



Liberty Patriot Stars

The History of Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is a time to celebrate love and friendship and the joy of having other people in your life. It's a day of flowers, candy and cards decorated with hearts. This special day's origin, though, is not so rosy.

There are many theories on how Valentine's Day began, but the most noted one begins in Rome in the year 268. Emperor Claudius II wanted a fierce team of young men to fight in his armies. He found that when young men are in love or sharing their lives with a wife and children, they tended to be more cautious. To insure large numbers of soldiers for his armies, Claudius outlawed marriage for those young men.

Claudius may have outlawed love, but he could not stop it. Young men and women still fell in love and wanted to become couples in the eyes of the church. A brave—and obviously romantic—priest named Valentine thought the law was horribly unjust.

Putting his life in danger, Valentine continued performing marriage ceremonies, doing so in secret and hidden from the eyes of authorities.

Still, word of Valentine's secret ceremonies made its way back to Claudius. The priest was found and put to death on, as some versions state, on February 14th. Centuries later, the Catholic Church made that kindly priest a saint, one of three saints named "Valentine."

No one knows exactly when St. Valentine's Day was first celebrated, but there is a poem in existence that is considered to be the first ever written Valentine's Day card. It was sent from a prisoner in the Tower of London to his wife in the year 1415.

Today, greeting card companies estimate that over a billion cards of love and affection are sent each St. Valentine's Day.

While Valentine is a Catholic Christian saint, his death and the tradition of love that he created is celebrated world-wide by people of all religions. People send cards, flowers and candy in counties many countries around the world.

Some countries have banned St. Valentine's Day, but people in love show the courage of the doomed priest by celebrating the occasion. Repressive governments may confiscate all of the red roses available in the country. Still, no one can ever halt the flow of love and affection.

Today's click-and-post culture is tossing aside many old traditions and rules. Still, the history of Valentine's Day lives on annually every February 14th in a worldwide celebration of love.

February

11—Mid-Terms Sent Home

11—Spring Catalog Fundraiser Begins



15—No School

18—No School

26—Dental Program

Kindergarten and First Grade

28—SAC/PTO @ 5:30

28—Grandparents Group @ 6:30pm

March

6—Second Grade Field Day

7—First Grade Field Day

8—Book Fair Begins

8—Kindergarten Field Day

11—Third Grade Field Day

11—Peace River Wildlife Center Second Grade

12—Fourth Grade field Day

13—Fifth Grade field Day

14—Student Led Conferences

15—No School

18—Spring Break Begins

25—Students Return to School

25—Report Cards Sent Home



The Reading Zone

The Reading Zone is a school wide reading contest. Students have 6 weeks to read books, take AR tests, and earn points. Prizes can be earned by the top readers. Only the points earned during the reading zone count. Everyone starts Monday, the 28th, with zero points and however many they earn in that six weeks is what counts. Students can take AR tests Jan. 28-Mar. 8 from 8:20-2:30.

Ways to Win

MVR (Most Valuable Reader)- Weekly Top Point earners from each class will be announced on WLES News. Each Monday we will announce who in each class got the most points for the week before. The MVR's will get a certificate and teachers will get an MVR football picture with student name to display in the hallway.

Top Readers in each class for the 6 weeks total will get a certificate and medal at the Reading Zone Celebration.

The 2 students in each grade with the most A.R. points earned during the Reading Zone get to silly string reading leader Booher, Magill, Nease, Whaley, or Brown at the celebration. Those readers will also earn a certificate and medal.

The class with the most points for each grade level will get to douse the reading leader of their choice at the celebration.

Special Prizes- Outread Miss Nease, get over 100 points, and/or get 100% average percent correct on at least one book a week.



SPIRIT WEEK ACTIVITIES

March 11- Pajama Day

March 12- Crazy Hair Day

March 13- Twin/Triplet/Dress Alike Day

March 14- Color Day- K-1 Red, 2-3 White, 4-5 Blue

March 14- Reading Zone Celebration/Dousing Day, 9am

March 14- Patriotic Picnic following the Reading Zone Celebration. (students have a picnic outside and read)

Book Fair- March 8-14



Family Reading Experience



Clifford the Big Red Dog will be visiting the Family Reading Experience on Thursday, March 14th from 7:30-8:30am. Bring your cameras!



ESEA School Public Accountability Reports

The Florida School Public Accountability Reports have been generated to comply with federal legislation that requires annual report cards on the educational progress of schools, school districts, and the state.

The SPAR report is available on Liberty's website under import documents or visit <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbspar/index.cfm>



Mrs. Burlison's students had a great time on the 100th day of school. Only 80 more to go!!!

Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Clow celebrate 100 days of school.





Sheriff Bill Prummell, Charlotte County Sheriff's Office &



PCHS Athletic Department

are proud to host

The Fourth Annual Spring Break Sports Clinic

March 18th– 21st, 2019

8:30 AM – 1:00 PM



Port Charlotte High School located at 18200 Cochran Boulevard

Students ages 8-14 are welcome to participate in the
2019 Sports Clinic that will teach fundamentals and skills for
Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball and Weightlifting

Basketball, Soccer & Volleyball 8-14yo Weightlifting 10-14yo

The Sports Clinic is limited to 100 participants

Participation cost is \$50.00 per participant—Includes:

T-shirt, certificates, &

Cook out on March 21st - provided by **CENTENNIAL BANK**

Register deadline by March 14th 2019

Participants Name _____ Age _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent's Phone #/ e-mail _____

Check #/ Name of writer _____

Home Address _____ Child T-Shirt Size _____

Participants School: _____ Sport _____

Check's payable to The Charlotte County Sheriffs Office

Turn checks in to your SRO or drop it off at the CCSO Sub Station
(located at 3280 Tamiami Trail, Promenades Mall)

For more information contact: DFC B. Combs 941-255-7535, or DFC D. Sonne 941- 474-7702

Ride Along With Officer Josh

2nd Grade



Malachi earned 600 points in class dojo to ride along with Officer Josh.

Talking Time

by Joan Brown

If You're Happy and You Know It Sing a Song

You don't have to have a beautiful voice to enjoy singing in your home. Though children's songs may sound simple they teach children vocabulary, ideas, humor, and even manners. Listening to CDs or YouTube videos, kid's stations on Pandora or other streamed music can reinforce learning. Music also has healing and calming powers. Years ago families sang as they drove in the car, washed the dishes together, or got ready for the day. A little music every day is still a terrific idea. Songs can be silly or serious, modern or old-fashioned, fancy or simple. Babies love their parents to sing to them and older kids also enjoy singing along with their families.



Manatee Educational Program

Third grade participated in a free manatee-themed outreach program through the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center.

The program involved an interactive PowerPoint presentation, a manatee puppet, real manatee biofacts and more.

A huge thank you to Becky Facer, Education Programs Coordinator, for bringing this program to our third graders

**I alone cannot change the world,
but I can cast a stone across the waters
to create many ripples.**

~Mother Teresa

Controlled Open Enrollment is Right Around the Corner!

This is a friendly reminder from Dr. Desjardins, Executive Director of School Support Services for Charlotte County Public Schools, alerting parents that the months of February and March are designated as the school district's controlled open enrollment window (school choice). During these months, parents and guardians may select a school in our district other than their child's assigned geographic school for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year as long as that school is not closed due to being at capacity enrollment. If a school is "open" to reassignments, it is important to note that your child is not necessarily guaranteed a spot at that location. If there are more reassignment requests for a particular school than available seats, then the district will use a random lottery to determine which students will be allowed to attend that school. If a random lottery is needed, it will be conducted during the first two weeks of April.

Any student who is currently on reassignment to a school other than his or her assigned geographic school is no longer required to renew his or her reassignment every year. Your student will remain on the school's roster until your student has completed the highest grade level offered at that school (fifth grade for elementary and eighth grade for middle school). Out-of-County residents no longer need to renew their reassignment application each year they wish for their student to attend a Charlotte County Public School unless they decide to change the school their student is currently attending.

Reassignment forms are available at the Charlottes County Public School, Charlotte County Public Schools, Murdock Center, or on the web at www.yourcharlotteschools.net. A complete listing of schools that are at capacity (closed to reassignments) is also available on the school district's website. If you decide to select a school other than your child's assigned geographic school, be careful to research the special conditions such as athletic eligibility that are attached to reassignment obligations. Transportation is not provided for students who have obtained reassignment. Out-of-County students no longer need to obtain a signature (release) from their county residence.

Parents or guardians who have any additional questions may call 941-255-0808, extension 3005.



Girls on the Run Spring season will be starting February 19th! Practices will be Tuesday and Thursdays after school until 4:00. Girls on the Run is a 10 week program where girls meet twice a week afterschool to have fun, make friends, increase physical activity levels and learn important life skills. The team will be training for a 5K run on May 11th, 2019.






Yearbooks are still available for presale through March 1st for \$10. Order yours today at YBpay.lifetouch.com!

Future World Changer

2018  2019

Liberty Elementary

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 Herman, 1987.)

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

You have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.

– Harriet Tubman



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 _____



iReady is a computer based program that provides both assessment and practice for math and reading. The goal for all students is to make one year's growth in both areas and score in the proficient range for their grade level.

After the assessment, students are placed in an individualized instructional path for each of these areas. These practice lessons align to our classroom materials and enhance the student learning experience. We encourage each student to "STRIVE for 45" by completing 45 minutes in their reading path and 45 minutes in their math path per week. We ask that your student completes lessons at home to reach this goal. Continue to check your child's progress on their log in screen and encourage them to pass all lessons with a 75% or better. iReady can be accessed through Classlink.

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**.