Giving thanks is a wonderful theme for all of November!

Our Veteran’s Day banner saluting all those who serve is filled with wonderful photos and stories of family members and friends of Liberty students that are truly inspirational. We are ever thankful for their service. This banner was on display during our 11-11-11 Bingo event. We had a full house and many happy winners!

Next up was a celebration of American Education Week. The in-class activities and PTA-sponsored events were widely attended. We hope you enjoyed your muffin, donut, massage or opportunity to read a book in your grandchild’s class as much as I enjoyed watching Malian soldiers fly above the Niger via unique contraptions as part of the 3rd grade AEW in-class project. We turned in our Reflections entries and reflected on how thankful we are for Diversity and education in the Arts.

We are always thankful for the financial support (and the community feeling) we receive from Liberty parents and teachers who came out in force to support our Dining Nights at Manhattan Pizza.

I know I was thankful for the Thanksgiving break!

Looking forward, we hope to see many families at our first ever Jingle Bell Jog on Saturday, December 10th at 9 AM. We will wear funny reindeer headbands (provided by PTA) and ugly sweaters and jog around the Liberty track for just over 1 mile to holiday tunes, to be followed by a buffet breakfast and photo frame craft in the cafeteria. What a great opportunity to exercise instead of hibernate!

January 20th (Friday) will bring our 4th annual International Festival. To be a part of the planning for this multi-faceted event featuring displays of countries and cultures from around the world, a potluck dinner and entertainment galore, please join the committee for a planning session on Tues., Dec. 13th at 6PM at Liberty. Individuals take on manageable, defined tasks and the results are awesome!

Hope your holidays (or just the break from school) are joyous, relaxing and safe!

Gina Fink ~ 2011-12 PTA President ~ gina.fink@comcast.net ~ 703-327-1740
Upcoming Events

Dec 10 - Jingle Bell Jog 9 – 10:30 am
Dec 22 – Jan 2 – Winter Break
Jan 20 - International Fest 6 - 8:30pm

For a complete listing of Liberty events, please visit the school website at http://www.loudoun.k12.va.us/Page/62937

Treasurer’s Report

Hello Liberty Families, I am delighted to report that we have paid for the second phase of our playground and construction should begin soon! This development underscores the great financial progress we have made here at Liberty in the three and a half years since opening in September 2008. So far this year, we have made over $24,000 in profits from our Fall Fundraiser, Fall Festival, After School Enrichment and Bingo Night. Thank you for your support! On a final note - as the holiday season gets into full swing, remind your child’s teacher to use his or her special gift from the PTA: reimbursement of up to $65 for classroom supplies!

Rebekah Cox
2011-12 PTA Treasurer

Liberty Directory

The draft version of the PTA Student Directory was e-mailed to all current PTA members at the end of October. It is now in final revision/edit status until January 18th, when all edits should be received by Stacy Stiles via e-mail. The final version of the Directory will be e-mailed by January 21st. Please take a look at your family listing and e-mail any changes directly to Stacy Stiles at DASSKS@MAC.COM. Deadline for all changes is January 18th. Thank you!

International Festival

Mark your calendars, International Festival is coming up on Friday, January 20th from 6 – 8:30pm. Get your family ready to come out for great food, informational knowledge and entertaining performances from cultures and countries from around the world. Don’t forget to dress in clothes representing your cultural background and be a part of Liberty’s Ethnic Fashion Parade. This event is a potluck event. Please consider bringing a dish to share with your fellow Liberty families. Keep an eye out...
Upcoming Events and News

for the sign up flyer to sign up to perform, bring a dish, or make an informational booth.

REMEMBER: This event is 3rd grade designated. So all 3rd grade parents please sign up to help in some way, either with planning the event, participating in the event or volunteering at the event.

Be a Part of the Fun!!!
We are looking for a few people that would like to help in the planning process for the International Festival, including organizing and helping with the food, booths and performances. Please consider helping. It really is fun and well worth every effort after seeing all the smiles you helped create. Contact Steve Sebestyen at ssebestyen@bowmanlcg.com

Liberty Spaghetti Dinner
Liberty PTA invites you all to gather together for a warm spaghetti dinner on Friday, February 10th from 6pm – 8:30 pm. THAT’S IT? Well of course not. That just wouldn’t be us. We will also be taking over the gym and having a few live Family Feud Games. Due to time constraints and the amount of people we have here at Liberty, participation will be limited and determined by a lottery drawing. Get your team of five people together now and mark the event on your calendar. Team sign-ups will be distributed closer to the event.

REMEMBER: This event is 2nd grade designated. So ALL 2nd grade parents, please sign up to help in some way, either with planning the event or volunteering at the event.

Would you like to be a part of planning this event? Contact Steve Sebestyen at Ssebestyen@bowmanlcg.com.

Staff Ball Game
The Liberty Annual Staff Ball is planned for Thursday, March 29th from 6:30pm – 8pm. It is one of our larger events and takes a lot of time and planning to make it such a success. Please volunteer some of your time and help plan this event. When there are more willing participants, it runs more smoothly and really takes no effort at all. Be a part of the planning and contact Steve Sebestyen at Ssebestyen@bowmanlcg.com.

REMEMBER: This event is 4th grade designated. So ALL 4th grade parents, please sign up to help in some way, either with planning the event or volunteering at the event.
Link Your Store Cards

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, and Bloom shoppers’ cards. You can also link your Target REDcard.

Go to the PTA Website and click on the PTA – Fundraisers link for all the details.

Let’s Eat!

Thanks to everyone for coming out to Manhattan Pizza in November. We had a great turn out and earned lots of money for the school! A percentage of the proceeds from the receipts will go directly back into our PTA budget and support things such as the building of our Outdoor Green Classroom and the purchasing of a sign for the front of the school.

Please consider attending our family dining nights. For more information, you can check the Liberty PTA - Fundraisers Web Page.

GLORY DAYS – ANY TIME, ANY DAY!

Send your receipt to school in an envelope marked PTA or drop it in the Glory Days box near the office.

Box Tops For Education

Keep clipping those Box Tops! By doing so, you are earning “free” money for Liberty Elementary School. Every Box Top clipped is worth 10¢ and if we all pull together, we can earn THOUSANDS of dollars for our school. We all shop for groceries, so let’s turn those shopping trips into easy cash for our school! Just look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products like Cheerios®, Hamburger Helper®, Kleenex®, and Betty Crocker® products such as Fruit Roll Ups®. All you need to do is clip and send them to school in your child’s backpack.

We’ll have more to follow with some exciting ways for the children to collect Box Tops. In the meantime, thank you for supporting Liberty Elementary School and...HAPPY CLIPPING!

McDonald’s 5pm - 8pm
(located at 43250 Defender Drive, South Riding)
Wednesday January 24th, 2012 (PreK thru 2nd) and/or Thursday, January 25th, 2012 (3rd thru 5th)
You may come either or both nights.
We only suggest nights to not to overwhelm the store all on one night.
DRIVE THRU - CARRY OUT - DINE IN
Volunteers Needed

The Liberty PTA events and activities are only possible with the help of our Liberty parents and guardians. The donation of your time and talent is the only way to keep our events going, which in return keeps our programs funded. Be a special part of your child’s life and show them the difference volunteering can make. With your help, we can make this school the greatest it can be. To volunteer, contact Anaheeta Minwalla at acminwalla@verizon.net.

Shout-Out

Our PTA leaders have had a super busy and eventful fall. We want to give a big THANKS to the following people who put in a great effort over the last couple of months:

=> Steve Sebestyen, Anaheeta Minwalla and Julie Abel for the Annual Fall Festival
=> Julie McGoldrick for the Stoneridge 5K Run
=> Julie Abel for Manhattan Pizza Night(s) fundraiser
=> Nannette Azzouz for Bingo Night
=> Neha Jain for American Education Week

Way to go all!!! Thank you!!!

If you would like to recognize a PTA member for their efforts, please contact Laura Tubridy at lauratubridy@verizon.net.

Without the help of our amazing volunteers, we would not be able to provide the great programs and educational support to the school.

A great big “Thank You” goes out to all the volunteers at our recent events:

**Bingo**

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**AEW**

A big “Thank You!” to Ralph Miller, CMT (www.RHMassage.massagetherapy.com), for the wonderful chair massages he provided to teachers and staff during American Education Week! It was greatly appreciated.

If you volunteered for an event but didn’t see your name, please know that we greatly appreciate your help and couldn’t have done it without you!