Dear PTA Members,

The Liberty PTA is GOING GREEN and we NEED YOUR HELP!! Instead of printing and sending our entire newsletter to all Liberty students, we are sending a half page notice announcing that our newsletter is available on the website. Please be sure to visit the website and read the newsletter. It is packed with information to keep you informed about our many events and initiatives.

Another way we are going green is in our efforts to raise (green) money for school programs and other projects, such as Phase II of our playground! We strive to provide fun events and fundraisers that offer value to our students and families. Our biggest fundraising event of the year is coming in April – the Staff Basketball Game. There is more information about this event in this newsletter. We also plan to have an “Art to Remember” fundraiser. You will have an opportunity to order items with your child’s artwork as the design. These are fun mementos of these days that fly by so quickly and they make unique gifts for friends and family! Our Liberty restaurant nights also help us raise money while getting together with friends and family for a casual dinner out.

Our next event is our 3rd Annual International Festival. This event is fun, delicious, entertaining, and educational! Admission will not be charged. The only cost will be for drinks (water or soda) to go with our international pot luck. Please find additional information about this event in the newsletter.

So, Liberty PTA members, let’s go green! Please read this newsletter and find out how you can contribute to our efforts!

Lesli McGrath
PTA President

Upcoming Events

February 23 – Cici’s Pizza Night, 4:00 – 8:00 PM
(PTA fundraiser)
February 28 – March 4 – Scholastic Book Fair
March 1 – Green Team Meeting, Panera, 11:30 AM
March 16 – PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM
March 16 – Recycling Earth Friend Practices Presentation, 7:30 PM
March 25 – International Festival, 6:30 – 8:30PM
April 14 – Staff Basketball Game – Freedom High School

For a complete listing of Liberty events, please visit the school website at http://cmsweb2.loudoun.k12.va.us/liberty/site/default.asp
Treasurer’s Report

As of January 31, 2011, our cash balance is $46,595. Our Family Fun Blowout Night was a great success and we earned approximately $600! I would like to thank you all for your support so far this year. Your PTA has many more awesome events coming up at which you can have fun with your family and support Liberty at the same time (see the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter)!

Family Fun Blowout Night

Family Fun Blowout Night was a huge success. Thanks to all of our volunteers and our last minute helpers from Freedom High School who saved the day and filled all the remaining slots.

This event was not a fundraising event and therefore we were able to keep the cost low for families and the fun high for all who attended. We hope everyone in attendance had a great time.

Family Feud was a huge success at the event and we would like to thank all the students who participated in the surveys for helping to create the game. While going through the surveys a few really stood out. Check out the PTA website to read some of the great answers provided by our own Liberty students.

Recycling and Earth-Friendly Practices in Loudoun County

The Liberty Elementary PTA is sponsoring a presentation featuring Tony Hayes, a Recycling Specialist from Loudoun County’s Department of Construction & Waste Management. Mr. Hayes will be discussing the merits of recycling and earth friendly practices in Loudoun County.

This is an opportunity to revitalize your new year’s resolutions to go green as well as have your recycling questions answered. Please join us on Wednesday, March 16th at 7:30 PM in the Liberty Elementary cafeteria. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to libertyptapresident@gmail.com.

International Festival

Please keep your eyes peeled for the most exciting and fun evening of Liberty Elementary – our 3rd Annual International Festival! It is a celebration of performances, food and culture from around the globe presented by our very own Liberty families. The festival will be held on March 25th from 6.30 PM to 8.30 PM. Visit the Liberty website for more details.

We are in need of individuals to lead booths, to become committee members and/or to donate their expertise. For your generosity and time, all families who create a booth will be entered into a drawing for a gift card to a local South Riding restaurant worth at least $50.

Please consider donating your time (as little as half an hour) to make this event a success. For more information please contact Medhini Nagaraj at medhinin@hotmail.com or Vedika Pande at pan_vevin@yahoo.com.

Staff Basketball

The Staff Basketball is right around the corner, and is scheduled to be held on April 14th from 6 - 8 PM. The Liberty faculty are preparing for the big basketball game of the year. Once again, the game will be held at Freedom High School so that we can accommodate all of the Liberty community.

The food will be great, raffles will be amazing, and the game will be the event you won’t want
Upcoming PTA Events and News

Green Team Meeting

Please join us for Liberty’s Green Team meeting on March 1, 2011 at 11:30 AM at Panera. We are a group of ecologically-conscience parents trying to make a difference at our school and our homes. We will be discussing programs we are currently working on and future programs. Questions can be directed to Gaby Maddiex, gabyvm@comcast.net.

Spirit Wear

Be on the lookout for new Liberty Spring Spirit Wear. Information will be coming home in a couple of weeks. Families will have the opportunity to put last names and numbers on the back of shirts in support of the Staff Basketball Game in April.

Support for Freedom High School

- The DECA Club (a Freedom High School association for marketing students) is selling South Riding-Opoly. More information and the order form are available on the PTA page on the school website.

- The All-Night Graduation Celebration (ANGC) committee is currently taking orders for plants to raise money for this annual event for graduating seniors. For more information, go to http://www.freedomangc.org.

Sponsors are needed for this event!

Businesses or individuals who donate $500 or more will get their logo or name on our popular basketball t-shirt. Sponsors who donate $250 or more will have their name in our program, will be listed in all flyers for the event, and their business will be announced at the event. For more information about sponsoring the Staff Basketball Game, contact Gaby Maddiex at gabyvm@comcast.net or Steve Sebestyen at ssebestyen@bowmanconsulting.com.

We are also accepting donations of gift cards, tickets to events/movies/games and other in-kind contributions. These will be used in our raffle baskets. Anyone who contributes will receive recognition in the event program. Please contact Steve Sebestyen at ssebestyen@bowmanconsulting.com for more information or to make a donation.

Thank you to Our Staff Basketball Sponsors (so far), Kravitz Orthodontics, Allstate - Patricia Booth Agency, Ductz NOVA, Glory Days Grill, and Gina’s Uncle Ray.

Donations have been received from Stone Ridge Barber Shop, Harris Teeter South Riding, Giant South Riding, and TownePlace Suites Chantilly.
Liberty Family Nights
Please join the Liberty staff and students for the following family nights. A portion of the sales from these events will be donated to the Liberty PTA!

February 23 – Cici’s Pizza  
March 30 – TBD  
April 26 – McDonalds K-2  
April 28 – McDonalds 3-5  
May 25 – Chick-Fil-A

Free Money for Our School!!!
Help us earn money for Liberty with your retail purchases! Make sure to designate Liberty Elementary School as the beneficiary for your Giant, Harris Teeter, Bloom shoppers’ cards and Target REDcard. These generous businesses donate a percentage of your purchases to our school. You need to link your Giant, Bloom and Harris Teeter cards to our school each year. Even if you designated Liberty last year, you need to designate Liberty again this year. For all these stores, you can designate online or in the store. Below is the information you will need to make sure we don't miss out on any of this "free money." The links are located online at the Liberty website.

Giant Code - 05654  
Harris Teeter Code - 7219  
Bloom Code - 01196  
Target Code - 149682

Also, please remember to continue to save your “Guest Check” from all Glory Days visits. Liberty PTA receives 10% of the total food and soft drinks purchased. Glory Days receipts can be remitted via backpack in an envelope marked “PTA / Glory Days.”

Box Tops Contest!!
The next Box Tops Contest is underway – submit your Box Tops by February 25, 2011. The class in each grade with the most Box Tops will win a popsicle party! Be sure to put your Box Tops in an envelope labeled with your child’s teacher’s name and your child’s name, or print one of the Box Tops collection forms and have your child affix their Box Tops to the form. Links to these forms can be found on the PTA section of the school website.

KEEP COLLECTING YOUR BOX TOPS. THERE WILL BE ANOTHER CONTEST BEFORE SUMMER VACATION!!

Volunteers Needed
The Liberty PTA and all that we do are only possible with the help from our Liberty parents and guardians. Your time and help is the only way to keep our events going, which in return keeps our educational programs funded. Be a special part of your child's life and show them the difference volunteering can make. Don’t sit back while the same hand full of volunteers continually donate their time to help, join them and together we can make this school the greatest it can be. Plenty of volunteering opportunities are available.
To volunteer, contact Anaheeta Minwalla at acminwalla@verizon.net.
Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic book fair is coming up and the library needs volunteers! Help is needed during the following times:

**Friday February 25:** Book fair set up from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm (two shifts: 9:00 am – 11:30 am and 11:30 am – 2:00 pm).

**Monday February 28:** Book fair Preview day from 8:00 am - 2:15 pm (three shifts: 8:00 am – 10:00 am, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm and 12:00 pm – 2:15 pm).

**Tuesday March 1:** Student purchasing from 7:45 am - 2:15 pm (three shifts: 7:45 am – 10:00 am, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm and 12:00 pm – 2:15 pm).

**Tuesday March 1:** Family Night from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm (two shifts: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm and 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm).

**Wednesday March 2:** Student purchasing from 7:45 am - 2:15 pm (three shifts: 7:45 am – 10:00 am, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm and 12:00 pm – 2:15 pm).

**Thursday March 3:** Student purchasing from 7:45 am - 2:15 pm (three shifts: 7:45 am – 10:00 am, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm and 12:00 pm – 2:15 pm).

**Thursday March 3:** Family Night from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm (two shifts: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm and 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm).

**Friday March 4:** Student Purchasing from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm (two shifts: 8:00 am – 10:00 am and 10:00 am – 12:00 pm).

Breakdown from 12:00 pm -2:00 pm.

To volunteer, please contact Anaheeta Minwalla at acminwalla@verizon.net.

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February 19, 2011

Hello PTA Members!

The PTA Officer Nominations Committee is pleased to announce that we are seeking all interested persons to run for the Executive PTA Board for the 2011-2012 school year. As a member of the PTA Executive Board, you have the unique opportunity to be an active decision maker in your child’s learning experience at Liberty. You will have influence as to the programs that are sponsored and implemented, resourcing of funds, activities being provided for the community and actively participate in the direction of the organization. The PTA is a great support to the overall learning process at Liberty Elementary, one that helps our school to be excellent, and the Executive Board is at the forefront.

Requirements to be nominated for office are that you are a current PTA member and that you have a strong desire to support your child’s school.

The PTA Executive Board consists of:

President
Vice-President of Events
Vice-President of Fundraising
Vice-President of Committees
Treasurer
Recording Secretary
Coordinating/Corresponding Secretary

Descriptions of each office are on the PTA website here: http://cmsweb2.lcps.org/720320101084936503/site/default.asp

Nominations are being accepted now and official candidacy will be announced at the March 16th PTA meeting at 7:00 at the Liberty Elementary Library. Voting will take place and announced in April and the term begins in May, 2011.

If you are interested in being part of the PTA Board, please contact Paul Thiessen, Kaye Findley, or Medhini Nagaraj at the email address below:

Paul Thiessen: Paul.thiessen@lcps.org
Kaye Findley: jkfindley@verizon.net
Medhini Nagaraj: medhinin@hotmail.com

Thank you!
PTA Nominations Committee