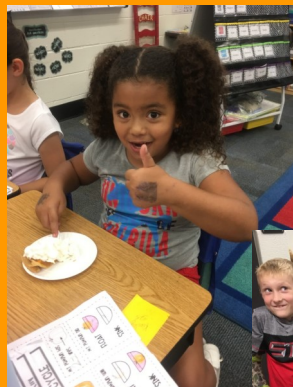
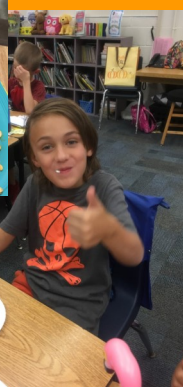
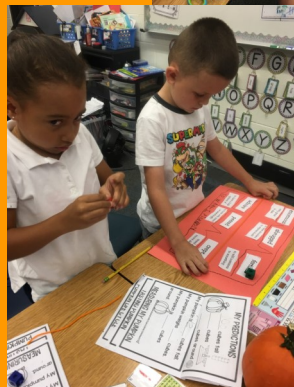
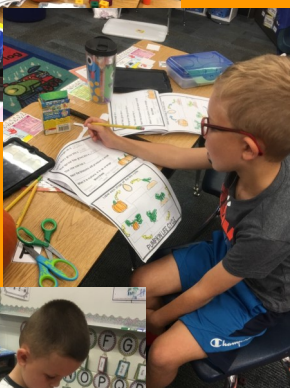
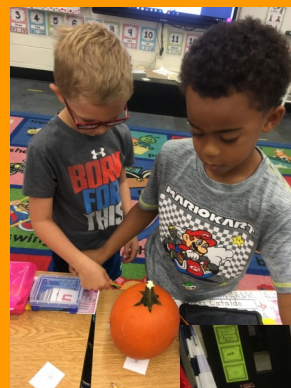


All are invited to visit the Title 1 Family Reading Experience (FRE) and check out up to three books. In addition to the weekly check-out books, each child receives one weekly "Keeper" book for their home library. The FRE takes place twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:30am—8:30am in the Media Center. Parents, along with Ms. McGill, locate books that are "just right" for each child's reading level.



MRS. BUCK'S FIRST GRADERS

Mrs. Buck's First Grade Class enjoyed learning about the plant life cycle with pumpkins! These students literally dug into their learning while hypothesizing, measuring, estimating, comparing, describing, reading, writing, counting by tens into the hundreds, planting pumpkins, working together and using all 5 senses- YUM!



SECOND GRADE



Our Second Grade Kids SWIM (Safe Water In Motion) program is a partnership with the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC states that every day a child dies from an unintentional drowning. Kids SWIM is to increase water safety, and respect for water safety is very important. We want to thank all the persons responsible for providing this opportunity to them.



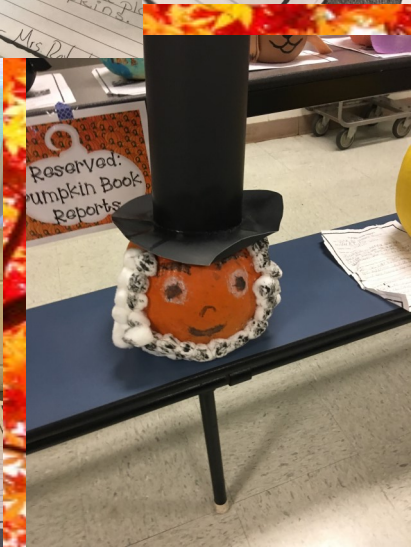
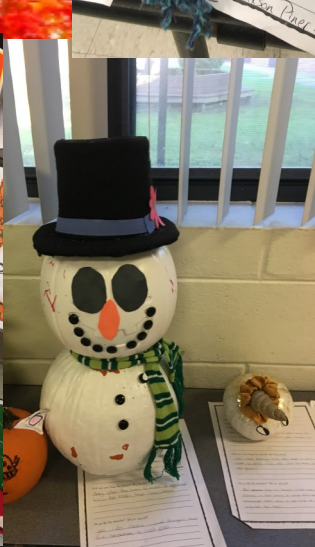
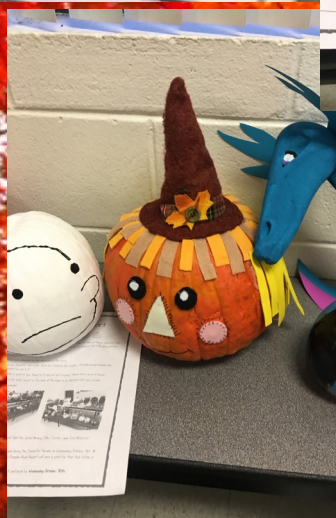
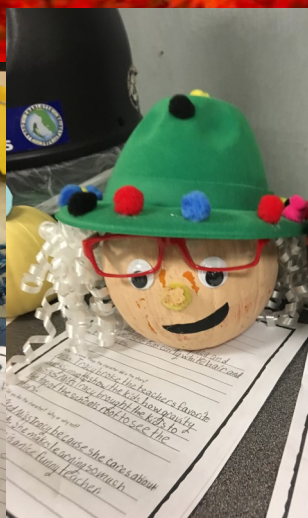
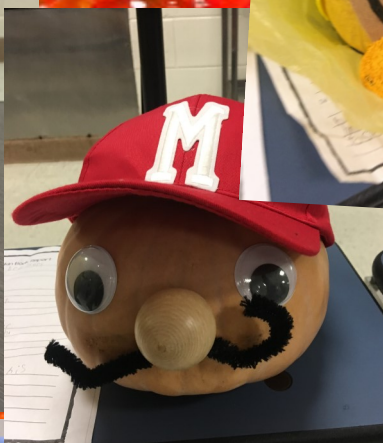
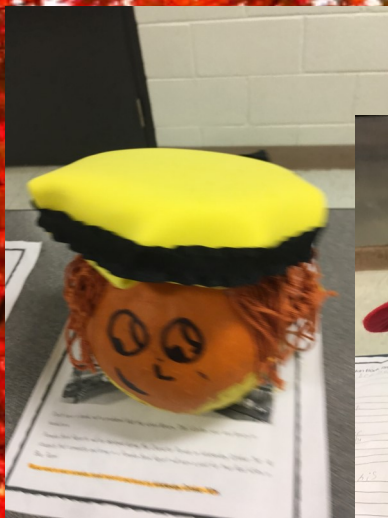
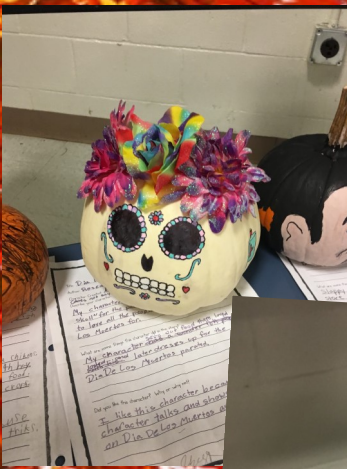
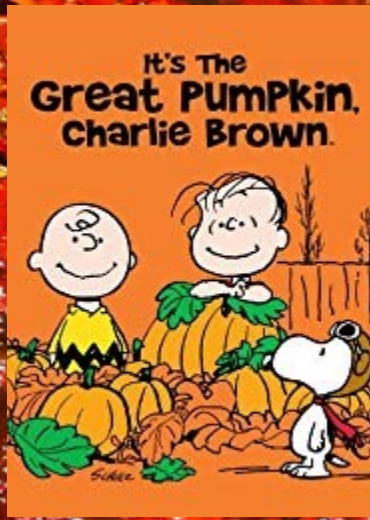
...TAKES A DIVE!



...students participated in (Construction Matters). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that about ten people die from drowning each year. Of these, two are children younger than 5. The goal of this program is to increase personal confidence in the water. We think it is important to our students to have all of the volunteers and staff providing this wonderful



Pumpkin



Book Reports





All of our online programs can be accessed through our county CLASSLINK portal. Once students are logged into their Classlink account, all of their websites will be available as icons.




To log into CLASSLINK at home:

1. Go to the LES homepage.
http://www.edline.net/pages/_Liberty_ES
2. Click on shortcuts
3. Click on Classlink
4. Enter username and password.

username _____

password _____

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 schooldays, and Student C will have read for 3.

(Nagy and Bernan, 1987.)

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

Accelerated Reader



Accelerated Reader is a program that allows students to earn points for reading and comprehending books. In order to earn points, a student needs to read a book and understand what the book was about. Then log

on to AR using the account provided by their teacher, to take a quiz on the book. Most picture books have 5 questions, and most chapter books have 10 questions. If the student receives a 100% they will earn full points for the book, however if they receive less than a 100% they will receive a portion of the points. Most picture books are worth 0.5 points and chapter books vary in point value based on difficulty. **Quizzes can only be taken at school during school hours**, but we encourage students to read their AR books at home. Kindergarten students will begin taking AR quizzes when they master 100 sight words. You can find out if a book has an AR quiz by visiting www.arbookfind.com.

So how can students celebrate these points?

Each grade level has a point goal to reach by the end of the school year. If they reach that goal, they will earn an AR t-shirt and an ice cream party. As students earn points, they will have opportunities throughout the year to purchase items at the AR store using their points.



Reflex helps students of all levels to develop fluency with their basic facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Math fact fluency is the quick and effortless (automatic) recall of basic math facts. This makes learning new math skills much more attainable for students.



Adaptive and individualized instruction



Engaging games that keep students coming back for more

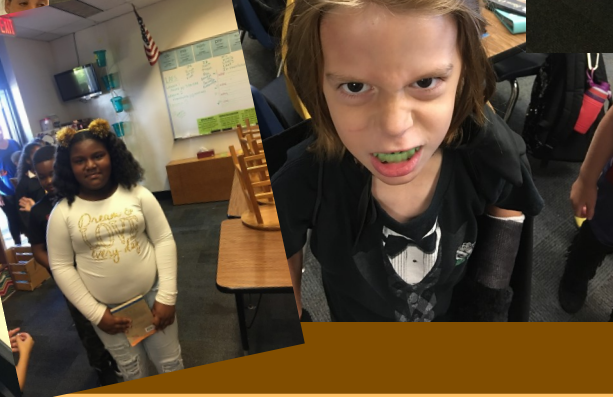
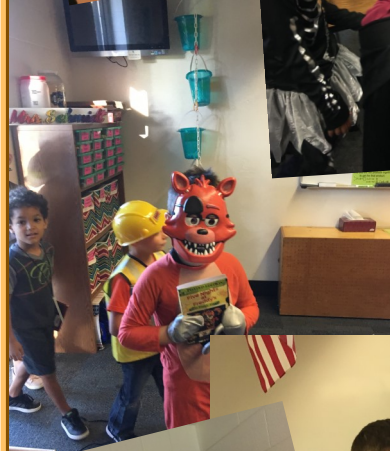
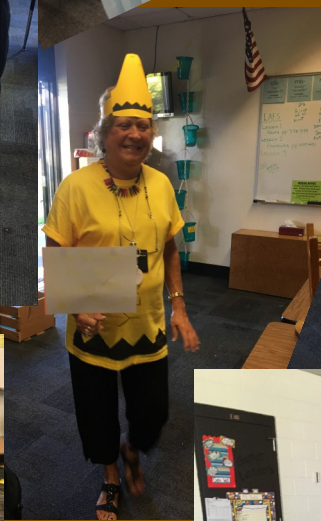
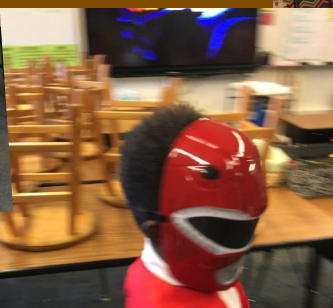
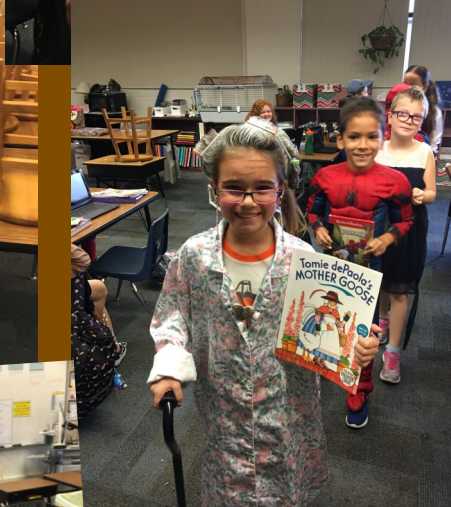
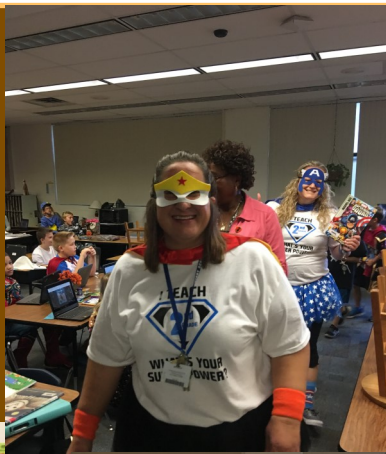


Intuitive and powerful reporting for educators

Students can earn a **Movie and Popcorn party** twice a year if they achieve and maintain 100% fact fluency on Reflex. Students login and practice math facts through colorful interactive video games. Once they have answered enough facts correctly for the day, they will earn a green light. This should be **done at least 3 days per week**.

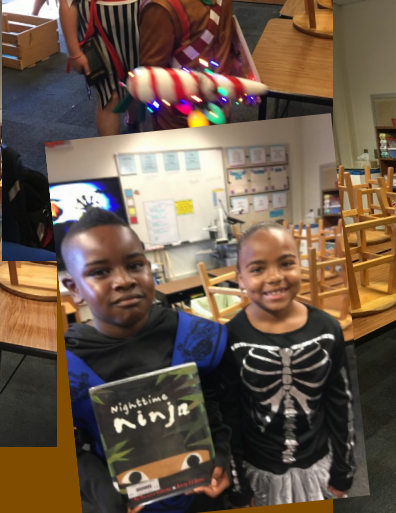
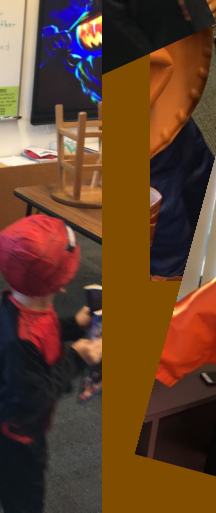
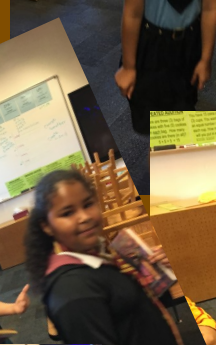
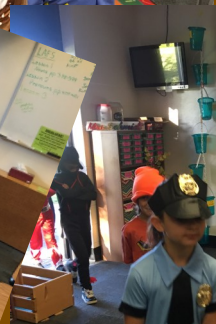


Storybook Ch





Character Parade



11/5/19

Dear Families,

We are thankful!



As we prepare to take a short break from school for Thanksgiving, we want to express our gratitude for everyone who makes it possible for as many students as possible to come to school every day, on time, ready to learn. We thank:

Our students and families for making daily attendance a priority since they know the habit of attendance will help them do well in the classroom and eventually in a job.

Our wonderful teachers who pour their energy into making each classroom an exciting place for exploration and knowledge so children do not want to miss out on learning

Our support staff and community volunteers who provide the extra hands and attention our children need

We appreciate each one of you so much. We look forward to seeing you after the Thanksgiving holiday. We also hope you will keep in mind that school is closed beginning on **Wednesday November 27, 2019** and reopens **Monday December 2, 2019**.

We especially appreciate everyone's efforts to avoid taking extra days off during the Thanksgiving holiday. Just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and leave your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school.