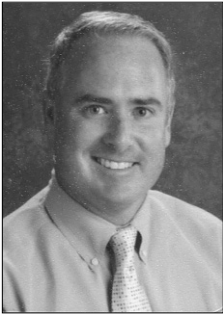


From the Desk of Liberty Elementary School Principal Drew Davis

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Dear Liberty
Families:

I am excited (and hopeful) that fall has truly arrived at Liberty. October has been another great month at our elementary school. Some highlights of the month included the PTA Fall Festival, where over 150 Liberty students, parents, teachers and staff enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate fall in the middle of record-breaking heat. In spite of the temperatures, a great time was had by all as some of the fun was moved indoors to beat the heat. A special thanks goes out to our PTA executive board for planning this great family event. I am also happy to congratulate the PTA (and YOU!) for a successful Read-A-Thon in the month of September. Although we did not quite reach our ambitious goal, your support of PTA and student reading is deeply appreciated by all on the staff of Liberty.

October culminates in conference week, and once again, Liberty parents have demonstrated their support of education by taking time to meet with teachers to discuss student successes and challenges in the first quarter of the year. Research supports the fact that students who have active, supportive parents in their education achieve and learn more. Thank you for all you do in supporting the students of Liberty Elementary.

Update: Write From the Beginning at Liberty

As a culmination of our three-year project to improve writing instruction and achievement at Liberty, the teaching staff has once again dedicated themselves to this goal. Every grade level teacher will be trained in and will implement the *Write From The Beginning* writing program in their classrooms for the 2009-2010 school year. *Write From the Beginning* is a program that emphasizes organization, feedback, and guided classroom instruction to improve student achievement in writing. Writing will also be supported in every classroom with the use of **Thinking Maps**, which serve as the organizational foundation of student thought in the writing process taught in Write From the Beginning. Every teacher, from Art to PE to Gifted to Music, will be using them in instruction to support the work in the grade level classrooms.

We are very excited about the results we have been seeing in our focus both in the classroom and on the AIMS Writing test. For example, in 2009 every grade level at Liberty recorded over 90% or more students meeting or exceeding the standard in writing for the first time in five years. As a matter of perspective, we continued to exceed both Paradise Valley and Arizona averages in the area of writing achievement. In addition to state testing, teachers are also encouraged by the quality of writing they are seeing on a daily basis. If you have any questions about *Write From the Beginning* or what it looks like in your child's classroom, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Update: School Council

Your Liberty School Council is charged with the responsibility of supporting the educational mission of Liberty Elementary. As your principal, I rely on the input, guidance, and decision making of this group in addition to the various academic committees on our campus and our Parent Teacher Association. The School Council is comprised of myself; parents, Jackie Smith and Amy Risley; teachers, Marie Miller and Jeff Horwitz; and classified staff member, MaryAnn Murray.

In our last meeting, we continued our school council training. We also reviewed the District's new vision, mission, and goal statement and will use this information to revise the vision, mission, and goals of Liberty as we create our new long-range plan. We closed our meeting with a discussion about how we hoped to support Liberty's positive school climate. While we are pleased with many aspects of our school PBIS plan, we resolved that ending bullying type behaviors remains an important issue to address. I will continue to share our discussions and progress with you in future articles of *The Patriot*.

On a closing note, I want to congratulate the Liberty teaching staff on receiving the **Excellence in Teaching Award** from your neighborhood Walmart. A warm thank you goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Mabel, Liberty parents and grandparents, who nominated Liberty for this \$1,000 grant to be spent on classroom materials and supplies. These awards, combined with the box tops, soup labels, tax credit and PTA donations, continue to help fill the funding gaps during this budget crisis.

Congratulations once again and we are all looking forward to an outstanding November. Thank you for your support of Liberty Elementary!

Upcoming Events

Nov 3 Election
Nov 10 Early Release (12:30 p.m. Dismissal)
Nov 11 Veteran's Day Recess - No School
Nov 13 Sock Hop (6:30 p.m.)
Mid-Term

Nov 17 Picture Retake Day/Club Pictures
Nov 18 United Parent Council Meeting
(8:45 a.m.)
Nov 26
and 27 Thanksgiving Recess - No School

Congratulations to Principal's List and Honor Roll Students!

Each quarter, we recognize in our newsletter those students whose report card marks have earned them placement on the **Principal's List** (all A's) or the **Honor Roll** (all A's and B's). The purpose of the Honor Roll and Principal's List is to recognize students who excel academically in school and reward them for their efforts.

Students in fourth, fifth and sixth grades are eligible for the Honor Roll and Principal's List as long as their grades (including special area grades) are consistent with expectations and they have no "minuses" on their report card.

Congratulations to the following students who earned academic honors for the third quarter of school:

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

(Received All A's on Their Report Card)

<u>6th Grade</u>	<u>5th Grade</u>	<u>4th Grade</u>
Kyle Berry	Alexis Barilla	Nicole Barbano
Alaina Dennehy	Nicholas Berger	Dylan Berry
Paige Elder	Phillip Chandler	Claire Casebolt
Matt Gallagher	Max Goodman	Kyle Chinnock
Lydia Hermida	Charlie Hazen	McKenna
Sam Hostetter	Cami Illgen	Fuhriman
Lisa Illgen	Carl Jones	Maia Hayes
Molly Jama	Skyler Keller	Louis Hermida
Gabby Lyman	Gabby LaMountain	Cailee Kersh
Mitchell Mallinak	Meghan	
Stefanie Palma	Lyskowsky	
Dylan Smith		
Marissa Smith		
	Matt Moroneso	Noah Koehler
	Jacqueline Parr	Anastasia Krueger
	Ryan Radke	Zoe Lyman
	Olivia Ramirez	Jenna Parkhurst
	Isabella Roessle	Kaitlyn Rudnick
	Ashlynn Sardina	William Sarratt
	Finnley Smith	Ei Ei Sin
	Christopher Swanson	Morgan Toia
	Shelby Thomas	
	Matthew Topel	

HONOR ROLL

(Received All A's or B's on Their Report Card)

<u>6th Grade</u>	<u>5th Grade</u>	<u>4th Grade</u>
Rachel Anau	Dani McNally	Austin Allmeyer
Alexis Bankston	Sally Miller	Karina North
Nicole Barela	Derek Nalette	Darby Brown
Grace Barker	Nick Radulovic	Elena Buehler
Noelle	Hannah Risley	Charlie Collins
CobhamMorgese	Braxton Rowley	Betty Duarte
Kendall Coraggio	Alex Rudnick	Brian Grobmeier
Layne Elder	Tyler Sabo	Collin Hainsworth
Hannah Fitzgerald	Ian Sanger	Cody Hamrick
Lyndsey Garrison	Olivia Schanafelt	Colin Harris
Madi Geith	Hayden Siros	Garrett Hicks
Leah Goodman	Garrett Warren	Brittany Hokin
Kevin Hurley	Sami Wells	Dylan Kazunaga
Rachael Katz	Bryan White	Annika Koch
Austin Leong	Billy Wilton	Beau Mansky
		Makenna Miller
		Kaitlyn Norton
		Anthony Pacheco
		Donovan Parr
		Manda Radulovic
		Brady Safcik
		Meghan Shelton
		Kalli Smith
		Sarah Smith
		Zach Thompson
		G'Naya Walker
		Emerson Wilcox
		Kayleigh Williams
		Jared Witte
		Jasem Amoudi
		Colton Breul
		Grace Christiansen
		Sienna Clark
		Addy Demas
		Tommy Fike
		Kiersten Hellastrae
		Ryan Kennedy
		Hannah Krater
		Alyssa Langley
		Georgene Ledet
		Cassy Lytle
		Jacob Morales
		Natalie Payne
		Sofi Peresandi
		Joey Prossi
		Isabella Redpath
		Payden Rollinson
		Alex Sanchez
		Katherine Schanafelt
		Miranda Souder
		Hansen Tonn
		Danera Wendling
		Grayson Wilcox