



**OMNES VIAE TUAE STABILIANIT
(LET ALL YOUR WAYS BE STEADFAST)**

Class of 2021 School Motto

2020-2021 Mid-Summer Update

Improvise. Adapt. Overcome. Love (...cont.)

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. We hope everyone is having a restful summer with family and friends. We have been working hard to monitor the pandemic and stay on track with health-department guidance around how to reopen this Fall. Much time has been spent making sure our students and families feel comfortable with the contingencies in place as well as our ability to be flexible with instructional plans should school-health regulations change on short notice.

We are planning for students to be back in school this Fall. We are adhering to state and county health-department measures to keep families safe when they are here. The following contingency scenarios allow us to be flexible if we are forced to adjust mid-year.



We are planning on “Option 1” which is to have all students in the building starting the 2020-2021 school year. We have purchased individual desk shields for every student desk. These clear, three-sided shields allow us to educate students in classroom while maintaining recommended physical distance in the classrooms. Classroom desks will be properly spaced and students will have assigned seats in every class. Students will stay with their grade-level cohort throughout the day. Doing these things will aid in contact tracing if there is an outbreak in the school.

A few other Option-1 procedures will look different: We will have all students enter the building once they arrive at school rather than gather out front. Staff will greet them in the classrooms to help students put their backpacks away as well as settle in for the day. Students will be required to wear masks when they are entering and leaving the building as well as when they are in the hallway. Masks (face masks and/or cloth face coverings only; bandannas will not be allowed) must adhere to the other aspects of the Dress Code, including solid colors and patterns and excluding writing, pictures, or large logos. Masks may come off when students are in their seats. Students will walk in a line in the hallways when they move between specials classes. Lunch will be eaten in the classroom. Students will head outside after lunch to exercise each day. Teachers may have extra recesses planned to get the wiggles out. Carpet time or group work will be limited. When students are outside, they will wear masks and we will most likely have “zones” where they can play. Classroom cohorts will rotate between these areas to mix up their outdoor experiences. We are also working to purchase technology to allow for classes to be simulcast online for students who are sick, quarantined, or have a medically-related issues which preclude in-person attendance.

Daily cleaning is being enhanced. Before the end of each school day, we will provide students disinfectant wipes so they can clean their desk before they go home. Our custodial staff will undertake a stringent cleaning regimen every night. We are also enhancing our air-filtration system to reduce particulates, and generally elevate indoor-air quality.



Option 2 includes dividing all students in each classroom into A and B groups. Students in Group A would come on Monday and Wednesday; and, the “Group-B” students would come on Tuesday and Thursday. Students would be at home on Fridays, and our teaching staff would plan for the next week. This option would be a good choice if the school is forced by state officials to have fewer students (14 – 16 pupils) in the classrooms. This would cut our daily student population in half creating more physical distancing in the building.

Option 3 would be to move all students online much the way we did throughout the 4th quarter last school year. We would disseminate Chromebooks to families in need. Teachers will check in with students in the morning and afternoon. Specials teachers would touch base with classes between these check-ins. We would use similar online video conferencing programs as well as Google Classroom to exchange documents with the classroom teacher.

While none of these options will be ideal for all parents, we are in favor of having kids back in school this Fall. Learning occurs best when students are in their seats at school learning the Core Knowledge curriculum from our professional instructors. Students spend a lot of time at school. To be exact, they spend a total of 1,197 hours each school year in our building.

Although this coming school year could look very different, my hope is that we can work together to ensure our students are receiving the best education possible. We take education very seriously and will continue to keep this as a top priority. Keeping families and students safe has always been a priority. It's a given. We will do our best to help students and families feel comfortable with their experience here at Liberty moving forward. Thank you for your patience as we navigate through this new year.

Mrs. Stoltzfus and I will host another Question & Answer online Meeting on August 3rd and August 4th at 6:30 PM to discuss what our school days will look like for the 2020-2021 school year.

August 3rd at 6:30 PM <https://libertycommon.zoom.us/j/92244692168>
August 4th at 6:30 PM <https://libertycommon.zoom.us/j/95440564819>

We hope you can join us to learn about how we are making this coming year successful for all our students.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. We will plan to host another Q & A with families in August to explain procedures, expectations, and answer any questions. As I mentioned at the start of this communication, guidance is continually changing so we want to give you all the most up-to-date plans and information. Have a great rest of your summer.

Sincerely,



Keith Churchill
Principal of Liberty Common Elementary School

General Information

[2020-2021 School Calendar](#)

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School Supply Lists:

- [Full-Time Kindergarten](#)
- [MW Half-Time Kindergarten](#)
- [TTH Half-Time Kindergarten](#)
- [1st-Grade Supply List 2020-2021](#)
- [2nd-Grade Supply List 2020-2021](#)
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- [5th-Grade Supply List 2020-2021](#)
- [6th-Grade Supply List 2020-2021](#)

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Graduation. The long-anticipated graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020 will be Saturday, July 25 at 9:00AM. Because of health restrictions, attendance in-person is by invitation only, but we encourage other members of the community to follow along through a professionally-produced live stream of the event on the school's YouTube channel at [this link](#).

Athletic Information. For more information regarding athletics, please visit our website at hs.libertycommon.org/athletics. We will be rebuilding and updating our athletics website and have the new site ready to launch on Monday, July 27th, 2020. Our website will be the new location to get any and all athletics information, news, updates, and more.

As we all adapt to the changing times from the current pandemic, we will do our best to update you with information pertaining to COVID-19 happenings. During this uncertain time we must understand that our seasons will not look the same as in previous years, but we will do our best to adapt and overcome any obstacles with a helpful and cooperative attitude.

Thank you and Go Eagles!

Brode McDonald
LCS Athletic Director



School Supplies Available. We received a generous donation of school supplies from CSU's School-Is-Cool program. The program is a community-outreach effort managed and organized by Colorado State University employees. School Is Cool provides essential school supplies to less-fortunate students to make sure they have the tools they need to start the school year off right. If your Liberty students are in need of school supplies, please feel free to stop by the front office and pick up supplies, after August 6th. Office Hours are 8-3 pm, Monday - Friday.

LCS Operations Shop Moving. The school's Operations & Finance team is moving to the LCHS Washington Hall from its current location in the Aerarium. For the past couple years, we've been renting office space for this team in the building next door (southeast) to the elementary school. In an effort to minimize expenses, the whole team will be vacating rented space, and moving into previous instructional space. The move will take place next Tuesday and Wednesday (28-29 July).

2020-2021 School Calendar

Aug. 24 | Classes Begin
May 21 | Last Day of Classes--1/2 Day

School Holidays and Intermissions 2020-2021 School Year

Sept. 7 | Labor Day
Oct. 23 | Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 25-27 | Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 21-Jan 1 | Christmas Break
Jan. 18 | Martin Luther King Day
Feb. 12 | Professional Development Day
Feb. 15 | President's Day
March 15-19 | Spring Break
April 2 | Good Friday