Letter from the PTA President

After a January packed with snow days and delays, it is good to get back to the routine of school! Let’s hope that this warmer weather in February sticks around and gives us a break! Here are some updates from the PTA this month:

Bingo Night Thank Yous

Liberty PTA’s annual Bingo Night was a huge success! I want to give a special thank you to the evening’s volunteers including Ferris Barghouty, Simona Tedros, Usha Rani Chiluvuri, Chris Jackson-Coates, Marjie Brown, Prashanti Venmula, Jennifer Street, Cate Jones, Swetha Manne, Ruchi Mehrotra, Kristen Reed, emcees Becky Pierce and Stephanie Worthley, and my fellow PTA execs. This is one of our biggest events and it cannot happen without volunteers.

National School Counseling Week

Liberty is celebrating National School Counseling Week. I want to personally thank our School Counselors, Ms. Foley and Mrs. Moore, for all they do for our students year-round. More information about this week’s events at Liberty is on page 3 of this newsletter.

More Upcoming Events

Liberty PTA is sponsoring a spirit night at Chuck-E-Cheese’s in Herndon on February 18 from 3:00-9:00 p.m. I hope to see many of our families there! We are preparing for March, which is a busy time here at Liberty. Our annual STEMmerday is Saturday, March 9, and our Matball game is on Thursday, March 21. These events are some of our most highly-anticipated events of the year and they are part of what makes Liberty a truly special school. I hope everyone can attend.

PTA Leadership Opportunities

Elections for the 2019/2020 PTA Executive Board are coming up soon! We were fortunate to have dedicated volunteers step up this year, and I look forward to seeing who will step into leadership roles for next year. More information about PTA leadership is on page 3 of this newsletter.

I can’t believe that we are just over halfway through the school year. We have all accomplished so much together as a community of Liberty Eagles. I am looking forward to working with this community to finish out the year strong!

Sincerely,

Jen Robinette
PTA President 2018-2019
president@liberty-pta.com
January has been a great month for the PTA. Even with offering free bingo cards to all Liberty students, the PTA was still able to bring in almost $3,000 in profit! Also, behind the scenes, the PTA has been busy. We successfully completed and filed our taxes! During the general PTA meeting this month, a vote was taken and passed to move $4,000 from the Technology line item under School Requests in the budget to the general School Requests line item to cover teacher requests instead of more technology purchases.

Eagle Eye Dads Update by William Perry

Time is running out to be an Eagle Eye Dad this school year! Father figures are invited to visit http://eedsignup.liberty-pta.com to sign up.
2019/2020 PTA Leadership by Jen Robinette

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. A full list of events that require a chairperson is available at each PTA General Meeting.

Elections for next year’s PTA Executive Board will be held at the PTA General Meeting on Tuesday, April 2 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. for all board positions. We have seven positions on our board: President, three Vice Presidents (Committees/Volunteer Coordinator, Events, and Fundraising), two Secretaries (Corresponding and Recording), and one Treasurer.

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.

Please contact me at president@liberty-pta.com if I can answer any of your questions about getting involved in Liberty Elementary PTA leadership.

Upcoming Events

All events are held at Liberty unless otherwise noted.

February

4-8 National School Counseling Week
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 Centreville, 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

April

1 Student Holiday
2, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. General PTA Meeting
15-19 School Holiday (Spring Break)
Box Tops Contest 3

Our third Box Tops contest is now under way!

Contest 3:
January 2-March 8

Prize: Popcorn party for the top 3 classes!

The top 3 students submitting Box Tops during Contest 3 will each win a small prize!

Please note the teacher’s name on your submission form.

Please no expired Box Tops.

Collection flyers were sent home with your students. 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.

STEMmerday
Liberty Elementary

On Saturday, March 9, from 10:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m., students and their families will have the opportunity to be immersed in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) for an entire day during Liberty Elementary School’s eighth annual STEMmerday!

STEM education, which builds crucial skills of communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity while preparing students to be contributors in a globally competitive world, is a focus at Liberty.

Liberty Elementary, which was recognized last year as a STEM Excellence Elementary School by FETC (Future Education Technology Conference) opens its doors on a Saturday each year to provide families the opportunity to experience over 30 STEM design challenges, live shows, coding, robotics and fun in a celebration of family engagement and interest in STEM education.

Please visit Liberty’s STEMmerday page for more information.

Volunteer Updates by Poonam Upadhyaya

We 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.

We will be sharing a volunteer signup for Matball soon. Please keep your eyes peeled on Liberty’s PTA volunteer homepage and our social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter) for when slots open up.

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

Hunt District PTA Invites Parents, Teachers & Students to a Community Conversation

“Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds, Healthy Community”

Wednesday, February 27, 2019
7:00 - 9:00pm
LCPS Administration Building

DISCUSSION TOPICS
School Lunch Menu Development & Farm to School
Building Sources of Strength at Home and School
Vaping & Juuling, Identification & Prevention
Student Technology Use
Innovation in Physical Education

Learn • Engage • Advocate
Liberty PTA Presents

Wizard Cup Matball* Game

Thursday, March 21, 2019
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Freedom High School Gym
(across the street from Liberty)

Which house will win?
Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, or Slytherin?

Admission: $5 per person or $15 per family (immediate family members only, please!)

Food, drinks, and game souvenirs will be available for purchase at the game. You can also get your face painted in support of your Hogwarts house!

Come for the game, stay for the halftime Teacher Dance Skit! Students will have a chance to come down to the floor and take their turn at kicking the ball!

All proceeds go directly to Liberty PTA and our school!

*Matball is to be played by Liberty staff only. It is like kickball, but the runners run to large mats for bases. The students play this game in P.E. class.
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!