

# Green Profile: Liberty (K-5)

**Liberty (K-5)** features a beautiful mix of young shrubs. An outdoor classroom is located at the right corner of the school and two long perennial beds grace the front entrance.

**Number of plants  
planted:  
50 Shrubs**



## About the Green Profile

Funded by The Grable Foundation, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy's School Grounds Greening Project brings children closer to nature by enhancing the grounds of Pittsburgh Public Schools with greenery and outdoor green spaces.

The *Green Profile* is a fact sheet that highlights the projects WPC has completed at each of the Pittsburgh Public Schools.



## The Benefits of Greening



### Educational Benefits

Liberty's outdoor classroom provides students with the opportunity to learn in a beautiful, open-air setting. Shaded by London planetree, the natural stone benches and surrounding greenery form a serene, attractive space. This shady area is ideal for teachers to hold self-directed reading time or outdoor science labs, or to teach lessons of any kind.

Also on Liberty's property are species-attracting shrubs such as 'Summer Sweet' clethera. The flowers on the clethera shrubs are sweet and fragrant, attracting different species of birds, butterflies, and insects. Teacher's can utilize these shrubs to teach hands-on environmental and science lessons to their classes.



### Beautification

The Dwarf fothergilla located in front of the school produce small clusters of white, sweet-smelling flowers in the spring. Hand painted bird houses add a personal touch to the outdoor classroom, as do the springtime annuals planted by school volunteers.

