

Libby Public Schools

Parental Involvement Newsletter

9/1/2013

www.libbyschools.org

Current School Happenings

Libby Elementary School:

- Every Thursday is Thrilling Thursday! Your child's teachers are available from 3:15-3:45 and your child will receive a cookie if you stop by and meet with your teacher.
- Parent Council: 1st Tuesday each month at 5:30. Join to help fundraise and plan special events and activities for the school.
- Parent Engagement Committee: 2nd Tuesday each month at 5:30.

Libby Middle School:

- ISIP Testing Window 9/16 – 9/20 Reading and Math
- Parent Council meets 3rd Monday of the month at 7 p.m.
- Dance November 1st 3:30 - 5 p.m. in the gym
- Mid-Quarter Reports mailed 10/9/13
- Joint Principal's Parent Advisory Committee first meeting on October 9th at 6 p.m.

Libby High School:

- Booster Club meets the 4th Monday of the month
- Homecoming Week September 23 – 27, 2013
- September 26th 6:30 at the VFW the annual athlete and coach Spaghetti Feed after practice. Bonfire and Pep Rally to follow.
- Mid-Quarter Reports mailed 10/11/13
- Joint Principal's Parent Advisory Committee first meeting on October 9th at 6 p.m.
- Senior Pictures due for yearbook 11/1/13

Libby School District:

- Google Information Session on Oct. 14th @ 6:30 pm at Central School. Learn about Google Apps for education as well as accessing your child's account.
- Parent Advisory Council meeting on Monday, Oct. 28th at 6:30 pm at Central School.

Parents as Teachers

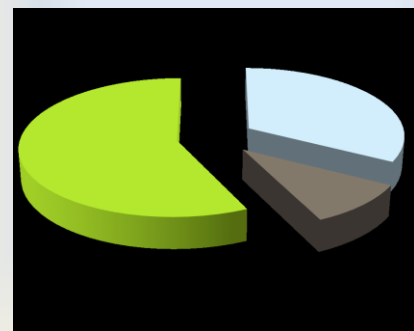
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At Libby School District, we realize that parents are essential in the academic and future success of their child. This is not a new idea; research from around the globe has indicated that students are more successful when parents are involved in their child's education. We invite you to participate in our parental involvement opportunities throughout the school year: special events, information nights, homework trainings, surveys, conferences, volunteer opportunities, parent council, and much more.

Remember: you can make the difference for your child!

STUDENT TIME per year:

57% Away from school
33% Asleep
10% School (7 hrs/day, 180 days)



You can now register online at www.libbyschools.org to volunteer at the school or for school events.



How do we utilize the Standardized assessments?

The Standardized assessments help our teachers and administrators at Libby School District make decisions regarding the school's instructional program. Utilizing the results from these tests, teachers and administrators can evaluate the school system, a school program, and each student. The results report on each student's progress and allow teachers to diagnose each students' strengths and weaknesses to help successfully prepare for academic success.

How can parents help their child be successful on Standardized assessments?

- First and most important, talk to your child's teacher often to monitor your child's progress and find out what activities you can do at home to help your child.
- Make sure your child does his or her homework.
- Make sure your child is well-rested and eats a well- rounded diet.
- Have a variety of books and magazines at home to encourage your child's curiosity.
- Encourage your child to take tests seriously.



***We have many ways you can stay updated about our schools.
Be an active parent by:***

- Visiting our website at www.libbyschools.org
- Following us on Twitter at @LibbySchools
- Staying updated with our calendar at <http://libbyschools.org/calendar>
- Viewing our online Tamarack stories on Facebook by subscribing to the Libby Logger Publications
- Attending our school sponsored activities and athletic events
- Joining a parent committee such as PAC, Booster Club, etc.
- Participating in Parent/Teacher Conferences and communicating with your child's teacher
- Volunteering in the schools
- Attending School Board Meetings:
 - Agenda meetings: 1st Monday of each month
 - Regular monthly meetings: 2nd Monday of each month
 - Special meetings: Posted on the website



What Is PASS?

Parents may use the Internet to view web pages that contain a snapshot of student information in the Schoolmaster database. To access your child's PASS account, use the student's Schoolmaster ID number and PIN. For security and privacy, the student's name and PIN are not shown anywhere on the PASS pages.