Letter from the PTA President

Dear Parents, Guardians, Teachers, and Liberty Community,

The Liberty PTA welcomes you back for another outstanding year. We have a full calendar of events planned, which includes many Spirit Nights. Keep an eye on the ever changing PTA calendar, as we are continuing to add fun events. I encourage you to subscribe to the school’s Google calendar as it keeps in line with all events in and around Liberty and our PTA.

The month of September brings our annual “Laps for Liberty” event, a Fun Run to fundraise for Liberty. The entire school participates in the event. 100% of all funds raised during the event goes directly back to Liberty. A successful event means this will be our only fundraiser for the year. To be successful, we need everyone to commit to supporting our children as they reach their running/walking goals. I know our Fourth Annual Laps for Liberty can be our most successful yet.

Liberty PTA has been very concise with our goals since we came into fruition 11 years ago! We want two things from you each year: Join the PTA and be involved in your child’s school by volunteering!

Join the PTA

Virginia has been selected as one of 4 states that is moving to online membership. This means that all of your child’s schools’ PTA Memberships from Liberty forward will be online. This allows you to have one account to pay for all the schools your child or children attend. Start now by creating your account at member.pta.org/join. Membership is just $12 for a parent or $20 for a family. The largest portion of dues ($8.25) stays at Liberty to help us fund activities, programs, and worthwhile “extras” to help support our students and teachers in the classrooms. A portion of dues ($2.25 to National PTA and $1.50 to Virginia PTA) supports advocacy efforts at all levels: local, district, state, and national. Our goal is 100% PTA membership! We need YOU to make that happen. This is a goal we can achieve TOGETHER!

Be Involved

Find ways to be involved that make sense for you. We have many opportunities throughout the year. Our PTA volunteer opportunities can be found on the Liberty Homepage but you can also request to be put on our email list by emailing our volunteer coordinator vc@liberty-pta.com. Some opportunities are as little time as 30 minutes, others involve helping by bringing in requested items, while still others may request your creativity. Whether you are there to be an in-class volunteer, serve as a room parent, help out at Laps for Liberty, attend a meeting, participate in Spirit nights or fundraisers, or just want to be helpful from afar, we want YOU!

I look forward to working with you and making Liberty the best it can be!

Sincerely,

Jen Robinette
PTA President 2018-2019
president@liberty-pta.com
Eagle Eye Dads Kickoff

Liberty’s Eagle Eye Dad Program strives to involve fathers and father figures in our school’s learning environment. The Eagle Eye Dads work with Liberty teachers and administrators to maintain a safe and secure school, act as a role model or mentor, assist in classrooms, experience positive interactions with students, and spend time with your child during the school day. Liberty’s goal is to have at least one Eagle Eye Dad volunteer each week.

Some examples of Eagle Eye Dad responsibilities may include:
- Greeting students as they arrive
- Walking through hallways to monitor behavior with both Liberty “Blue Eagle” slips for excellent individual behavior and Liberty “White Eagle” slips for excellent class behavior
- Appearing as a guest on Liberty’s Morning Show with your child/children
- Monitoring the cafeteria including lunch with your child/children
- Participating at recess if possible with your child/children
- Visiting multiple classrooms throughout the day at any grade level to include at least one visit to your child/children’s classes

Eagle Eye Dad hours are a full school day, from 7:25am to 2:35 p.m. Eagle Eye Dads are welcome to volunteer as frequently as your schedule allows as long as Liberty can fairly distribute the opportunities among all interested volunteers.

Please consider volunteering for Liberty’s Eagle Eye Dad program to make a difference in our students’ lives. We look forward to including you in our Liberty community.

For more information, contact William Perry at eagleeyedads@liberty-pta.com or visit https://www.lcps.org/domain/13554.

Laps for Liberty

When: September 20, 2018 (all day); rain date: September 27, 2018
Where: Inside the Liberty Elementary track
Why: To stress the importance of fitness to our students; our ONE fundraiser for the year
What: Students will get pledges from family and friends and then run as many laps as they can around our 1/16th of a mile track in 15 minutes. Pledges may be $/lap or a flat donation.

You will receive an envelope with the amount owed the day of the event. All money is due on Friday, September 27th, 2018. Please make checks payable to Liberty Elementary PTA. You may also send in cash or pay by credit card at http://squareup.com/store/libertyes-pta.

Want to help? Here’s how!

Help Mark Laps: Stand on the line when students run past you make a mark on the lap card. It's as simple as holding a pen and waiting for students to line up as they run past.

Approx: 1-2 hours depending on shift selected. (Shifts are specific to Grades participating.) Sign up to mark laps here: http://signup.com/go/dphJwi

Tally Crew: After classes run we have a group of volunteers counting up totaling up pledge sheets in the library with the rest of the Tally Crew for each class. This is counting laps and totals and using a calculator.

Approx: 1 hour. (Shifts are based on teachers’ classes and time is after they run.) Sign up to tally laps and totals here: http://signup.com/go/pYpHfqo

Please consider coming in to support your Eagles as they run for their school. It’s a big day and we are all excited to cheer each other on.

Please be sure to visit and thank our sponsors:
After School Enrichment Program (ASEP)

Liberty’s After School Enrichment Program is excited to kick off for the fall semester!

Programs begin on September 24th and end on November 30th. Classes are from 2:40pm – 3:40pm. Registration is now open and will close on September 20th.

Transportation home will need to be provided by the parent/guardian. Walking home without adult supervision is not allowed. If the student is enrolled in CASA/YMCA, the child will be escorted back to CASA/YMCA at the end of the session.

All classes are on a first-come, first-served basis. Refunds will be only be issued if the class is full or cancelled due to lack of enrollment.

Registration and payment for programs offered by local vendors is online with the hosting company.

For the first time ever, Liberty teachers will be hosting some of our enrichment programs. The fall offerings led by our teachers include Creative Writing with Ms. Ricci, Crazy 8’s with Mrs. Gilbert & Mrs. Houston, and GEMS (Girls Excelling in Math and Science) with Mrs. Thomas.

More information about registration can be found here: [https://www.lcps.org/Page/63547](https://www.lcps.org/Page/63547)

**Tuesdays**
- Coding (2-5)
- Cool Careers Island® STEAM (K-5)
- Creative Writing (2-5)
- Machine Sewing Accessories & Decor (4-5)
- Mini Unicorns and Rainbows Hand Sewing (2-5)
- Pottery (K-5)
- Tennis (K-2)

**Wednesdays**
- Crazy 8’s Math Games (3-5)
- Girls Excelling in Math and Science “GEMS Club” (2-5)
- LEGO Robotics (1-5)
- Tea with Me (K-5)
- Tennis (3-5)

**Thursdays**
- Chess: 9 Weeks (K-5)
- Chess: 28 Weeks (K-5)
- GoTime Sports (3-5)
- Kids on Canvas (K-5)
- Musical Theatre (K-5)
- Sports Spectacular (K-2)

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**Upcoming Events**

All events are held at Liberty unless otherwise noted.

**September**
- 12, 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
  - Digital Integration Night
- 15, 8:00 a.m.
  - Asha-Jyothi Fundraiser 5K
  - 4250 Fairfax Corner Ave, Fairfax, VA 22030
  - Coupon code: libertyes-aj5k
- 19, 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
  - Creative Competition Programs Parents’ Information Night
- 20, All day
  - Laps for Liberty

**October**
- 2, 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
  - General PTA Meeting
- 4, 11:30 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
  - Spirit Night: Coal Fire Pizza
  - 24560 Dulles Landing Dr #140, Sterling, VA 20166
- 5, All day
  - Field Day
- 8
  - School Holiday (Columbus Day)
- 18, 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
  - Children’s Diversity Night
- 20, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
  - LoCo STEM Day

**November**
- 6, 5:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
  - Spirit Night: McDonald’s
  - 43250 Defender Dr, South Riding, VA 20152
- 12-16
  - American Education Week
- 15, 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
  - Digital Integration Night
- 16, 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
  - School Dance
- 21-23
  - School Holiday (Thanksgiving Break)
- 26-30
  - Fall Book Fair
- 27, 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
  - Family Literacy Night
- 29, 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
  - Family Literacy Night
  - Inclement Weather Date
Box Tops Contest
Our first Box Tops for Education contest is now under way!
Contest 1:
August 23-October 19
Prize: Pajama Day for the top 3 classes!

The top 3 students submitting Box Tops during Contest 1 will get a small surprise!

Please no expired Box Tops.

Please download and print the August-October Box Tops certificate here: http://bit.ly/boxtopsfall18

To see more ways to earn money for Liberty through the Box Tops program, plus coupons and free sample offers, please visit this link: http://btfe.com.

Thank you and good luck to our A+ Box Tops clippers!

Free Money for our School

Link Your Grocery Rewards

Giant
http://giantfoodstores.com/savings-and-rewards/rewards-program/aplus
Liberty school code 05654

Harris Teeter
http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx
Liberty school code 7219

Box Tops for Education

Collecting box tops is a fun and easy way to earn money for our school! Look for this logo on the front of products you buy. Clip the Official pink Box Tops for Education coupons (be sure to include the expiration date!) and send it in to your child’s teacher. Each one sent in earns Liberty $.10!

Amazon Smile

You shop. Amazon gives.

Use this link when you shop at Amazon, and Liberty will receive 0.5% of your purchase.
http://smile.amazon.com/ch/30-0479782

Glory Days

Save your Glory Days receipts. Anytime you eat at Glory Days, please ask your server for a copy of your guest check. Send the receipt in an envelope to the school addressed to the PTA. Liberty receives 10% of food and non-alcoholic drink purchases.

Red Robin

Add Liberty to your Red Robin Royalty Card in the “Burgers for Better Schools” section of your online account.
http://royalty.redrobin.com

Office Depot

Shop at https://www.officedepot.com/a/content/back-to-school/5percent/
Liberty school code 70217870

Spirit Nights

Please join us for our Liberty Spirit Nights! These are opportunities to socialize with your fellow Eagles, show your school spirit, and help the school raise money! Liberty receives a portion or each nights’ sales. See our webpage and event calendar for more information.
How Does Laps for Liberty Help Our School?

Since 2015, donations from Laps for Liberty have supported the amazing learning and accomplishments of our students!

**Smart Lab**
- Collaborative Dry-Erase Furniture
- Student Video Editing Station
- Osmo Coding Kits
- “Storyboard That” Creation Software
- Noise Canceling Headphones
- Bloxels Coding
- Spheros Robotics
- Ozobot Coding
- Code N Go Mouse

**STEM Supplies and Tools**
- Wind turbine kit and hydropower kit
- Snap Circuits
- Building Tools

**Technology**
- Chromebooks
- iPad Minis
- iPads
- Apple TVs

**Classroom Environment**
- Ball Chairs and Flexible Seating Options
- Bulletin Board and Instructional Die Cuts

**School Counseling**
- Calming Tools
- School Supplies for Families in Need
- PBIS Incentives

**Reading**
- Classroom Libraries
- Primary Classroom Book Bags

**Music and Arts**
- Podium
- Musical Instruments

**Math**
- Magnetic Wands
- Stopwatches
- Base 10 Blocks
- Judy Clocks
- Geometric Shapes
- Fraction Pieces

**Science**
- Gardening Supplies and Equipment
- Measurement Tools, such as Wind Vane, Barometer, Rain Gauge, Thermometer, Anemometer, Hygrometer
- Sensory/Pollinator Garden

**Sensory/Pollinator Garden**
- Sensory/Pollinator Plants
- Resources "Wings and Things" from Audubon Adventures

**Student Events**
- STEMmerday
- Family Literacy Night
- Digital Integration Night
- Assemblies

**Student Interests/Groups**
- Patrols
- Tech Team
- Mileage Club
- Mo Show

**Teacher & Staff Development**
- Future Education of Technology Conference
- International Society of Technology in Education Conference
- National Art Educators Association Conference
- Speech and Hearing Association of Virginia Conference
About the Liberty Elementary School PTA

The Liberty Elementary School PTA works to develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as to secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

Last school year, with the help of our dedicated and engaged parents, staff, and community, the PTA helped contribute over $87,000 directly to Liberty. These funds go toward the purchase of new classroom and school technology, special events and speakers, STEM curriculum and events, teacher appreciation and staff development, and much more.

Everything you do to support Liberty Elementary directly supports our students and community. With your help, we can work together to help every child discover and reach his or her full potential.

Thank you for your time, dedication, and support!