Parents, Teachers, and Liberty Community,

I knew this was going to be fun, but I have to say that having the opportunity to serve as the 2011-12 PTA President was absolutely and positively beyond expectations in the most excellent, awesome and terrific way! Loved it!

Taking the time to make a list of our accomplishments (see Terrific Things We Accomplished Together as a PTA) was a wonderful reminder of all the unique things we were a part of this year. It’s an impressive list and I hope you take a minute or two to reflect on all we did together. Your membership, your volunteer time, and your donations of all kinds are appreciated and were put to good use.

Looking ahead to next year, I foresee many wonderful Events and Programs on the horizon and I am excited to work with Anaheeta, James, Chris, Mel, Taryn and Lisa as the 12-13 Executive Board. We need many more Committee Chairs (see our Wanted Ads) and would love for YOU to step up and help us lead.

You know how to reach me!

Gina Fink, PTA President, gina.fink@comcast.net

Upcoming Events

June 3 – Outdoor Classroom Workday
June 5 – DARE Graduation
June 6 – PTA Exec. Bd. Meeting 7PM
June 7 – 5th Grade Promotion
June 8 – 5th Gr. Talent Show (students only)
June 8 – Last Day of School
June 13 – Report Cards Sent Home
August 27 – First Day of School

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,

It's hard to believe that the school year is almost over! For me, it's just about as hard to believe that I took on the role of PTA Treasurer two years ago and that the time has come for me to relinquish the position. I’d like to thank all of you for your generous support of the PTA and of our school! Thanks to your help, we are poised to embark on many new and exciting initiatives next year such as the electronic school sign (similar to the one at Freedom High School across the street) and the next phase of the Outdoor Classroom! The PTA has
accomplished so much in the four short years since Liberty Elementary opened its doors, and much of the progress is thanks to the support of our wonderful families. Thanks again, and I’ll see you around!

Rebekah Cox
Outgoing PTA Treasurer

Liberty PTA Executive Board
2012 – 2013

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PTA Membership 2011-2012

This year we saw record-breaking numbers for PTA membership. Our final membership tally for this year is 681. Please know your membership dollars were used to fund various reading programs, buy books for classrooms and the list goes on and on. Thank you for joining and we hope to see your name on the membership roster again next year. If you missed out on joining the PTA, we encourage you to join for the 2012-2013 school year.

Box Top Contest Final Results

It was a record-breaking year for Liberty Elementary School. We turned in over $3,110 Box Tops to earn $3,110 for our school! Please remember to keep clipping over the summer to help your class get a jump-start towards next year’s prizes.

Following are the winners for the 2011/2012 school year:

- 1st Place, and winners of the Grand Prize Pizza, Popcorn, and Lemonade Party, is Ms. McAtee’s 2nd Grade Class
- 2nd Place, and winners of the Popsicle Party, is Ms. Culver’s 4th Grade Class
- 3rd Place, and winners of the Popcorn Party, is Mrs. Langan’s 4th Grade Class

Congratulations students, and parents, for clipping and turning in all those Box Tops. Keep up the good work, and let’s break another record next year!

Thank you for our Sponsors for Teacher Appreciation Week

Dr. Omar of East Gate Orthodontics
www.eastgateorthodontics.com

Kathleen Huff of Glory Days Grill Stone Ridge
stoneridge@glorydaysgrill.com

Manhattan Pizza South Riding
www.manhattanpizza.com 703-722-2020

Ralph Miller, CMT and Kerry Arias, CMT
www.RHMassage.massagetherapy.com

Eileen Brookshire of Mary Kay
www.marykay.com/ebrookshire

Sharon Lamb www.marykay.com/slamb1

Mug ‘N Muffin www.mugnmuffin.net
Year End Wrap-Up

PTA by the ABC’s
Terrific Things We Accomplished Together in 2011/12

as compiled by 2011/2012 PTA President Gina Fink

After School Enrichment – 3 sessions, hugely popular, moneymaker (net $9,000+)
American Education Week - with Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad
Art to Remember – fundraiser raised over $1,800
Assemblies
Back to School Night
Bingo – raised over $1,400
Box Tops – raised over $3,000
Budget of $104,500+ prepared, stayed “on track” and accomplished great things!
Committee Chairs – terrific things happen when people step up to lead
Committee work – terrific things happen when people focus on specific projects
ConnectEd (phone calls & eAnnouncements) – “green” communications from PTA
Copying
DARE shirts
Dining Nights (McDonalds, Chick-fil-A, Manhattan Pizza, Glory Days Grill) - $2,000+
Directory
E-mails (General Volunteer List)
Events – 7 awesome Events that were fun and raised funds
Exec. Board Officers – 7 dedicated parents and 3 wonderful Principals with goals
Facebook - 96 “friends” of “Liberty PTA” – join today to keep up-to-date
Fall Fest – games, trunk-or-treat & car-show, haunted house and so much more!
   And raised (profit) over $6,400!
Fall Fundraiser – raised $11,800+
Family Literacy Night – “Under the Big Top” reading night at Liberty
Field Day – parent volunteers & great weather – can’t ask for more!
Field trip assistance and good will
Fifth Grade Promotion
Flower Pens by 5th Graders – sponsor of wildly successful fundraiser by 5th graders
Front Office Volunteers
Fundraising – year-round, Rainbow Race for Outdoor Classroom – exceeded all goals
Funding Requests – 2nd Gr. Texts, 3rd Gr. Texts, and so much more!
Green Team – glue stick and juice pouch recycling, tree planting, at every Event
Grocery store programs – linking up our grocery cards brought big benefits
Haunted house at Fall Fest
International Fest & Potluck – free event, popular potluck, student entertainment
IXL License (online math homework) – 5th grade (11/12) trial; 4th & 5th for 12/13
Jingle Bell Jog – 1st time ever, great weather, truly ugly sweaters 😊
Kindergarten Registration – PTA welcome table, copying, school supply kits
LEAP (Loudoun Education Alliance of Parents) Representative
Meetings (well attended, 1-hour on-the-dot, informative, treats)
Membership of 681 with 100% of teachers & best #'s ever for parents– Wow!
Movie Night
MSAAC (Minority Student Achievement Advisory Committee) Representative
Music software
Newsletter
Odyssey of the Mind (OM) – 11 Teams (7 primary & 4 Division level)
Outdoor Classroom
Parent Talks (Test-taking Strategies, Homework Advice)
Patriot Day
Pizza, Popcorn and Popsicle® Parties
Playground Phase II – wrote the big check for $23,711.82
Year End Wrap-Up

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Reading Incentive Programs (Fall/Dragon scales; Spring/Medals)
Recess Kits – very popular “prize” from Grocery Store Card Linked program
Reflections - National PTA Arts program with 11/12 theme of “Diversity means …”
96 Liberty entries (19 Visual Arts, 67 Literature, 5 Musical Composition, 4 Photography & 1 Film) with a 1st place District/2nd place State winner in art
Room Parents
School Store Volunteers
School Supply Kits
Sign – $20K dedicated to Liberty Marquee Sign
Spaghetti Dinner & Family Feud
Spiritwear
Staff Matball Game – wonderful community spirit, kicks, and over $6,600 profit!
STEMmer Day
Stone Ridge 5K & 1K Fun Run – exercise, community togetherness and $2,700+
Teacher Appreciation Week – We went “bananas” with fruit, flowers, banana-grams, desserts, lunches, banana splits, books, classroom/individual thanks - oh-my!
Teacher Allotments for Supplies – up to $65 per teacher/specialist
Teacher Welcome Breakfast
Thank you’s to our Community sponsors, teachers & staff and volunteers!
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Veteran’s Day Display – Salute to our Veterans and those who currently serve
Virginia PTA Leadership Conference Volunteers (e.g. picture day, in-class/hallway helpers, library books re-shelving, etc.)
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Thanks to All the PTA Leaders

A great big thanks to all our outgoing Exec Officers and Committee Chairs for all their hard work throughout the school year. A special thank you to Beth Choi for putting together stellar newsletters over the past two years!

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Treasurer: Rebekah Cox
Recording Secretary: Deepa Jha
Coordinating Secretary: Laura Tubridy

After School Enrichment Program: Emily & Tom Parker
American Education Week: Neha Jain
Art to Remember: Kristy Jones
Bingo: Nannette Azzouz
Box Tops: Melissa Golden
Copy Committee: Angie McKinney
Dads Club: James Milam
Directory: Stacy Stiles
Facebook: Anaheeta & Cyrus Minwalla
Fall Festival Prizes: Joy Borkowski
Fall Festival Games: MaryAlice Piper
Fall Festival Haunted House: Karin & Patrick Meenan
Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony: Jennifer King (5th grade teacher)
Green Team: Crystal Geller
International Festival: Julie Abel, Gina Fink, Anaheeta Minwalla & Steven Sebestyen
Jingle Bell Jog: Julie McGoldrick
LEAP Rep: Tom Parker
Membership: Gina Fink and Anaheeta Minwalla
MSAAC: Andrea Jones & Nadia Luqman
Newsletter: Beth Choi
Odyssey of the Mind: Deepa Jha
Outdoor Classroom: Laura Tubridy
Playground Committee: Tom Parker
Reflections: Anu Kaur
Room Parent Coordinator: Lakshmi Santhamoorthy
School Supply Kit: Lisa Strother
Many, many thanks to our Outdoor Classroom Committee members for your time, efforts, and talents: Julie Abel, Vinayak Arumugam, Anne Corej, Nabeela Fischer, Sukdev Rawat, Avinash Tale, Laura Tubridy, and Jeremy Woon. Also thank you to Gaby Maddiex, Crystal Geller, and Kristen Reed for your help!

We also want to acknowledge the following Liberty teachers and staff who stepped up to provide assistance in various ways: Mrs. Ganley, Mrs. Stine, Mrs. Koch and the Student Council, Mrs. Heidary, Mrs. McAtee, Mrs. Dempsey and our custodian Joachim. Thanks also to other Liberty parents who helped in many ways: Gina Fink, James and Melina Milam, Jae Chi, Christy Kosnic and Tom Parker. Thank you!

Many, many students and well over 100 Liberty families contributed to our super successful Rainbow Race fundraiser to help fund the project. Thank you all so much! Families contributing $100 or more to the project include: The Gray family, the Parker family, the Reed family, the Meenan family, the Chung family and the Perrino family. Hopefully, we didn’t leave anyone off this list - if we did, please let us know so we can acknowledge your contribution!

And last-but-not-least, we received amazing assistance from many in the extended community, including: John Lord (LCPS), Michael Barancewicz (LCPS), Odette Scovel (LCPS), Eliza Russell (National Wildlife Federation), Trex Company, SWIFT, Inc., Jason Lex and K.T. Enterprises, Home Depot of South Riding, Pepe Ayulo (Meadows Farm), Cathleen Maloney, Caroline Maloney, Miranda Herrera and Rachel Fangyen (Girl Scout Troop 4795 - Silver Award Team), Matthew Riley (Boy Scout Troop 682 - Eagle Scout Candidate), and Rob and Christy Ashby.

Thank You to the Outdoor Classroom Volunteers

As the school year comes to an end, we would like to thank the many individuals and organizations who are helping to make the Liberty Outdoor Classroom happen!

First, a big THANK YOU goes out to our awesome team of Liberty principals for their continued support for and many contributions to the project: Dr. Atwater, Mr. Thiessen and Mrs. Insari.

Thanks to Our Volunteers!!

The Volunteer is one with a heart so sincere.
No task too large, no task too small,
Who will help with anything at all.
Who will be there in the morning light,
Or help in the dark of night.
The Volunteer, our extra hand,
On whose future our children stand.
Never anyone so dear as a Liberty Volunteer!

Whether it was in the classroom or at a PTA event, your help was truly appreciated! Our sincere thanks for all that you have done!

Year End Wrap-Up

SEAC Rep: Lakshmi Santhamoorthy
Spirit Wear: Lisa Strother & Kristy Jones
Staff Matt Ball Game: Julie Abel, Gina Fink, Anaheeta Minwalla, Emily Parker & Steven Sebestyen
Stone Ridge 5k: Julie McGoldrick
Teacher Appreciation Week: Gina Fink, Kaye Findley, Neha Jain, Suman Khandelwal & Anaheeta Minwalla
Teacher Welcome Back Breakfast: Beth Cattafesta & Lynn Hood
Treats on Call: Beth Cattafesta
Website: Anaheeta & Cyrus Minwalla
Outdoor Classroom Work Day
Your Help is Needed!!

Thank you for your overwhelming support of the Liberty Outdoor Classroom project which is now getting underway. Many of you got a sneak peak at the "under construction" project at Liberty's STEMmer Day.

Many Liberty families and students also contributed generously to our Rainbow Race Fundraiser - Thank you! In light of our fundraiser's success, we are now able to complete one of our courtyards right away - our kitchen garden. We have funds available to purchase lumber and soil for additional raised planting beds, mulch for pathways and hedge plantings to divide the garden area from the preschool play area. **But, we need your help!**
We need assistance in constructing the beds, transporting and spreading the soil and mulch and planting the hedges. Li

We have set aside **Sunday, June 3rd from 12:00 PM until 4:00 PM** as a work date for this project. We need lots of volunteers from our Liberty families. So please consider volunteering your time on June 3rd. In addition, we need wheelbarrows, shovels, sod removers, hammers, etc. so please consider bringing these along. If you are able to help on this project, please respond to me at lauratubridy@verizon.net. Thank you!

"Many hands make light work."

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**Vacant Committee Chair Positions For 2012-2013**

**Dads Club Chair person**
Responsible for coordinating “Dad” volunteers during events via email!

**Membership Chairperson(s)**
We are looking for one or two people to head up the 2012-2013 PTA Membership Drive!
Our goal is 100% membership and if you share our vision we need you on our team!!!!

**Spiritwear Chairperson(s)**
Responsible for coordinating spirit wear sales for the school year. We typically have two, fall and spring!
LEAP Representative & Alternate
Requirements are to attend monthly meetings at the LCPS Administration building and report to the PTA Executive Board.

International Festival Chairperson(s)
This is one of our biggest events of the year! If you choose to chair/co-chair this event, our outgoing committee chair will meet with you and give you information from previous years.

Box Tops Chairperson
Encourage participation through contests. Collects/counts box tops and mails them to BTFE (Box Tops for Education).

5th Grade Promotion Ceremony Chairperson(s)
Preferably a 4th or 5th grade parent.

MSAAC Representative & Alternate
Requirements are to attend monthly meetings at the LCPS Administration building and report to the PTA Executive Board.

Reflections Chairperson(s)
Offers the opportunity for students to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students are encouraged to produce an original, artistic entry, via literature, music composition, photography, visual art, dance choreography or video/film production.
Room Parent Coordinator(s)  
Maintain an email list of all room parents grades KG-5th. Send out emails/notices coordinating with PTA events.

PTA Photographer  
Take photographs at Liberty events and put together photo album/scrapbook.

Green Team Chairperson  
Reaching out to the Liberty community and teaching them about environmental challenges we are all facing these days, and finding solutions for them.

Odyssey of the Mind Chairperson(s)  
An international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and World level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program.

Bingo Chairperson  
Coordinate Bingo event, i.e. setup, foodservice, cleanup, volunteers to sell tickets etc. Organize prizes and teachers “to call” the Bingo games.

After School Enrichment Program Co-Chair  
We need an organized person to help with registration forms, create classroom lists.