Greetings Liberty Community! Welcome to a new year at Liberty. We have a fantastic year just waiting for us to begin. I have included all of the necessary information to help your child get off to a great start.

Seth Humphrey, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

- **August 28**: 6th Graders WEB Day
  9:15-1:45 (Transportation Provided, Bring a lunch)
- **August 29**: Get Your Stuff Day
  8th Grade 8:00-9:30
  7th Grade 9:30-11:00
  6th Grade 12:00-2:00
- **September 3**: Back to School/Family Night
- **September 5**: 1st Day of School 7:15-1:45
- **September 5**: First day of sports
  - (tryouts Track, Baseball/ Fastpitch-ALL grade levels)
- **September 9**: iPad Deployment begins
- **September 25**: Late Start 9:15am
- **September 27**: Picture Retake/Makeup Day
- **September 30**: Summer Math due
- **Nov 27-29**: Thanksgiving Break
- **Dec 23-Jan 3**: Winter Break
- **Mar 30 - Apr 3**: Spring Break

*Transportation is provided.*
*Please bring a sack lunch.*

6th Grade—1st Day WEB Day
Aug. 28 9:15-1:45
6th graders will be teamed up with 7th and 8th grade students where they will get to know Liberty, participate in team building activities, get a tour of the school, and meet staff members.
SPORTS

September 5: First day of tryouts

6th Graders can now tryout for all sports except football!

Baseball, Fastpitch, Track

Make sure to fill out all the documents on Family Access and turn in your physical.

All documents must be submitted before any students can try out for a team.

REQUIRED SUMMER MATH

All Liberty students are expected to complete summer IXL math practice. Information regarding this was distributed in the spring. Students can find the targets posted on our website under Academics then IXL - Summer Math.

Summer IXL math practice is expected to be completed prior to Sept 7, but will have opportunities to complete it during the month with a final deadline of Sept 30.

FAMILY ACCESS

Family Access gives you the following information for your student: Grades, Attendance, Discipline, Sports paperwork.

Parent and Student logins remain the same from last year. If you forgot your login and/or password, please call the main office starting August 20th. We will also have the information available on Back to School Family Night (Sept 3).
**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Note: All students should attend each Core Class with the following materials every day. This list may need to be replenished throughout the year.

- * Binder - 2 inches or bigger
- * College ruled notebook paper
- * #2 pencils
- * Pens (blue or black for writing and one red for correcting/editing)
- * 4 composition books
- * Pencil pouch
- * Highlighters - assorted colors
- * Colored pencils
- * 2 packages of 3x3 sticky notes
- * Earbuds

**PAYING ONLINE**

On the Liberty Website, betehlsd.org/LMS, you are able to pay for ASB Cards, Yearbooks, sports participation fees, iPad insurance, PE clothing, spirit gear, etc.

**HOW TO ACCESS THE WEBSITE:**

1. Go to the Liberty Website betehlsd.org/LMS
2. Click on the shopping cart icon located at the very top of the page to access PayOnline.
3. Username: Student’s ID number (7 digits)
   Password: Student’s LAST NAME (in CAPS)

**CLASS SCHEDULES**

- All schedules will be passed out on Welcome Back Family Night or the first day of school

- Class Changes: Changes are only made if the student is placed in the wrong level of class or they are not a music student. Schedule change requests will be available to complete and will be addressed for those reasons above only. We do not change schedules because students want to be with friends or want a specific teacher.

- Reading and Math Support Classes: Middle School is a pivotal time in your child’s academic career. It is critical that students have the reading and math skills to be able to think abstractly and at higher levels so they are prepared for the academic challenges presented by high school level courses. Therefore, they have been placed in an advanced, general education, special education, and/or support classes based on their academic history

- **NOTE:** if your child’s test scores indicate that extra academic time is needed to increase reading and/or math skills, your child will be placed in a required reading and/or math intervention (support) class.
SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

We place an emphasis on communication between school and home. We send information out in a variety of formats: emails, phone calls, newsletters, school website, texts, reader board, etc.

*****Like our Liberty Middle School Facebook Page!*****

*Guardian contact information (phone and email) can be verified and updated through Family Access.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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IMPORTANT DRESS CODE REMINDERS

**Pants**: Pants can have no un-patched holes 3 inches above the knee or show any skin. Students are not to wear pajamas, sleepwear, pants with studs or chains. Pants, sweats, skirts, and shorts need to fit the student and be worn at the hip. Skinny jeans must be purchased big enough to fit over a student’s bottom and stay in place when standing, walking, and sitting (no sagging allowed).

**Shirts**: Modesty is a dominant theme for clothing. Shirts must be high enough around the neck to have the front, sides, and back be covered. **Shirts must completely cover the shoulders and stomach**. Tank tops are allowed if the shoulders are covered (no straps showing), muscle shirts or shirts with the large arm holes are not allowed. Visible cleavage when sitting or standing is not allowed.

**Shorts/Skirts**: Shorts/skirts must extend below the fingertips when a student is standing at rest.
REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

Do not delay in ensuring your child receives the vaccinations they need to attend school this fall.

Washington State law requires that all children must have a completed Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) form on file and those attending 6th grade must show proof of having had the following vaccinations or current exemption:

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Tdap) vaccination for all children 11 years and older.
- Two doses of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccination or history of having had the disease verified by a healthcare provider.

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

Our Health Clerk will be back in the building on Thursday, August 29th (During Get Your Stuff Day) from 7:00a-2:00p to receive medications accompanied with Doctor’s Orders and/or updated shot records.

All 6th graders are REQUIRED to have a TDAP booster prior to beginning the 2019/2020 school year.

iPads For ALL

All students at Liberty Middle School have iPads. iPads are for educational use, any misuse of iPads will not be tolerated at LMS! You must bring iPads FULLY charged to school. If you don’t bring your iPad fully charged to school, you may receive lunch detentions, leading up to after school behavior detentions.
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**iPad Use in the Classroom:**
- Use it as the teacher asks
- When the class is using the iPad, keep the iPad on task and on the class app
- When the class is not using the iPad, keep the iPad off, face down, and on the desk
- Don’t forget: iPads are for educational use only!
- Pictures and videos are prohibited without teacher permission

**iPad Use Around School**
- iPads are not allowed to be open or used in the hallways
- Keep the iPads out of the bathrooms and locker rooms
- Pictures and videos are prohibited without teacher or student permission
- Do not access social media or associated apps
- Take care of your iPad; do not drop it, eat around it, or otherwise destroy it.

**LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN IPADS**

All students will be receiving an iPad during the first few days of school. In order to receive an iPad, paperwork must be completed online. Insurance is not required but highly encouraged as accidents do happen. The following chart explains insurance cost and the advantages of having insurance. Insurance will also be paid online. You can purchase iPad insurance at any time during the school year.

Please visit our website for specific instructions to access the paperwork. (Resources—iPad Information and forms—Click on the cloud image—How to pay for iPad coverage)
### SUGGESTED SUMMER READING

**6th Grade**
- A Long Walk To Water by Linda Sue Park
- Flipped by Wendelin Van Brannen
- Fish in a Tree by Lyndia Mullaly Hunt
- My Life in Dog Years by Gary Paulsen
- The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi
- Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
- Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

**7th Grade**
- Red Kayak by Pricilla Cummings
- Seasaw Girl by Linda Sue Park
- The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan
- Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelsen
- Dark Dude by Oscar Hijuelos
- Rocket Boys/October Sky by Homer Hickam
- Red Scarf Girl by Ji-Li Jiang
- Eastern Sun, Winter Moon by Gary Paulsen
- Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America by Firoozeh Dumas

**8th Grade**
- Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne
- The Outsiders by SE Hinton
- The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien
- When My Name Was Keoko by Linda Sue Park
- Whale Talk by Chris Crutcher
- The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis
- The Greatest: Muhammad Ali by Walter Dean Meyer
- The Keeper by Mal Peet
- Amelia Earhart: The Thrill of it All by Susan Wells
- Kids at Work: Lewis Hine and the Crusade Against Child Labor by Russel Freedman
Back to School

FREE! HEALTH FAIR

SPORTS PHYSICALS - IMMUNIZATIONS - DENTAL SCREENINGS - VISION SCREENINGS - CHILD I.D. CARDS - BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS
PRE REGISTER FOR SCHOOL BASED CLINIC - PRIZE DRAWINGS
INSURANCE ENROLLMENT - BACKPACKS - KID ACTIVITIES - LUNCH
MILITARY FAMILY RESOURCES - MORE TO COME

Open to all 2019-20 Bethel School District K-12 students
Lunch & backpacks are FREE while supplies last

WHEN
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2018
10AM - 2PM

WHERE
BETHEL MIDDLE SCHOOL - CAFETERIA
22001 38th Ave E, Spanaway, WA 98387

For questions regarding the Health Fair please call: (253) 722-1548

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