Letter from the PTA President

Happy New Year! We are gearing up for a busy 2019. Please read on for opportunities to get involved:

Bingo Night

Liberty PTA’s next big event is coming up soon! Bingo Night will be held Friday, January 25th, with an inclement weather date of Friday, February 1st. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and games will be held from 7:00-9:00 p.m. This is a family favorite. Every classroom puts together an amazing basket for our bingo winners. We are already starting to receive some baskets! The baskets will be displayed in the library, building excitement for the big event! This month’s “Volunteer Updates” on page 3 includes a signup link to volunteer for Bingo Night, if you’d like to get more involved in making this night a success.

After-School Enrichment Program

Registration for our spring session of the After-School Enrichment Program (ASEP) opens this month. I am excited to say that we have more teachers leading programs than ever before! The spring offerings led by our teachers include Crazy 8’s with Mrs. Gilbert & Mrs. Houston, Games, Games with Mrs. Davis, GEMS (Girls Excelling in Math and Science) with Mrs. Thomas, Girls Who Code with Mrs. Peckham, Juggling with Mrs. Nykorchuk, Mad Scientist Experiments with Ms. Donaldson, Percussion Ensemble with Ms. DeMember, and Spanish for Beginners with Mrs. Ramirez. Please read the “After-School Enrichment Program (ASEP)” section on page 3 for full information about the upcoming session.

PTA Leadership Opportunities

We are looking ahead to the 2019/2020 school year. I want to invite parents to get involved! If you’re interested in chairing an event, now is a great time to jump in as a chairperson. You can also run for next year’s PTA Executive Board. Elections will be held in April for all board positions. I would love for prospective leaders to shadow us in events and ask any questions you may have about roles you are thinking about. We have a lot of fun working together on the board. I started as a Room Parent and took baby steps to get to where I am as PTA President. Any amount you can volunteer in leadership is appreciated.

With a new year comes new opportunities to make a positive difference in our children’s lives. I look forward to working with you on the many wonderful things we will do together in 2019!

Sincerely,

Jen Robinette
PTA President 2018-2019
president@libertypta.com
Treasurer’s Report by Lisa Geurin

Hello Liberty families! December has been a pretty quiet month, but I am happy to report that, thanks to generous Liberty community support, we were able to buy $4,400 of teacher supply requests. We also brought in $72 from the December Spirit Night at the Ashburn Ice House. Thanks to those who attended!

Eagle Eye Dads Update by William Perry

There are just a few more months to get involved in the Eagle Eye Dads program this school year.

Any father figure wanting to be an Eagle Eye Dad for the day is invited to sign up. Please visit http://eedsignup.liberty-pta.com to sign up.

SEAC Notes by Alisha Vaughn

The November meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) featured a presentation by Dr. Asia Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Services, and Dr. Suzanne Jiminez, Director of Special Education, on the current state of Restraint and Seclusion Practices, Policies, and Regulations. The draft policy can be referenced on the SEAC webpage. Due to Chris Croll (Founder and Director, National Center for Gifted Services and Founder, Loudon County Parents of Gifted Students) being appointed to the school board, she was not able to present to the community as a subject matter expert on “Understanding the Needs of Twice Exceptional Students”. The slides may be accessed at: https://www.locopogs.org/resources.

Parent Resource Services is an excellent source of information. You can sign up to receive emails about upcoming events, and on the homepage there are links to many topics covered at SEAC meetings.

In January, there is a great line up of Special Education Workshops. On January 16th, there is a Child Find Chat on Raising Young Communicators; on January 23rd, Project First Responder; on January 24th, Middle School Connection (transitioning from Elementary to Middle School with an IEP); and on January 31st, High School Connection (transitioning from Middle School to High School with an IEP). Links to the flyers and registration can be found on the Parent Resource Services homepage.

The primary role of the LCPS Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) is to advise the School Board on unmet needs of special education students. Please contact the Chair of SEAC at SEACChair@lcps.org with any questions.
After-School Enrichment Program (ASEP)

Liberty’s After School Enrichment Program is excited to kick off its spring semester!

Programs begin the week of February 17th (with the exception of Monday offerings, which begin the following week). Classes are from 2:40pm – 3:40pm. Registration opens on January 17 and will close on February 1. Registration and payment for programs is through the Crickets website for all programs.

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.

Liberty teachers will again be hosting some of our enrichment programs. The spring offerings led by our teachers include Crazy 8’s with Mrs. Gilbert & Mrs. Houston, Games, Games, Games with Mrs. Davis, GEMS (Girls Excelling in Math and Science) with Mrs. Thomas, Girls Who Code with Mrs. Peckham, Juggling with Mrs. Nykorchuk, Mad Scientist Experiments with Ms. Donaldson, Percussion Ensemble with Ms. DeMember, and Spanish for Beginners with Mrs. Ramirez.

Mondays
- Basketball/Flag Football Combo (K-2)
- Crazy 8’s Math Games (3-5)
- Girls Who Code (3-5)
- Middle School Ready with Computer Basics (4-5)
- Percussion Ensemble (5)
- Young Artists (K-2)

Tuesdays
- Intro to Computer Science and Coding (1-4)
- Mad Scientist Experiments (2-5)
- Spanish for Beginners (K-2)
- Tennis (K-2)

Wednesdays
- Games, Games, Games (3-5)
- Girls Excelling in Math and Science “GEMS Club” (2-5)
- Juggling (2-5)
- Minecraft Modding (2-5)
- Pottery (K-6)
- Tennis (3-5)

Thursdays
- Basketball/Flag Football Combo (3-5)
- Chess (K-5)
- Drama Kids (K-5)
- Kids on Canvas (K-5)

Upcoming Events

All events are held at Liberty unless otherwise noted.

January

1  School Holiday (Winter Break)
7, All Day  Spirit Night: Vocelli Pizza
  42010 Village Center Plz, #130
  Stone Ridge, VA 20105
8, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.  General PTA Meeting
18  Moveable Student Holiday
21  School Holiday
  (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
25, 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  PTA Bingo Night

February

1, 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  PTA Bingo Night (Inclement Weather Date)
5, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.  General PTA Meeting
18  School Holiday
  (Presidents’ Day)
18, 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  Spirit Night: Chuck E. Cheese’s
  2465 Centre, Ste. J9
  Herndon, VA 20171

March

5, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.  General PTA Meeting
9, 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  STEMmerday
21, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  Matball Game
  Freedom High School
  25450 Riding Center Drive
  South Riding, VA 20152
28, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  Spirit Night: McDonald’s
  43250 Defender Dr.
  South Riding, VA 20152
29  Student Holiday
Box Tops Contest Winners

Congratulations to our A+ Box Tops clippers!

Our Contest 2 winners are:

Top Classes (Extra Recess Prize!)
1. Ms. Eno (293)
2. Ms. Austin (200)
3. Ms. Dirheimer (192)
4. Mrs. Novotny (167)
5. Mrs. Wood (158)

Top 3 Students ($5 Coupon for our School Store!)
1. Kellen Webb (Ms. Cooper; Grade 3)
2. Nick Boggio (Ms. Dirheimer; Grade 5)
3. Luke (no last name) (Mrs. Novotny; Grade 4)

Now is a great time to start collecting Box Tops for Contest 3. 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.

Volunteer Updates by Poonam Upadhyaya

Happy New Year, everyone!

Liberty Bingo Night is on January 25th, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.). We need volunteers to help in setup, cleanup, sell tickets, sell food and drinks, and also help in calling out those numbers. We would really appreciate your help!

We also have an ongoing need for school store volunteers. Please consider volunteering some of your time to brighten the children’s day! The school store will close on days we do not have a volunteer.

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

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

Bingo Night Volunteers
http://signup.com/go/rGrZfoT

DMV Math Tournament

Students enrolled in 4th and 5th grades of are eligible to participate in the DMV Math Tournament, hosted by Rosa Lee Carter (RLC) PTO. Teams will include 5 students and a coach.

Tournament Date & Time: Saturday, April 27th, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Tournament Venue: Rosa Lee Carter Elementary School, 43330 Loudoun Reserve Dr, Ashburn, VA 20148

The DMV Math Tournament will use the Math Olympiad program designed by MOEMS. The tournament will include three rounds and an award ceremony.

Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 winning teams and top 3 individuals at each grade level (4th & 5th). Certificates will be awarded to all participants of the tournament.

Tournament Registration Fees:
Regular Registration: $150 per team if registered by February 28, 2019
Late Registration: $175 per team if registered from March 1, 2019, to April 13, 2019

You may begin registration prior to identifying all 5 team members to lock in to the early bird pricing. The team could be formed with a mix of 4th and 5th grade students but the team would be recognized according to the higher-grade student in the team. Please note the registration fees is non-refundable even if a 5-member team could not be formed by the final registration deadline.

Registration for DMV Math Tournament is now open. Please visit http://rlcpto.org to register your team.

Please contact Rosa Lee Carter Math Club Coordinators at math-coordinator@rlcpto.org with any questions.
Liberty PTA Presents

BINGO NIGHT!

Friday, January 25, 2019
Inclement Weather Date: Friday, February 1, 2019

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Games take place from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Location: Liberty Elementary Gym

Hosted by our very own
Rebecca Pierce and Stephanie Worthley
(with guest emcees during the event)

Admission: $5 per person
Concessions: Chips, candy, soda, water for sale - $1 each
50/50 raffles

Tiered gift baskets for BINGO winners
donated by each classroom! Special GRAND PRIZE!

All proceeds go directly to Liberty PTA and our school!

Please follow our Facebook page for updates!
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!