Attendance for Student Success

Attendance is a critical factor in any child's school success. Children should attend school every day, except in cases of illness or emergency. It is impossible to replace the learning that happens on any school day with make-up work. **Regular attendance** and **promptness are good habits that are expected and appreciated at all levels of schooling and in the workplace.** This year, make school a priority in your household. If your student is absent, they can go online to their Google Classroom to find the day's assignments. Commit to excellence in attendance. Your child's future depends on it!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 8	UC Food Pantry 4:00-6:00pm
Dec 8-16	**Student Council Canned Food Drive**
Dec 10	1st Gr Field Trip
Dec 13-16	Student Council Candy Grams $1.00
Dec 13	UCCCJSD Board Meeting 7:00
Dec 14	4th/5th Gr Holiday Trivia
Dec 17	End of Grading Period
Dec 17	Textbook Payment Due
Dec 18	Winter Break Begins
Jan 3	School Resumes- Semester 2

Math Tips for Parents: Beyond 2 + 2 = 4…

Parents should encourage creative problem solving. Problem solving is the basis of good mathematical thinking, and the problems do not have to involve only numbers. Below are the sort of mathematical reasoning problems that the Indiana Academic Standards ask:

- Explain how you know that $7/12^{th}$ is greater than $1/3^{rd}$ but less than $2/3^{rds}$.
- Draw a picture to solve this problem: You need to put 20 ice cubes into 5 glasses. How many cubes should go into each glass?
- What's another way to arrange the furniture in a particular room?
- Bailey has 39 moon stickers and 52 star stickers. How many more star stickers than moon stickers does she have?
- Elliott says that 1/8 is greater than ¼ because 8 is greater than 4. Is she right? Explain your answer.
- How many different ways can Julie measure flour to get half a cup?

Martin buys a sandwich for $4.00, an apple for $.95, and a soda for $2.20. How much did he pay in all? How much

change did Martin receive if he paid with a $20 bill?

- Adam has $20 to spend. He wants to spend $3 each day for 5 days and $4 on the weekend. Does he have enough money? If so, how much will he have left?

Choose gifts that develop problem-solving skills. Blocks, building sets, geometric tile sets, puzzles, board games, weather stations, maps, puzzle books, strategy games, chemistry sets, and origami are just a few of the gifts that will give your child pleasure and knowledge at the same time.

Adopted from the following web site:
http://www.thelearningcommunity.us/resources-by-format/tips-for-parents/math.aspx

SwiftK12 Notifications

Please make sure that you have a **current** cell phone or home phone number in the *SwiftK12* system. As winter weather looms closer, we want to ensure that all our parents and guardians are notified of school closings, delays, and early dismissals. If you need help with how to update your contact information in Power School, please call the school office.

A Note From Mrs. Sourbeer

Dear LES Families,

I wanted to let you know that at the end of this semester, I will be retiring from Liberty Elementary School, the place that has been my second home for 18 years! I will cherish the many, many fond memories of the students, staff and families I've had the privilege to get to know and work with during this time. Liberty Elementary will always hold a special place in my heart! I wish you all the very best.

Fondly,
Kathy Sourbeer

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the teachers and staff to all the families of Liberty Elementary School!