



Liberty-Benton Middle School News

“Where Eagles Learn to Soar”

AUGUST 2018



This newsletter is a periodic publication sent to parents of Liberty-Benton Middle School students and is designed to keep you informed of school related events. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 419-422-9166.

Bruce A. Otley, Principal

A Greeting from the Principal

I hope you have had a great summer vacation and are looking forward to the beginning of another excellent school year! **Be sure to visit the middle school webpage and Facebook page to keep abreast of the latest middle school happenings. Please read the iPad User Agreement and Acceptable Use policy posted on the middle school webpage prior to Meet the Teacher Night August 16.** Attached to this newsletter are the iPad User Agreement and Acceptable Use Policy signature pages. Both parent and student signatures are required. **Turn your signed iPad User Agreement and Acceptable Use Policy (last page of the newsletter) to your student’s Home Room teacher and you will receive your iPad at Meet the Teacher Night.**

Our goal is to provide your student with engaging work in contemporary formats where relevance drives rigor. I encourage you to frequently visit our school website, join my e-mail distribution list for parents (directions are on the website) and become actively involved in support of your student and the educational process. We have much to accomplish together this school year!

New Start/End Times--Tardy Bell 7:40 a.m.--Dismissal 2:40 p.m.

The tardy bell will ring at 7:40 a.m. All students will need to be in their homeroom locations by this time. Instructional periods are 44 minutes long and students will have 3 minutes of passing time between classes. Lunch is 30 minutes. Students will be dismissed at 2:40 p.m. to go home each day. The regular bell schedule and delay schedules are posted to the middle school website.



DON'T WAIT! Vaccinate!

State Law Requires 7th Grade T-Dap Booster and Meningococcal Vaccination BEFORE School Starts

The Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Revised Code **now requires a current dose of Tdap vaccine and Meningococcal vaccine before a student enters seventh grade. **If you have a seventh grader for the 2018-2019 school year, you will need to show proof of having****

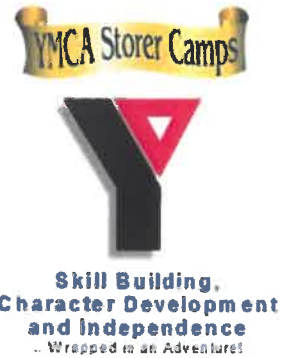
received BOTH vaccines before the first day of school. Without these, your seventh grade student will not be permitted to attend school. Tdap is a booster shot that protects your child from Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (whooping cough) and the Meningococcal vaccine protects against meningitis. Several reminders and notices were sent home last school year regarding this requirement. If your **seventh grader** still needs the booster, contact your family physician or Hancock Public Health at 419-424-7441 to schedule an appointment.



IMPORTANT

Sixth Grade YMCA Storer Camp Reminders: Sept. 24-28, 2018

Storer Camp is located in Jackson Michigan, about one hour west of Dundee, Michigan, off of State Route 50. The cost of camp is \$215.00 which was due in May. If you are new to the district, or still have a balance, please make you check payable to Liberty-Benton Middle School and write YMCA Storer Camp and your student's name on the memo line. **You must be paid in full prior to departure.** I will be sending home more detailed information regarding what to bring to camp, departure and arrival times, as well as other pertinent camp information in September as our departure date draws nearer. Please contact the middle school office at 422-9166 if you have questions regarding the trip.



Get Your iPad at Meet the Teacher Night

7th and 8th grade Students and parents are encouraged to attend this open-house format and can come and go anytime between 6:00-8:00 p.m. Sixth graders and new students will meet in the gym at 6:00 p.m. **Bring in your signed iPad User Agreement and Acceptable Use Policy Signature pages** (enclosed with this newsletter) and receive your iPad from your Home Room teacher. Home Room lists will be posted on the

front doors and also in the main hallway. You will receive your schedule from your home room teacher. While you are here you can:

- **Bring your signed iPad user agreement to your Home Room teacher and receive your iPad (attached to this newsletter)**
- Get your schedule, find your classrooms and meet your teachers
- See your friends
- Pay your school fees/put money on your lunch account (all fees and lunch accounts will be taken in the cafeteria)
- Learn about ways parents can help through PTO
- New volunteers can get fingerprinted for a background check at no cost in the elementary office
- Did I mention ice cream? **Hope to see you there!**

6th Grade/New Student Orientation/Meet the Teacher Night August 16, 6:00-6:45 p.m.

An orientation program for all incoming sixth grade students or any new student will be held at the Middle School gym from 6:00-6:45 p.m.

- Meet your sixth grade teachers
- Receive your schedule
- Learn about student/parent expectations

Schedules will be handed out in the gym for incoming sixth graders/new students prior to the assembly. Sixth grade teachers will not be in their classrooms until after

the assembly. At this time, parents will be able to pay school fees and if applicable, pay the remainder of your YMCA Storer Camp balance. If you are the parent of an incoming sixth grader or new student, please plan on attending.

First Day of School Monday, August 20th

Our custodial and maintenance crews have done a great job again this summer to get our building and grounds ready! **Students may enter the building at 7:30 a.m. with the tardy bell ringing at 7:40 a.m.** Homeroom lists will be posted on the doors and main hallway. Students will report to homeroom to begin each day. **Dismissal will be at 2:40 p.m.**



Morning Drop Off Location for Commuters

If your student does not ride the bus to school, follow the traffic arrows toward the middle school front doors. Do not drop off at the east stair well. The drop off sign there is for 5th grade only.

Afternoon Pick Up Locations for Commuters

If your student does not ride the bus, the following pick up locations have been established for after school.

Grade 6 –Back Parking Lot—Follow traffic lane to double glass doors

Grade 7-Front Parking Lot—Follow traffic arrows toward middle school front doors

Grade 8-Front Parking Lot—Follow traffic arrows toward middle school front doors



schoolology
Learn. Together.

Schoology is a content management system that gives parents and students access to grades, class content, assignments, and communications with teachers. If you are new to Liberty-Benton you can set up a Schoology account by going to <https://www.schoology.com> Training will be offered for those parents who would like help learning the system shortly after we begin school.

Grade Cards/ Mid-Term Dates

Since all parents and students have access to the electronic grade book, and will also have an iPad we do not be print paper copies of mid-term grades. Below are the dates for the mid-term viewable on Schoology.

Paper copies of official grade cards will be mailed to parents at the end of every quarter. Please get in the habit of monitoring your student's academic progress once a week on Schoology.



Mid-Term Dates

Qtr. 1—September 21

Qtr. 2 –November 29

Qtr. 3 – February 15

Qtr. 4 – April 26

Grade Cards Mailed Home

Qtr. 1—November 2

Qtr. 2—January 18

Qtr. 3—March 29

Qtr. 4—May 31

Seven Weeks Class Dates

For the 2018-2019 school year, the following classes for 6th & 7th grade students will have a seven week rotation: Art, Physical Education, Health, iPad, and Agricultural Science.

First 7 Weeks: August 20-Oct. 12 (34 days)

Second 7 Weeks: October 15-December 7 (38 days)

Third 7 Week: December 10-February 8 (36 Days)

Fourth 7 Weeks: February 11-March 29 (39 days)

Fifth 7 Weeks: April 1-May 23 (35 days)

Pay for Middle School Fees in MS Cafeteria

Fees are due at the beginning of the school year and can be paid in the cafeteria during Meet the Teacher Night or in the main office once school starts. If you have extenuating economic circumstances, please contact the main office so that a payment schedule can be arranged for school fees. Checks should be made payable to Liberty-Benton Middle School, write

“school fees” and the name of your student on the memo line.

School
F E E S

Instant Connect/Website Updates

We will be replacing our Honeywell Instant Alert system with Instant Connect. Instant Connect will provide the same service you are accustomed to regarding cancellations, delays, and other school related announcements. If you are new to LB, you will need to enroll in the system. If you were previously receiving Honeywell Instant Alert messages, your data will roll into the new Instant Connect system. Our school and district webpage will also be experiencing a facelift. We hope you find the new website a more efficient way of getting district related information.



Picture Day September 11

School picture day is scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, September 11. Re-takes for fall pictures have been scheduled for Thursday, October 18. All students will be photographed for the yearbook, but purchasing pictures is optional. Make sure your student is ready for pictures and brings a smile to school on these days.

Friends School Supplies in a Box Pick Up Aug. 9

Pick up: August 9, from 11:30-12:30 or 6:30-7:30 in the middle school cafeteria. Orders that are not picked up will be delivered to your student's home room location on Meet the Teacher Night, August 16th. I have also enclosed with this newsletter a school supplies list for your convenience if you did not order the School Supplies in a Box from Friends. School supply lists can also be found at Meijer, both Wal-Marts, Staples, and on our website.

Back to School
School
Supply
Lists



Lunch Prices for 2018-2019

Lunch Type	Price
Elementary Lunch Grades K-5	\$2.50
Middle School Lunch Grades 6-8	\$2.60
High School Lunch Grades 9-12	\$2.60
Adult Lunch	\$3.25
Milk	\$.50
Breakfast K-12	\$1.35
Reduced Breakfast/Lunch	\$.40



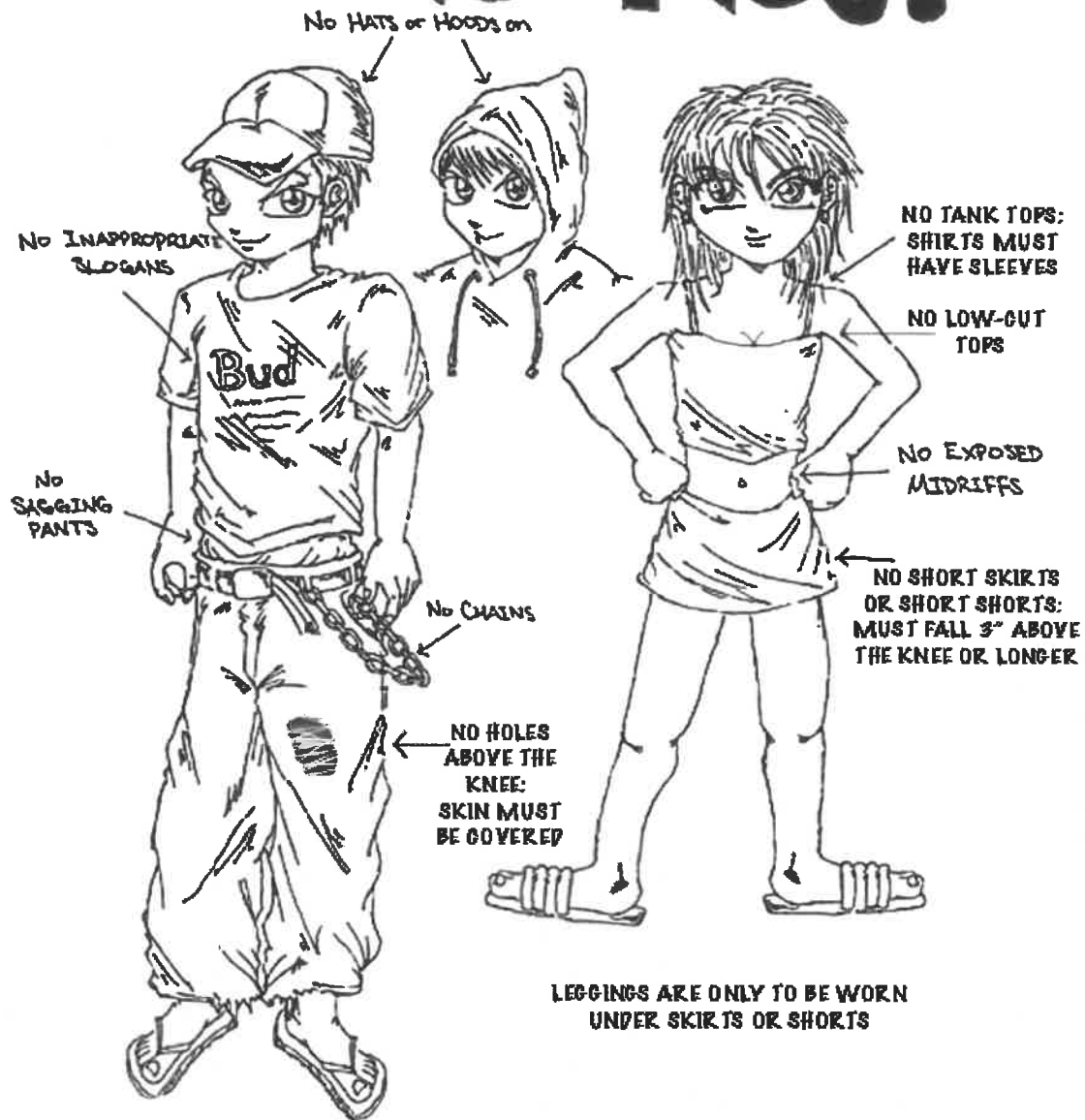
**See You on August 16th 6-8 p.m. for
Meet the Teacher Night!**

Dress Code Reminders

When venturing out to do your school clothes shopping, please consider the school dress code. Sometimes, the latest fashion trends are not always in harmony with appropriate school attire. When in doubt, err on the side of modesty. **Leggings are to be worn under a skirt or shorts.** Below are just a few items that are prohibited by our student dress code. **Consult the student hand book on the middle school webpage for the complete dress code.**

DRESS CODE

No-Nos!



Important Middle School Dates 2018-2019

August 16	Teacher Work Day Meet the Teacher Night 6:00-8:00 p.m. Orientation for 6 th Graders/Any New Student—6-6:45 p.m. in MS Gym
August 17	Teacher Work Day
August 20	First day of school for students 7:40 a.m.-2:40 p.m.
August 29-30	Teacher Inservice Days—No School for Students
Aug. 31-Sept. 3	Fair Break
September 4	School Resumes
September 7	PTO Fall Fundraiser Kickoff Assembly 1:40 p.m.
September 11	Picture Day
September 21	Teacher Work Day Midterm Quarter One
September 20	PTO Fall Fundraiser Ends
Sept. 24-28	6 th Grade YMCA Camp Trip
October 8	Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00 a.m.-3:30, 5-8 p.m. (No School for Students)
October 9	Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00
October 11	Fall Fundraiser Prize Day 12:30-2:30 p.m.
October 12	End First Seven Weeks
October 18	Picture Re-takes
October 26	End of First Quarter (Grade Cards Mailed Home Nov. 2)
November 19	Teacher Inservice Day
November 20-23	Thanksgiving Break
November 26	School Resumes
November 30	Midterm Quarter Two
December 7	End Second Seven Weeks
December 18	Winter Band/Choir Concert 7:30 p.m.
December 24- Jan 2	Winter Break
January 3	School Resumes
January 11	End of the Second 9 Weeks (Grade Cards Mailed Home Jan. 19)
January 21	No School Martin Luther King Junior Day
February 8	End Third Seven Weeks
February 15	Midterm Quarter Three
February 19	Teacher Inservice—No School
March 8	Spring Picture Day
March 12	Music In Our Schools Month Concert 7:30 p.m.
March 22	End of Third 9 Weeks (Grade Cards Mailed Home Apr. 5)
March 29	End Fourth Seven Weeks
April 1-2	English Language Arts AIR Tests
April 4-5	Math AIR Tests
April 8-9	Science Grade 8 AIR Tests
April 18-22	Spring Break
April 26	Midterm Quarter Four
April 29-May 3	IOWA/CogAT Testing
May 14	Spring Band/Choir Concert 7:30 p.m.
May 23	Last Day of School for Students and Teachers (2-Hour early dismissal) End of Fourth 9 and 7 Weeks (Grade Cards Mailed Home May 31)

9 Weeks Dates

Qtr. 1 Aug. 20-Oct. 26
 Qtr. 2 Oct. 29-Jan. 11
 Qtr. 3 Jan. 14-Mar. 22
 Qtr. 4 March 25-May 23

Mid Term Dates

September 21
 November 30
 February 15
 April 26

7 Weeks Dates

Aug. 20-Oct. 12
 Oct. 15-Dec. 7
 Dec. 10-Feb. 8
 Feb. 11-Mar. 29
 Apr. 1-May 23

Band/Choir Concerts

December 18—Winter Concert
 March 12—MIOSM
 May 14—Spring Concert


MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!

Revised 2/26/18

LIBERTY-BENTON SCHOOLS

2018 - 2019 School Calendar

Aug
 16-17 Teacher Workday
 20 First Day of School
 29-30 Teacher Inservice
 No School
 31 Fair Day/No School
(7 days) 45.5

Oct
 8 P/T Conf 8-3:30 5-8
 No School
 9 School in Session
 9 P/T Conf 5-8 Only
 26 End 1st 9 weeks
(22 days) 143

Dec
 24-2 Christmas Break
 No School
(15 days) 97.5

Feb
 18 Teacher Inservice
 No School
(19 days) 123.5

April
 18-22 Spring Break
 No School
(19 days) 123.5

9 Teacher Workdays
 175 Student Days
 44 Days 1st Quarter
 42 Days 2nd Quarter
 48 Days 3rd Quarter
 41 Days 4th Quarter

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Sept
 3 Labor Day
 No School
 19 All Staff Development Day
 No School
117 (18 days)

Nov
 18 Teacher Inservice
 No School
 20-23 Thanksgiving Holiday
 No School
110.5 (17 days)

Jan
 3 Back to School
 11 End 2nd 9 weeks
 End 1st Semester
 21 MLK Day No School
130 (20 days)

March
 22 End 3rd 9 weeks
136.5 (21 days)

May
 23 Last Student Day
 Two Hour Early Dismissal
110.5 (17 days)
 26 Graduation 2:00 p.m.

LEGEND

	First Student Day
	Last Student Day/Early Dismissal
	No School days
	Staff Development Day
	End of 9 Weeks
	Teacher Workday/Inservice
	Parent/Teacher Conferences

Make up days: April 18, April 22, TBD

2018-2019 Middle School Fees

Grade 6	Item	Amount
Art 6	Lab Fee	\$7.00
Science 6	Lab Fee	\$4.00
Science 6	Magazine	\$10.00
Reading/Language Arts	Magazine	\$10.00
Technology Program	iPad	\$45.00
Math 6	Buzz Math	\$5.00
Ag. Science 6	Lab Fee	\$7.00
TOTALS	6TH STUDENT General Fees	\$88.00

Grade 7	Item	Amount
Art 7	Lab Fee	\$7.00
Technology Program	iPad	\$45.00
Math 7	Buzz Math	\$5.00
Ag Science	Lab Fee	\$7.00
TOTALS	7TH STUDENT General Fees	\$64.00

Grade 8	Item	Amount
Reading 8	Novels	\$15.00
Technology Program	iPad	\$45.00
Art 8	Art fee	\$7.00
Language Arts 8	Study Island	\$7.00
Math 8	Buzz Math	\$5.00
Ag. Science 8	Lab Fee	\$7.00
TOTALS	8TH STUDENT General Fees	\$86.00
	*Spanish I Students (no novel fee)	\$71.00

Liberty-Benton Middle School Supply List 2018 -2019



Sixth Grade

- 1 Trapper w/4 different colored folders or accordion folder
- 3 One Inch Three Ring Binder with 5 dividers
- 24 No. 2 Pencils
- 1 Glue Sticks
- 1 Bottle Glue
- 2 Spiral Notebook-Wide Rule 70 ct. min.
- 1 Sharpie Fine Tip Black Marker
- 2 Packages of Filler Sheet Paper (150 ct. Wide Ruled)
- 1 Composition Notebook
- 1 12 ct. Colored Pencils
- 1 Pair of 6" Student Size Scissors
- 12 Red Ballpoint Pens
- 2 Highlighter Markers
- 2 Boxes of Facial Tissues
- 1 TI-30X IIS Calculator
- 1 4 Pack Expo Dry Erase Markers: Varying Colors
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Packs Post-it-Notes 3'x3'
- 1 Boys: Box Gallon Size Ziplock Bags
- 1 Girls: Box Quart Size Ziplock Bags
- 1 Ear Buds (must be straight "plug")



Seventh Grade

- 2 1 1/2" Three Ring Binders
- 12 No. 2 Pencils
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 Pencil Pouch
- 1 12 ct Colored Pencils
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- 1 Soft White Dustless Chunk Eraser
- 4 Highlighter Markers-Multiple Colors
- 2 Boxes of Facial Tissues
- 1 TI-30X IIS Calculator
- 5 Plastic Pocket Folders
- 1 4 Pack Expo Dry Erase Markers: Varying Colors
- 1 Package Multi-colored Pens
- 1 Ear Buds (must be straight "plug")

Eighth Grade

- 4 Plastic Pocket Folders - Different Colors
- 2 Packages of binder divider tabs
- 12 No. 2 Pencils
- 3 Glue Sticks
- 3 Blue, Black Pens, Red Pens Each (total 9 pens)
- 2 Packages of Filler Sheet Paper (150 ct. College Ruled)
- 2 1 1/2 Inch 3 Ring Binders
- 1 12 ct. Colored Pencils
- 1 Soft White Dustless Chunk Eraser
- 3 Highlighter Markers (one pink, yellow, blue)
- 3 Boxes of Facial Tissues
- 1 TI-30X IIS Calculator
- 1 Package Graph Paper (1/4" or smaller)
- 4 4 Pack Expo Dry Erase Markers: Varying Colors
- 1 Composition Book
- 1 One Inch 3 Ring Binder (SPANISH ONLY)
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- 1 Ear Buds (must be straight "plug")

SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED ON THIS PAGE FOR iPad/TECHNOLOGY USAGE

Liberty-Benton Schools Acceptable Use Policy Signature Page

(NOTE: This page must be signed and returned before a student is able to take school--owned technology equipment home.)

I have read and agree to abide by the Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy and Guidelines. I understand that any violation of the terms and conditions set forth in the Policy and Guidelines is inappropriate and may constitute a criminal offense. As a user of the Board's computers/network and the Internet, I agree to communicate over the Internet and the Network in an appropriate manner, honoring all relevant laws, restrictions and guidelines. I have read and understand the responsibilities of use of the school owned equipment.

Teachers and building principals are responsible for determining what is unauthorized or inappropriate use. The principal may deny, revoke or suspend access to the Network/Internet to individuals who violate the Board's Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy and related Guidelines, and take such other disciplinary action as is appropriate pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct.

By signing this form, I acknowledging that my son/daughter(s) will adhere to the following:

1. I give permission for my child to use and access the Internet at school and for the Board of Education to issue an Internet/email account to my child.
2. I have read and understand the responsibilities of my child's use of the school owned equipment.

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

iPad User Agreement Signature

I _____ understand the above requirements for signing out the iPad for the
(Parent/guardian's name)
18-19 school year. I understand that I will be held liable for the iPad until it is signed back in by the Liberty-Benton Schools Technology Staff.

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Please Read the iPad User Agreement and Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy on the Middle School webpage prior to signing. Turn this sheet in to your homeroom teacher at Meet the Teacher Night, August 16.

