Letter from PTA President

Dear Liberty Families,

Happy New Year! May 2015 bring the very best to you and yours! Hard to believe second quarter will be over in a couple of weeks and we will be at the half way mark of the school year! Our first event of the new year is International Festival and Potluck Tasting is on Friday, January 16th. The second half of the school year tends to move at a faster pace and we have plenty of activities to keep you entertained! I hope one of your New Year’s resolutions is to volunteer and/or attend at a PTA event.

Warm Regards,

Anaheeta Minwalla,
Liberty PTA President, libptapresident@gmail.com

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Calendar of Events

January

7th PTA Exec Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
8th January Newsletter Published
14th PTA General Membership Mtg. – 7:00 PM
16th International Festival
19th Holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
22nd Family Literacy Night 6:00 – 8:00 pm

February

5th February Newsletter Published
11th PTA General Membership Mtg. - 7:00 PM
16th Holiday (Presidents’ Day)
18th Spirit Night – Moe’s South Riding
KG-2ndGr. 4:00-8:00 PM
19th Spirit Night – Moe’s South Riding
KG-2ndGr. 4:00-8:00 PM
23-27 Book Fair
Liberty Events

International Festival & Potluck Food Tasting

Make sure to mark your calendars for an evening you won't want to miss, Friday, January 16th from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. There is something for everyone. Bring a dish to share and taste food from all around the world. Go to the auditorium for an evening of performances showcasing talents from Liberty students and community members. Be sure to travel around the world in the library for a chance to win a prize. Finally, stop in at the different grade level classrooms for a fun and educational activity.

PTA News

PTA 2015-2016

If you are considering serving as a Liberty PTA Officer for the 2015-2016 school year, you can send your name, e-mail, phone number and desired position(s) to Anaheeta Minwalla, libptapresident@gmail.com and your information will be forwarded to the Nominations and Elections Committee for further follow-up. The seven (7) Officer positions are:

- President
- VP Fundraising
- VP Events
- VP Committees & Volunteer Coordinator
- Treasurer
- Recording Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary

Eagle Eye Dads

There are plenty of available Eagle Eye Dad days. Even if you were an Eagle Eye Dad last year you can sign up again. Signing up is easy at signup.eagleeyedads.com. It’s a fun day for you and your kid(s) and a great way to be a role model at Liberty!
We have many exciting After School Programs this year at Liberty Elementary! Here is a preview of what we are offering. To register your student for a class please follow the links provided. Registration for classes begins 1/7/15 and ends 1/21/15. All classes are first come first serve and registration will stop when spots are full for that class. Unfortunately, there are no refunds for classes once you have signed up. That spot is yours for the whole session. For any questions contact beenishjavid@gmail.com

ACADEMIC & CREATIVE WRITING
The Writing Academy offers this innovative writing class designed to not only improve writing skills, but to help children form a positive relationship with writing. In this class, a highly qualified and supportive teacher helps students expand their knowledge of the writing process. Students will learn to write multi-paragraph compositions with clarity, organization, and elaboration. Author’s Craft will be introduced as a tool to add interest and appeal to both fiction and nonfiction writing. Students will learn how to write expository essays and short stories, while building confidence in their writing skills. Plus, they’ll have fun playing educational games for prizes as a means to enhance learning.
Ages: Grades 3-5
Dates: Thursday 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5
Fee: $149 for 6 classes
Register: http://www.thewritingacademyva.com/#!after-school-program-registration/c1lpe

Jr. Minecraft Programming
Using a custom mod called “Computercraft”, students will learn how to program robots called “Turtles” inside the world of Minecraft. Kids will utilize problem-solving skills by learning how to program their robots to complete various tasks and objectives such as programming their turtles to automatically build, mine, and craft items and structures. They will be introduced to programming if-then-else statements, for-while loops, and implement their own functions using Lua, a simple scripting language. Looking for a fun way to introduce your child to programming? Why not do it using a game they love! Note: Basic reading skills required. Experience playing Minecraft (on any platform) required!
Fee: $185 for 8 week session, Ages: 1st-3rd
Dates: Tuesdays 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 2:40pm-3:40 pm
Register: http://www.c3cyberclub.com/ Click on “Book a service” and find our school.

Minecraft Modding
In this class, students will learn how to create and program their own custom robots using the popular game. Minecraft. Introduce your child to some Lua and learn how to program robots to complete various tasks like automatically build, mine, and craft items and structures! Determine how each of your own robots behave. They will write if-then-else programming statements, for-while loops, and implement their own functions using Lua, a simple scripting language. Does your child love playing Minecraft? Introduce some programming basics in a game they love!
Fee: $185 for 8 week session, Ages: 1st-3rd
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**Video Game Design**
In this exciting class, children will use basic 3D modeling skills to create their very own platform-based video game. Students create their own unique puzzles and challenges in a 3D game world utilizing tools such as teleporters, jump pads, and lava. They also learn how to add characters, customize game attributes, and build their own virtual world from scratch. Students use their imagination, and problem-solving skills in order to find new ways to create different in-game puzzles for their classmates to solve. By the last class students will have a fully functional level and will receive a link to download the software and student levels. Looking for a way to introduce your child to the wonderful world of video game design? This is a great place to start!
Fee: $185 for 8 week session, Ages: 4th -5th
Dates: Thursday 1/29, 2/5, 2/12,2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 2:40pm-3:40 pm
Register: [http://www.c3cyberclub.com/](http://www.c3cyberclub.com/) Click on “Book a service” and find our school.

**Jr. Video Game Design**
Now available for grades 1s-t-3rd, this special class is specifically designed for young children to cultivate their interest to become game designers, multimedia artists, engineers, programmers and more! Give your child the opportunity to see how professional games are made. Learn cutting edge computer skills through the fun art of 3D Game Design using award-winning Platinum Arts Sandbox. In this exciting class, children will use basic 3D modeling skills to create their very own video game level. They will learn to customize game attributes and build their own virtual world from scratch. Students will create puzzles and challenges using jump pads, elevators, lava, and more! Acquire computer skills, mathematics, creativity and basic problem solving skills. Looking for a way to introduce your child to the wonderful world of video game design? This is a great place to start!
Fee: $185 for 8 week session, Ages: 1st-3rd
Dates: Thursday 1/29, 2/5, 2/12,2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 2:40pm-3:40 pm
Register: [http://www.c3cyberclub.com/](http://www.c3cyberclub.com/) Click on “Book a service” and find our school.

**KidzArt**
KidzArt is an extraordinary drawing program that introduces children to concepts such as proportion, perspective, dimension and shading. Starting with a blank canvas, the students will create a masterpiece to take home after every class. The young artists are exposed to many mediums which may include oil and chalk pastels, watercolors, charcoal, markers, and clay. New curriculum in every session. KidzArt builds self-confidence, problem-solving skills and creativity in a fun non-competitive atmosphere. Artist quality materials are provided.
Fee: $117 for 8 week session, Ages: K- 5th
Dates: Tuesday, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10,2/17, 2/24, 3/3, 3/10,3/17 2:40pm-3:40 pm
Registration: Online Registration through, [www.kidzartva.com](http://www.kidzartva.com)

**DRAMA KIDS**
Drama Kids is a program for students offering world-renowned curriculum that builds important academic as well as life skills for students. Drama Kids is the largest after-school drama program in the world with more than 40,000 students worldwide! During the school year in the Drama Kids program, students learn to improve skills in speech, verbal dynamics, creative movement, language development, and dialogue development. Using snippets, scene starters, structured improvisation and mini-scripts, students develop strong skill sets and present what they have learned at end-of-year productions. Special achievement certificates and other awards are given to students as they complete each year of the program.
Dates: Classes run all year from 2:40-3:40. Consult website for further information.
Ages: Grades 1-2 and Grades 3-5 [www.dramakids.com/va4](http://www.dramakids.com/va4)
**Chess Club:**
Learn chess from a Silver Knights Chess coach! We teach more than 3,500 children each week. Club time is split between lesson and play. Lessons range from learning the rules to advanced tournament strategies, depending on the children. Play time is structured to pair each student against an opponent of similar skill. All grades and skill levels are welcome. Silver Knights will supply all the equipment during chess club. Students will have the opportunity to play in tournaments.
Fee: $379 for 28 weeks (Chess club goes on all year), Ages: All grades welcome
Dates: Thursday, 10/2 – 5/7 from 2:40-3:40
Register: [www.silverknightschess.com](http://www.silverknightschess.com)

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**Free Money for Liberty**

Link your Giant, Harris Teeter and Target store cards to our school - do this at the beginning of each school year - click on each store to link

Liberty Code 05654  Liberty Code 7219  Liberty Code 149682

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**Get Connected to Liberty PTA:**

Like us on Facebook!  Bookmark the PTA website!  Receive text reminders!
Dear Families,

Mark your calendar! The Liberty Family Literacy Night is coming to your elementary school on Thursday, January 22, 2015, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The purpose of Family Literacy Night is to engage families in celebrating literacy and to foster a natural love of reading in our children! The theme for the evening is “Roundin’ Up Readers At Liberty”. Families will:

- listen to wonderful stories with Mrs. Insari and Mrs. Heidary
- sing cowboy songs with Mrs. Assetto and Mrs. Scott
- lace leather bookmarks with Mrs. Epperson and Ms. Donaldson
- make your own book trailer with Mrs. Parker, Mrs. L. Fisher, Mrs. Haynie, Ms. Prebeck and Ms. Burnheimer
- create an acrostic poem
- making words with Ms. Peebles and Ms. Goitia
- musical cowboys with Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Nies
- Bingo with Mrs. K. Fisher and Mrs. Pickering
- Flashlight/head light reading around the campfire-bring your own book

So all you cowboys and cowgirls come and join us for a wonderful, action packed evening of family FUN!!
BABY ITS COLD OUTSIDE
BOX TOP CONTEST

The top three classes that collect the most box tops by January 23rd wins a lunchtime popsicle party!

Please glue, tape or staple a box top to each snowflake and return to school in your child's backpack.

Name ___________
Teacher__________
Grade_______ Am or PM

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Freedom High School (FHS) Athletic Boosters are sponsoring its 
Annual Spring Mulch Sale on Saturday, April 11, 2015

❖ 3 Cubic Ft. Bags of Shredded Hardwood Bark Mulch
❖ 2 Cubic Ft. Bags of Color Enhanced Black Mulch
❖ $4.75 per Bag – Tax Deductible Donation of $2.45 per bag
❖ Pickup at FHS between 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on April 11th OR have
delivered to your driveway
❖ Free delivery (w/in 5 mile Radius of FHS) for orders of 20 or more
bags. $10 Fee for all other deliveries.
❖ Email questions to mulchmadness@ymail.com

MULCH SALE ORDER FORM
ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY SUNDAY April 5

Name: _______________________________________________________________
Address (Incl. Subdivision): _______________________________________________
Telephone #: ___________________________ e-Mail: _____________________________

Please check preferred mulch color: _______ 3 cubic ft. bags of shredded dark brown hardwod bark mulch
_________ 2 cubic ft. bags of color enhanced black mulch

# of Bags __________ x $4.75 = $___________ + Delivery Fee $___________ = $______________ Total

Specify delivery point on or near driveway (optional): _______________________________

Circle Form of Payment: Cash, Check
If paying by credit card, go to PAY4SCHOOLSTUFFONLINE.COM AND PAY FOR YOUR ORDER.

Make checks payable to: “FEABC” (Freedom Eagles Athletic Booster Club).
Mail or deliver order forms with payment to:
FEABC (Mulch Sale)
Freedom High School
25450 Riding Center Drive
South Riding, VA 20152

Thank you for supporting Freedom High School Athletics
### Programs for Children

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<td>Saturday, Jan. 3</td>
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<td>Monday, Jan. 26</td>
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