

Liberty Early Childhood Center

January 2021

Greetings Families-

We are glad to welcome everyone back the Early Childhood Center. Children and staff were happy to be reunited. The first few weeks back after a long break often include classrooms getting reacquainted with routines and procedures. We continue to follow health & safety protocols that help us continue to offer an in-person opportunity for students. Again and again, we thank you for your partnership in trying to keep children and staff members safe and healthy.

As I write this, I can see the snow out my window. Remember that should we have a school day cancelled because of inclement weather, your child's classroom teacher will contact you to set up a modified school day. In the meantime, hopefully some snow sticks and you get to play outside this weekend.

Wishing you well,
Dr. Sarah Birk, Principal
Bart Tittle, Assistant Principal

Nominations for Excellence in Classroom Teaching

Families-

Do you have a teacher in mind you would like to nominate for a Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Classroom Teaching award?

We bet you do!

The deadline to submit a nomination is tonight. The nomination process only takes a few minutes to complete.

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Early Release Wednesdays

We have now been through two weeks of early release on Wednesdays. We are doing our best to limit the amount of disruption this puts on dismissal. We will continue to monitor potential changes to see if there is anything we can do to improve the process.

Remember, the early release time ONLY effects students in the 5 Day program. No other program is impacted by the change.

Please stay connected to messages from us as well as district-wide messages from Liberty Public Schools.

Part Day Snack

This year we have asked our students in the Part Day program to provide their own snack. Please continue to send healthy snacks for your child to enjoy at school. If you need assistance with this please contact your child's teacher.

LPS Meal PickUp

Below you will find information about different food/meal options being offered by the district. You will notice that it says you are able to pick up the meals at your child's school. The ECC will NOT have meals. Please visit the elementary closest to you to receive the meals. Or....if you prefer the packs you will need to go to Liberty North, South Valley Middle or Heritage Middle.

LUNCH IS SERVED! (AND BREAKFAST TOO!)

THREE OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS LEARNING FROM HOME

CURBSIDE PICK UP AT YOUR SCHOOL

Virtual students and students on the A/B schedule have options when it comes to school meals! All students may pre-order lunch through [SchoolCafe](#) daily from their home school site and pick up their meal at the designated curbside pick up time for their school. Use SchoolCafe to pre-order meals just as you would if attending school, just select curbside for your pick up zone. Your designated set pick up time is listed when ordering. The deadline to order curbside meals is the start time of your school. A breakfast is included with every lunch!

This meal pick up option is the required method for students with special diets as it allows for customization of meals. Order meals to your child's needs and pick up at your school!

FREE

NEW

FAMILY MEAL PICKUP AT EVERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EVERY WEEKDAY

If you have multiple children learning from home and need school meals for the family, Family Meal Pick Up is a great option! We are now able to offer this service at every elementary school every weekday!

Each elementary school will have a quick service cart inside the main entrance of each school, with hot lunch meals ready to pick up for as many kids as needed. Walk inside, grab your meals, and go!

WEEKDAYS
11:30-11:45AM

To see the hot meal option available for the day, please visit [www.schoolcafe.com](#), choose the school you will visit, and view the NON-PREORDER meal option. This option will be a grab and go that is ready for pickup in every elementary main entrance.

NO PRE-ORDER IS NECESSARY. ONE LUNCH AND ONE BREAKFAST MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED TO ANY CHILD AGES 0-18 YEARS OLD. CHILDREN DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT DURING PICKUP.

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NEW

FIVE DAY MEAL PACKS THREE LOCATIONS

Can't get there everyday? **ON WEDNESDAYS ONLY**, each FIVE DAY MEAL PACK PICK UP site will offer meal pack pickup.

Liberty North
10-10:30 am

NEW!
READY SET COOK MEAL GROCERY KITS
will be provided at Liberty North! A different grocery style kit each week that include fruits, veggies and the ingredients to prepare 5 breakfast and 5 lunches together each week! This kit provides a variety in options of meals and how-to instructions for "Speed Scratch" meals are included!

South Valley Middle
Heritage Middle
1-1:30 pm

NEW SERVING TIMES !
Heritage and South Valley will continue to serve individual meal items that are quick and easy for families. Includes 5 quick breakfast and lunches and how-to heating instructions.

NO PRE-ORDER IS NECESSARY. FIVE DAY BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MEAL KIT WILL BE PROVIDED TO ANY CHILD AGES 0-18 YEARS OLD. CHILDREN DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT DURING PICKUP.

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Looking Ahead:

- January 18--Dr. Martin Luther King Day--No School
- January 19--Board of Education Meeting
- January 25-29--LPS Virtual Diversity Festival
- February 12--Staff Professional Development Day--No School
- February 15--President's Day--No School
- February--Classroom Friendship Party--Dates to Come

February Friendship Parties

As we maintain our health & safety protocols, we have also tried to continue many of our building traditions. Classrooms will move forward with a Friendship party later in February. Much like our fall

and winter parties, this will be a modified version but will still include many fun activities for children. More specific information will come from your child's classroom teacher.

Early Years...More Ideas for Supporting Your Early Learner

January 2021 Early Years

Please click on the PDF below to access the January 2021 copy of the Early Years. You will find ideas to help you support your early learner to continue to learn and grow across the developmental domains.



January 21 Early Years.pdf

[Download](#)
270.9 KB

Kindergarten Transition Enrollment

Reminder:

Children who are age eligible to transition to kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year do NOT need to re-enroll at your elementary building. You are already enrolled.



Recommended Reading

Pete the Cat: Snow Daze by James Dean

Little Penguins by Cynthia Rylant

Boots Anne Schreiber & Arbo Doughty

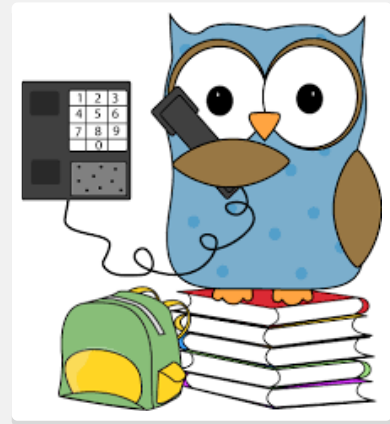
Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing by Judi Barnett

The Lonesome Polar Bear by Jane Cabrera



Coats, Hats, Mittens and Gloves

With our colder weather, please be sure to send your child to school with coats, hats, gloves or mittens to go outside. We try to go outside everyday if the wind chill is above 20. Please be sure to label all items with your child's name. We often have many items that look similar.



If your child will be absent...

Regular attendance is important to help your child make the most of this learning year in preschool. We want your child at school. But we also want you to use caution as we continue to work through COVID-19 and enter cold & flu season.

In the event your child will not be at school, please call our attendance number and either speak directly to an ECC staff member or leave a message.

To report an absence, please call 736-5324



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