Dear PTA Members,

Happy Spring! Please take some time and read through the newsletter and visit the PTA page of the school website for updates. The PTA has great activities planned and we want to encourage everyone to get involved and share in the fun!

Lesli McGrath
PTA President

Upcoming Events

March 21–May 6 – After School Enrichment Program
March 25 – Spirit Wear Orders Due
March 25 – International Festival – 5:30 – 8:30
March 30 – Liberty Night at Glory Days @ Stone Ridge or Broadlands
March 31 – Art to Remember Sale Starts
April 5 – Executive Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
April 6 – Art to Remember Orders Due
April 14 – Staff Basketball Game at Freedom High School – 6:30 – 8:30
April 15 – School Supply Kit Order Deadline
April 26 – McDonald’s Restaurant Night K-2
April 27 – PTA Membership Meeting – 7:00 PM – Election of 2011-2012 Officers
April 28 – McDonald’s Restaurant Night – Grades 3-5

For a complete listing of Liberty events, please visit the school website at http://cmsweb2.loudoun.k12.va.us/liberty/sit e/default.asp

Treasurer’s Report

As of February 28, 2011, our cash balance is $44,129. Thanks to everyone 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, such as International Night and the Staff Basketball game. Please join us at these events and sign up to volunteer if possible!

International Festival

March 25th is Liberty’s 3rd Annual International Festival. The doors will open at 5:30 and the performances will begin at 6:30. You won’t want to miss all the great food, all the wonderful performances and all the exciting information from around the globe.

Get the family dressed in your cultural background wear and be a part of Liberty’s First Ethnic Fashion Parade. Tour the world through country booths set up in the hallways, taste some flavors from around the world at our international buffet, then grab a seat to
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watch performances from cultures around the globe presented by local community groups and individuals.

It’s not too late to sign up to bring food to share at our International Buffet! Click on the link for more information and to download the food signup sheet.


Staff Basketball

The Staff Basketball is only weeks away so get your family excited and ready to join us at Freedom High School April 14th from 6-8pm.

The food will be great, raffles will be amazing, and the game will be the event you won’t want to miss. Keep an eye out for more details to be distributed through flyers as we get closer to game time.

As always, we will need many volunteers for this event. Please volunteer for at least a ½ hour shift. Longer shifts are encouraged. To volunteer, please contact Gina Fink at gina.fink@comcast.net.

PTA Election News

The Liberty PTA will hold its election for 2011-2012 officers on April 27th. The election will take place during the PTA membership meeting, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Liberty library. Please plan to attend so that you can meet the nominees and participate in the election and other PTA business.

Meet the Officer Nominees for the 2011-2012 School Year

President
Name: Gina Fink
Children: Jon Fink (2nd/Agi) and Kennedy Fink (3 yrs)
Favorite School Subject(s): PE and Math
Favorite Children’s Book(s): Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems and I Love You Through and Through by Bernadette Rosetti-Shustak

VP of Committees
Name: Anaheeta C. Minwalla
Children: Amy (3rd/Barnes) and Naomi (1st/Epperson)
Favorite School Subject(s): Spring break in South Padre Island!
Favorite Children’s Book(s): Nancy Drew; currently reading Suits: A Woman on Wallstreet by Nina Godiwalla

VP of Events
Name: Steve Sebestyen
Children: Jazmine Sebestyen (2nd/McAtee) and Joshua Judge (2nd/Agi)
Favorite School Subject(s): Art and Math
Favorite Children’s Book(s): Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss

VP of Fundraising
Name: Julie Abel
Children: Melissa Abel (4th/Heironimus) and Justin Abel (2nd/Rast)
Favorite School Subject(s): History and Music
Favorite Children’s Book(s): Harry Potter series

Treasurer
Name: Rebekah Cox
Children: Nicole (5th/Dirheimer) and Caitlin (2nd /Ebel)
Favorite School Subject(s): Summer Vacation
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Favorite Children’s Book(s): Winter Garden by Kristin Hannah (yes, I have officially moved on to grown-up books!)

Coordinating/Corresponding Secretary
Name: Laura Tubridy
Children: Julia (3rd Grade/Miss Barnes) and Colin (2nd Grade/Mrs. Rast)
Favorite School Subject(s): English and History
Favorite Children’s Book(s): Little House series by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Recording Secretary
Name: Deepa Jha
More information about this candidate will be available soon.

Green Team

Use pencils made from recycled material and those packed in light-weight recyclable packaging. Pencils can be made from all sorts of things that would otherwise end up in our waste stream – like furniture, old money, and paper. Pencils account for about $121 million worth of purchases every year, and all could potentially be made from recycled materials.
- The Green Book

Questions can be directed to Gaby Maddiex, gabyvm@comcast.net

School Supply Kits available next year! Taking orders in March!

The PTA is excited to announce that we will be offering competitively priced, pre-packaged school supply kits for all grade levels for the 2011-2012 school year. We have partnered again with Staples Schoolkidz USA and are offering this program as a service (not a fundraiser) to the students and parents of our school. We believe this is a wonderful program for purchasing your child’s exact school supplies and encourage you to take advantage of this offer. No more searching for that elusive yellow plastic folder, avoid the rush and the picked-over supplies at the store...save time and energy!

Orders will be taken from March 21st to April 15th. Look for more details and order forms in March. If you have any questions, please email Julie Abel at julieabel@comcast.net or 703-957-3033 or contact Lisa Strother in the school office.
**Liberty Family Nights**

Have a meal and help the school at the same time!

March 30 – Glory Days (Stone Ridge or Broadlands location)
April 26 – McDonalds, Grades K-2
April 28 – McDonalds, Grades 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.”

**Volunteers Needed**

It's not for the money
It's not for the fame;
It's not for any personal gain.
It's just for love of your fellow man,
It's just to give a helping hand;
It's just to give a little of one's self,
That's something you can't buy with wealth;
It's not for a medal worn with pride,
It's for that feeling deep inside;
It's that feeling that you've been a part
Of helping people far and near,
That makes you a volunteer!

The Liberty PTA and all the programs funded by the PTA 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. Plenty of volunteering opportunities are available.

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

**Art to Remember Fundraiser**

The PTA, in cooperation with Mrs. Stine (Liberty’s Art Teacher), will hold an Art to Remember Fundraiser.

Families will have an opportunity to select from a wide variety of items, including note cards, t-shirts and tote bags, all featuring artwork created by your student!

Be on the lookout on March 31st for a packet in your student’s backpack with the order form and all the information you need. One-third of the cost of each item will benefit school programs and our playground fund.