Letter from the PTA President

It’s hard to believe the first quarter of school is coming to a close. We have done so much this year already: Laps for Liberty, Field Day, Children’s Diversity Night, and Spirit Nights at Dairy Queen, Coal Fire Pizza, Chik-fil-A, and Monster Mini Golf. We even spoiled our bus drivers with an amazing display of goodies and cards. Thank you all for the generous support so far, from spending 15 minutes to run our school store, to sending in items to spoil our teachers and bus drivers, to taking time out of your day to be a part of our BIG fundraiser. It cannot be a success without you.

PTA Meetings

Our next PTA meeting will be in December, since the first Tuesday in November falls on a student holiday. Our PTA Meetings have had some amazing presentations from our teachers on Common Sense Media as well as Family Engagement. Please attend our upcoming meetings for more timely and relevant presentations from our amazing teachers.

Laps for Liberty Pledges Total

As of right now, our Laps For Liberty total is just about $33,700. A HUGE thank you for your support. If you haven’t had a chance to submit your pledges, no worries! We are happy to collect your pledges and donations as you send them in. Our teachers and team leaders are in the process of gathering all their wish list items and big ticket school requests to submit to the PTA. It is always so incredible to see all that our teachers want to give back to our students and even better to be able to gift them those tools for them to be successful at doing so.

American Education Week

American Education Week (AEW) will be coming up November 12th -16th. You can find more information about the week’s events and volunteer requests in this newsletter. Along with all the terrific activities the teachers have planned in the classroom, we like to spoil them with breakfast and tokens of appreciation throughout the week. Our signups for this particular week are less hands-on and more items needed. Our American Education Week end with our Second Annual Dance!

Enjoy your November! I look forward to seeing many of you throughout American Education Week in the school and at the School Dance. May you all have safe travels and a Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Jen Robinette
PTA President 2018-2019
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Children’s Diversity Night Thank You by Sandy Toor

Thank you to all the families that came out for Children’s Diversity Night! We had a great turnout.

The PTA will like to that all those who helped make this night a success.

Teachers and staff: Mr. Pack, Mrs. Pierce, Ms. Johnson, Ms. DeMember, Ms. Nykorchuk, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Symonds, Mrs. Poerksen, Ms. Skeins, Mrs. Faul, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Roivas, Ms. Austin, Mrs. Schoenherr and the custodial staff for amazing job with set up and clean up.


Students: Liberty students who participated in the group music portion and individual/group performances; Liberty SCA members Jason, Nethra, Vibhav, Lexi, Ashley, Tanay, Arhan, and Courtney.

If we mistakenly missed a name, we do apologize.

Volunteers Needed by Poonam Upadhyaya

Please help us celebrate public school education, terrific teachers and parent involvement by participating in as many of the following activities as possible!

We are in need of volunteers. November is short, but it has many opportunities to help out. Please consider donating a little bit of time to help us celebrate American Education Week, School Book Fair, School Dance, and Bingo Coordinators.

Please visit Liberty’s PTA volunteer homepage or use the links below for signups.

School Store
http://signup.com/go/TboxFuv

School Book Fair
http://signup.com/go/yyrhYFW

American Education Week
http://signup.com/go/YgCTSZu

School Dance
http://signup.com/go/xhPzjAw

Bingo Basket Coordinators
http://signup.com/go/ccicPRj
Liberty Elementary PTA Presents:

**American Education Week**

November 12-16th

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**Upcoming Events**

All events are held at Liberty unless otherwise noted.

**November**

- 5-6
  Student Holidays

- 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

**December**

- 4, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
  General PTA Meeting

- 8, 6:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m.
  Spirit Night: Ashburn Ice House
  21595 Smith Switch Rd,
  Ashburn, VA 20147

- 17
  All Day
  Spirit Night: Vocelli Pizza
  42010 Village Center Plz, #130
  Stone Ridge, VA 20105

- 21-31
  School Holiday (Winter Break)

**January**

- 1
  School Holiday (Winter Break)

- 3, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
  General PTA Meeting

- 7
  All Day
  Spirit Night: Vocelli Pizza
  42010 Village Center Plz, #130
  Stone Ridge, VA 20105

- 18
  Moveable Student Holiday

- 21
  School Holiday
  (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

- 25, 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
  PTA Bingo Night
Box Tops Contest

Winners

Congratulations to our A+ Box Tops clipper!

Our Contest 1 winners are:

Top 3 Classes (Pajama Day Prize)
1. Miss Pelak (5th Grade)
2. (Tie) Ms. Roivas (4th Grade)
2. (Tie) Mrs. Gilbert (3rd Grade)
3. Mrs. Clover (4th Grade)

Top 3 Students (Small Surprise Winners)
1. Everett Buchanan (4th Grade)
2. Owen Taylor (Kindergarten)
3. Mason Taxis (2nd Grade)

Now is a great time to start collecting Box Tops for Contest 2. Please visit our Box Tops webpage for more information, and keep your eyes peeled for the next deadline.

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.

School Dance by Kerri Lewis

The PTA is excited to host Liberty Elementary’s 2nd Annual School Dance. Our theme this year is “Night Under the Stars”!

Make sure you stop and vote for next year’s theme. Votes will be collected and announced before the end of the school year!

We are fortunate to welcome back FaceTime Photo for their fantastic photo booth services again this year. Be sure to take a break from showing off your dance moves and capture the memorable night. Speaking of dance moves, Bach to Rock will be providing the music to get our groove on! We will have cake and refreshments again included in admission.

We have secured Flavor, Southern Bites, Golly Waffles, New Gourmet Delights, and Kona Ice food trucks for the event. They will be outside the cafeteria parking lot; stop by and get some yummy food before coming or in case you need to refuel. Make sure to thank them for coming out to support our school! Food truck concessions are not included in admission, but they take cash and credit cards.

We are working on securing limo service again for those lucky students and family from LTS limo service as soon as he can secure a driver he will book us! So fingers crossed all good vibes and wishes are needed!

Online ticket sales will be going live shortly and we will be support Dulles South Food Pantry again for reduced tickets at the door.

As always these events don’t happen without help and support from us parents. If you can spare some time, we will need help with set up, handing out food and beverage, front door sales, and clean up. Please check out the link and sign up if you can help make this night as magical as last year! http://signup.com/go/xhPzjAw

Thank you to our event sponsors:

http://btfe.com
Family Literacy Night

Family Literacy Night will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This year’s theme is “Wild About Reading”.

We hope to engage families in celebrating literacy and foster a natural love of reading in our children. Families will enjoy wonderful stories, create bookmarks, make words, animal riddle books, and more!

Please mark your calendars and save the date! We hope that you can join us.

2019 International Aviation Art Contest

The Virginia Department of Aviation announces this year’s 2019 International Aviation Art Contest.

This year’s theme is “My Dream to Fly”. Artwork is judged, at least in part, for its creative use of this year’s theme in relation to the aviation world.

 Students ages 6-17 (in the age groups shown below) are encouraged to participate in the contest.

Group I Category (Date of birth from Jan. 1, 2009 to Dec. 31, 2012)
Group II Category (Date of birth from Jan. 1, 2005 to Dec. 31, 2008)
Group III Category (Date of birth from Jan. 1, 2001 to Dec. 31, 2004)

Entries in each age group are judged and state winners and runners-up are selected. Winners receive a certificate and recognition from their state. The top three entries in each age group are forwarded to Washington, D.C. to be judged in the national competition.

First, second and third place national winners are selected from each age group. All national winners receive certificates, ribbons and a framed reproduction of their artwork.

The first, second and third place national winners in each age group are forwarded to FAI Headquarters for international judging. Winners of the International Competition receive certificates and gold, silver or bronze medals.

Artwork must be submitted to the Virginia Department of Aviation by January 18, 2019.

For more information including contest rules, please visit [http://ow.ly/rmXD30mofec](http://ow.ly/rmXD30mofec).

Dream Big, Little Eagles!

The Liberty PTA has launched a community art project on its bulletin board. Students, families, teachers, and staff are invited to stand in front of the board with arms outstretched, like we are wearing eagle wings. Take a photo, upload it to social media, and tag it with #DreamBigLittleEagles.

Photos courtesy of Liberty Elementary Dean of Students Stephanie Worthley: [https://twitter.com/sworthley](https://twitter.com/sworthley)
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!