



LIBERTY LIFTS UP THE COMMUNITY

Christmas in April



Liberty School students and staff volunteer for a variety of projects throughout the year. Recently, several Liberty staff members and some of their spouses, volunteered for the Christmas in April community project.



Every year the Christmas in April committee selects ten to twelve houses in the Hobart/Lake Station area that need a variety of repairs. Volunteers sign-up to help with the needed repairs on a designated day, which is usually a Saturday in April. On that day the volunteers work from 8-4 completing the necessary repairs for the homeowner who is unable to complete the repairs themselves.

This year the following Liberty staff members and their spouses volunteered for the Christmas in April project: Sue Hartill, Denise Gibson, Carrie Spinks, Peggy Keen, Rich Keen, Sara Hart, and Jeff Hartill (not pictured).

Coats at Christmas

Liberty students open their hearts while opening their closets. The Student Council at Liberty Elementary is organizing a Winter Coat Drive. They are asking students to bring in coats they no longer wear and then will be distributing these coats to students in and around our community. We are hoping that others will open their hearts and closets and donate any unneeded coats to our Winter Coat Drive. Please bring the coats to Liberty Elementary during the month of November and place them in the box near the front entrance.

**VOLUNTEERS, GRANTS, AND PARTNERSHIPS
BUILD JOAN MARTIN'S
LITERACY LIBRARY
A VITAL PART OF GUIDED READING**



Joan Martin has created a Literacy Library. We collected books from teachers' classrooms, leveled them, and bagged them in sets of 5-12 books. This allows a teacher to come to the library and check out a set of leveled books to use with a guided reading group. Books are leveled from pre-kindergarten through 6th-7th grade levels. This means that all children are reading at their instructional level and move on as quickly as they can. A teacher may instruct several reading levels during the day.

We also have been very fortunate to add to our library collection through the generosity of our PTO, Joan Martin families, and the community through our various fundraisers. In addition, we were awarded a grant from the State of Indiana and received several Hobart Foundation Grants that have helped to fund the Literacy Library.

We are very proud of our accomplishments thus far. We will certainly need more books for our 680 children. Children are reading more and more and are excited about reading. We are proud that we are fostering interest and joy for reading – and the magic that the written word holds for all of us.



Teachers and parent volunteers have been working continuously in the library. They typed inventories, leveled the books, labeled books and boxes, and of course arranged them on shelves.

