



LIBERTY ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

February 2018

C.L.A.S.S. LifeSkills for February: Problem Solving & Resourcefulness

Snow Day Make Up Day!

All Union County Schools will be in session on February 19th.

Meridian Partners

LES would like to welcome Megan Broeker who joined our school family on January 29th. Megan is our Behavior Clinician from Meridian Health Services. Megan can be reached daily by calling the school office. We are very excited to have Megan in our school as another layer of support for all our students!

PTO Cookie Sale Fund Raiser

Cookie Dough Fundraiser for New Playground Equipment!

The L.E.S. PTO is working hard to raise money for new playground equipment, and we need your help!



Please help us with our fundraising efforts! Order your favorites! Also share this brochure with family, friends, and co-workers!

The top seller will receive a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card!
The 2nd place seller will receive a \$15 Wal-Mart gift card, and the 3rd place seller will receive a \$10 Wal-Mart gift card!

**Turn in all money and order cards by Monday,
February 12.**

Collect money upfront and have checks made out to the L.E.S. PTO. If you have questions, call School Partners at 501-707-8081.

Per the company - No Door to Door Selling

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 3 Robotics Competition
- Feb 7 K & 1st Gr. Play Day
- Feb 7 Student Council Mtg.
- Feb 7 PTO Playground Committee Mtg 3:30
- Feb 8 PTO Mtg. 6:30
- Feb 12 Cookie Orders due
- Feb 12 UCCCJS Board mtg. 7:00
- Feb 18 LES Family Skate 12:30
- Feb 19 **School in Session!**
- Feb 19 Specials schedule changes
- Feb 22 Math Bowl Competition
- Feb 23 Jump Rope for Heart Day
- Feb 23 Yearbook orders due
- Feb 29 ISTEP Applied Skills begins
- Mar 9 ISTEP Part 1 Ends

Key Academic Ideas For Parents From the IN Standards

- **THINKING DEEPLY:** The Indiana Academic Standards emphasize critical thinking. It requires students to analyze more, discuss more, justify more and explain their thinking and understanding, both verbally and in writing. **Take-Away: Really thinking deeply is hard. Let it BE hard, and help students talk it out and explain their thinking.**
- **INTEGRATING LEARNING:** The Indiana Academic Standards emphasize learning across disciplines (Ex: reading with math and social studies standards combined into one task). Students spend more time working together with different settings, structures and tools. **Take-Away: Problems and solutions happen every day in the real world. Students need to use what they've learned in all their**

classes to explain their line of thought.

- **SHOW HOW THEY KNOW:** The Indiana Academic Standards emphasize proof and evidence. ***Take-Away: Students will be required to EXPLAIN HOW they know something. They will be required to use evidence from text to support their answers.***

Yearbooks Are Coming!

Yearbook order forms will be sent home on February 9th. Order forms will offer several different options for purchasing. You still can get the basic yearbook for only \$15.00. All yearbook orders will be due by February 23rd.



From the Cafeteria...

Parents, please write your **child's full name** (first and last name) as well as the teacher's name on the envelopes when sending in money for the cafeteria. Thank you!

MATH

One of our school improvement goals for this year focuses on math skills and fact fluency. Each grade level is responsible for mastering certain facts. The following list shows the facts your child is responsible for mastering:

- Kindergarten: **+ & - (0-5)**
- 1st: **+ and - (0-10)**
- 2nd: **+ and - (0-20)**
- 3rd: **+, - and X**
- 4th: **x and division**
- 5th: **x and division**

The end goal is for every child to leave LES being fluent in all their math facts! We ask that parents take just a few minutes each day (in the car, during commercials, standing in the check-out line, at the dinner table, etc.) to ask your child a few of his or her

math facts. The facts are considered mastered when they are answered automatically- that's what fluency is. We would greatly appreciate parents joining us in this effort to improve our students' math fluency.