Dear PTA Members,

As I write this note, I have only twelve more days as President of the Liberty PTA. It doesn’t really seem possible that this school year is almost over, but the calendar confirms that fact! The students, teachers, administrators, staff, and of course, the PTA have had a dynamic 2010-2011 school year! There isn’t enough room to list our accomplishments in this newsletter, but I will be posting them on the PTA web page so we can all look back and see how much we have achieved!

In the near future, we will send out a survey so you may give us feedback on this past year’s events, fundraisers, programs, and more. Please take time to share your thoughts with us so that next year’s board will have the benefit of hearing from many people. The last general PTA meeting of the year will be held on May 18th at 7:00 PM. A portion of the meeting will be spent brainstorming about events and fundraisers past and future. Please come and support the PTA by participating in this meeting.

Finally, I would like to thank EVERYONE who has worked with the PTA this year to support our many endeavors. It has been an exciting and productive year and it has been an honor to serve the school!

Lesli McGrath
PTA President

Upcoming Events

- May 10 – Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
- May 18 – PTA General Meeting, 7:00 PM
- May 20 – Family Movie Night, 6:30 PM
- May 25 – Liberty PTA Night at Chick-Fil-A, 4:00 to 7:00 PM
- June 3 – Volunteer Breakfast
- June 4 – STEMmery Day – 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

For a complete listing of Liberty events, please visit the school website at [http://cmsweb2.loudoun.k12.va.us/liberty/site/default.asp](http://cmsweb2.loudoun.k12.va.us/liberty/site/default.asp)

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week (5/2-5/6) was a wonderful success! Thank you to Neha Jain, Kaye Findley, Anaheeta Minwalla, and Gina Fink for organizing, coordinating, and working the daily events. Thank you to the MANY parents and children who participated in a terrific show of appreciation! Thank you to our teachers, staff, and administrators for all you do to make Liberty a happy, safe, and effective learning environment!
PTA Election Results

Announcing the 2011-2012 PTA Officers

Gina Fink, President
Anaheeta Minwalla, VP/Committees and Volunteers
Julie Abel, VP/Fundraising
Steven Sebestyen, VP/Events
Laura Tubridy, Coordinating Secretary
Deepa Jha, Recording Secretary
Rebekah Cox, Treasurer

Thank you to our incoming and returning officers for agreeing to commit your time, talent, and energy to the Liberty PTA! The incoming officers will be installed at the May 18th PTA meeting.

Treasurer’s Report

As of May 5, 2011 our cash balance is $54,478. Thank you all for your support this year! Thanks to our fundraising initiatives and awesome events, we're getting even closer to making Phase II of our playground a reality.

As the year winds to a close, we will determine how much is available for playground spending after paying our outstanding obligations. In addition to raising money for the playground, the PTA is also able to contribute to important educational initiatives such as STEMmerday (Science, Technology, Math and Engineering festival) on June 4 and new National Geographic reading materials for the library. Great job, Liberty families!

And, of course, congratulations to the nine lucky winners of the fantastic raffles.

Family Movie Night

The last PTA Event is scheduled for Friday, May 20th at 6:30 PM. Bring a blanket, friends and family and come join us in the Liberty gym for the last PTA event of the year.

This event will only be possible with help from our Liberty community. Without volunteers this event will have to be cancelled. Please contact Steve Sebestyen at ssebestyen@bowmancg.com to sign up to volunteer!

STEMmerday!

A summer Saturday full of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 4th! 9:30-10:30 Physics is Fun! will kick us off with a fun assembly.

10:30-2:00 Free Exploration of over 30 hands-on learning activities!
Hovercraft, Egg Drop, Invisible Ink, Paper Airplanes, Oil Spill Clean Up, Hot Air Balloons, Catapults, Robotics, Live Birds of Prey, and so much more!
This is learning as you’ve never seen it! This is our future!
Click here to volunteer for this fantastic event. Click here to learn more about STEM at Liberty.

Chick-Fil-A Family Night

Join your fellow Liberty families at Chick-fil-A on Wednesday, May 25, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm!
Staff Basketball Game

The Staff Basketball Game was amazing. The game was back and forth between the Atwater Aces and Thiessen Trotters. In the fourth quarter, the Thiessen Trotters were behind by just a few points and with the clock winding down, the Trotters came back to tie the game just as the buzzer ended the fourth quarter. The Aces and Trotters went into sudden death overtime with the first to score taking home the trophy. After several possession changes it was the Thiessen Trotters that made the game winning shot.

Congratulations to the following classes for winning the Basketball Box Tops Contest:

- Ms. Burnheimer AM,
- Mrs. Banks
- Mrs. Ahn
- Ms. Schumaker,
- Mrs. Parker
- Ms. Pelak

A BIG Congratulations to Omkar Kulkarni, Michelle Kwan, Sourish Vishwanatham and Trinity Carpen for getting to have their artwork displayed in all of the event programs.

Please thank our event sponsors and donors.


Odyssey of the Mind

We wrapped-up the 2010-2011 Odyssey of the Mind program with yet another successful award celebration. This year Liberty had 63 students comprising six primary division teams and three division I teams that went into the regional tournament. One of our Division I teams even placed 3rd in its Division!

Although it was a very successful year for those students who were able to participate, we unfortunately had to turn away quite a few students because we did not have enough coaches. We hope to go into next year’s Odyssey Of The Mind with more teams.
Upcoming PTA Events and News

Please consider being a coach next year. Look for more updated information on our school web-site. If you would like more information on OM, please do not hesitate to contact me @ 703-568-2361 or write to dipajha@yahoo.com.

Calling All Volunteers

Please plan to attend a Volunteer Breakfast on June 3, the time will be announced soon. It’s your turn to be recognized and thanked for your efforts during this past school year.
Calling All Volunteers – HELP NEEDED

Baker/Buyer on Call Chairperson
Responsible for sending out emails to your committee during the School year for homemade/store bought items for different school events.

DADS CLUB

Dads Club Chairperson
Responsible for coordinating “Dad” volunteers during events via email!

Playground Committee Chairperson(s)
It’s time to expand our play ground. If you are knowledgeable in this area and have Good ideas for our expansion…we want to hear from you!

We are looking for one or two people to head up the 2011-2012 PTA Membership Drive!
Our goal is 100% membership and if you share our vision we need you on our team!!!!

Welcome back breakfast for Teachers Coordinate the welcome back breakfast for teachers in August 2011.
Calling All Volunteers – HELP NEEDED

Spirit Wear Chairperson(s)
Responsible for coordinating spirit wear sales for the school year. We typically have two, fall and spring!

After School Enrichment Program Chairperson(s)
This is a committee which cannot function without two people as co-chairs & preferably a few more committee members. This program cannot and will not happen if we do not have the volunteers for it! Please, we are reaching out for help; this benefits our children and our school. Money raised from ASE is put towards the playground expansion!