THE LIBERTY FLYER

Letter from the PTA President

April is a month of transition with the Liberty PTA. We will elect next year’s PTA executive board, and we are reflecting on recent events. Here are some highlights:

Matball Thank You

Thank you to all of our families who attended Liberty’s annual Staff Matball game! I love any event that gets all of our families together for a fun time, and I was so glad to see so many of you attend. One of our changes this year was having four teams compete instead of two. This change went over well, so we will continue this model in the future. Thank you as well to our volunteers and community sponsors; this event simply could not happen without you. Congratulations to the winning team, Slytherin, and congratulations to all of our teams on excellent sportsmanship!

PTA Leadership Opportunities

Elections for the 2019/2020 PTA Executive Board will be held this month on April 2. We also have several chair positions that are currently vacant or will be available this fall. These include After School Enrichment Coordinator, Bingo Chair, Children’s Diversity Night Chair, Eagle Eye Dads Coordinator, Laps for Liberty Chair, Matball Chair, Minority Student Achievement Advisory Committee (MSAAC) Representative, Reflections Coordinator, Room Parent Coordinator, and School Dance Chair. More information about joining PTA leadership is on page 2 of this newsletter.

Volunteer Thank Yous

I say this over and over again, and I truly mean it. We could not do what we do as a PTA without our volunteers. Thank you, thank you, thank you to each one of you who has donated your time to help out at one or more of our events this year. The gift of time is the greatest gift you can give, because once you donate your time, you can never get it back. Thank you for donating your time to help our school community. A full-page spread is dedicated to this year’s volunteers on page 5.

As we finish up the third quarter and head toward the final months of the school year, I invite you to join us in this time of transition. Would you like to get more involved in PTA, either in a leadership role or in volunteering to help out at more events? What were some of your favorite Liberty moments from this year’s events and programs, and what do you think can be improved? I welcome and value all feedback as we look ahead. Thank you for making this school year one of the best so far, and go Liberty Eagles!

Sincerely,

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

• What is the Parent Resource Services lineup for April?
• What PTA events are on the calendar for the rest of the school year?
• Who are the winners of Box Tops Contest 3?
• Which STEM summer camps will be offered this year?
• Where and when will this year’s PTA volunteer recognition be held?
Elections for next year’s PTA Executive Board will be held at this month’s 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.

If you’re interested in chairing an event, now is a great time to jump in as a chairperson. Our open chair positions include After School Enrichment Coordinator, Bingo Chair, Children’s Diversity Night Chair, Eagle Eye Dads Coordinator, Laps for Liberty Chair, Matball Chair, Minority Student Achievement Advisory Committee (MSAAC) Representative, Reflections Coordinator, Room Parent Coordinator, and School Dance Chair.

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

Eagle Eye Dads by William Perry

The 2018-2019 Eagle Eye Dads program ends on Friday, May 3rd. There are a couple of openings if you would still like to participate. Please visit http://eedssignup.liberty-pta.com to sign up.

We are looking for an Eagle Eye Dads coordinator for next year. If you are interested and want to learn more, please reach out to William Perry (eagleeyedads@liberty-pta.com) or Alex Gray (alex.gray@lcps.org) with any questions or to volunteer.
SEAC Notes by Alisha Vaughn

The March SEAC meeting featured a presentation on Conscious Discipline by Alexis Gruehen, 2nd Grade Teacher, Horizon Elementary School. “Conscious Discipline is a comprehensive classroom management program and social-emotional curriculum. It is based on current brain research, child development information, and developmentally appropriate practices. Conscious Discipline has been specifically designed to make changes “in the lives of adults first”. This presentation covered self regulation, executive functioning, and critical thinking. You can learn more about Conscious Discipline at https://consciousdiscipline.com.

The February Pupil Services Communiqué is now available on the communiqué website: https://www.lcps.org/Page/203417. This issue is packed with great information. Topics covered include CAMPUS information night for rising 9th graders, HOPE Prom 2019, PEER Programs, and PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support), Specialized Reading Updates, Student Assistive Services, and Upcoming Events.

Parent Resource Services has a great lineup for April! April 3 – Child Find Chats: Screen Sense For Young Children; April 9 – Using Multi-Tiered System of Supports to Support the Needs of All Learners; April 11 – Message of Behavior; April 23 – Gender Differences in Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder; April 29 – Social Competence.

There are a few ways to sign up to receive SEAC emails: through the SEAC Facebook page, the SEAC website, and a sign up sheet that is available at each SEAC meeting.

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.

The Liberty Elementary PTA is hosting the Annual Participation Awards Ceremony for Creative Competitions: Odyssey of the Mind, Reflections, and Destination Imagination. Every child that participated this year will receive a trophy. All are welcome to attend.

WHEN: Friday May 3, 2019
TIME: 7:30 P.M. (Please arrive by 7:15 p.m. We will start on time.)
WHERE: Liberty Elementary Gym
Box Tops Contest 3

Congratulations to our A+ Box Tops clippers!

Our contest 3 winners are:

Top 3 Class Winners (Popcorn Party Prize!)
1. Ms. Peebles
2. Ms. Donohoe
3. Ms. Pelak & Ms. Austin

Top 4 Student Winners (Magic Kit Prize!)
1. Austin H. (Ms. Peebles)
2. Alanna T. (Ms. Peebles)
3. (tie) Daniel L. and Dashawn P. (Ms. Austin)

Now is a great time to start collecting Box Tops for Contest 4. The deadline is May 17. The top classes will win a popcorn party, and the top students will win a small prize.

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.

STEM Summer Camps

Liberty is pleased that registration is open for our STEM Summer Camps, which are led and taught by our own highly-qualified Liberty teachers. Camps are offered to Liberty’s current K-5 students.

All profit from Liberty’s STEM Camps go directly back to our Liberty students. Over the past few years, we have built the Smart Lab, purchased iPads, Chromebooks, and coding resources with funds from our camps.

Liberty STEMmerweek Camps from 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

STEMmerweek registration

June 17-21 STEMmerweek Camp - Director: Hannah Peebles
July 22-26 STEMmerweek Camp - Director: Turner Donaldson

STEMmerweek - This full day camp is differentiated for primary- and upper-elementary students. Our camp is a full week of integrated science, technology, engineering and math problem-solving and project-based learning experiences and are led by our teachers Miss Peebles in June and Miss Donaldson in July.

Liberty STEM 1/2 Day Camps from 8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

Half-Day STEM Camps Registration

June 24-28 Camp Construct (K-2 STEM Designs) - Director: Bonnie Burnheimer
This K-2 student half-day camp is a full week of integrated Science, Technology, Engineering and Math challenges that require our youngest students to build and construct solutions through a variety of techniques including paper engineering, cardboard construction and digital design led by our teacher, Miss Burnheimer.

July 8-12 Camp Code (K-5 Coding) - Director: Nichole Thomas
This half-day morning camp is a full week of learning programming basics and language to apply understanding to code robotics, games, and drones led by our technology teacher, Mrs. Thomas.

July 15-19 Camp Create (K-5 Art) - Director: Shea Goitia
This half-day art summer camp is differentiated for primary- and upper-elementary students. Students will dive into the creative process as they explore fiber art, sculpture, and more, through projects that will challenge them to think and create like an artist! Campers will receive a camp shirt and show their artwork at the “Creation Convention” on the last day of camp. Camp Create is led by our art teachers, Miss Goitia and Miss Wade.

Volunteer Updates by Poonam Upadhyaya

Thank you to our Liberty families for volunteering for STEMmerday and Matball last month! This month, we need school store volunteers. Please consider volunteering here! The school store will close on days we do not have a volunteer.

Please visit Liberty’s PTA volunteer homepage and our social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter) for more upcoming opportunities.

School Store Volunteer Signup
http://signup.com/go/TbqxFuv
Three Cheers for Volunteers!

Liberty Elementary PTA would like to recognize all of our volunteers who have offered their time on one or more occasion this year. On May 7th, during our regular General PTA meeting, we will have some refreshments for our volunteers to say thank you to for helping make this year so successful. This list includes volunteers who listed their first and last names on our sign-up requests, so it is not comprehensive. We apologize if we missed your name.

Aarav Mahajan
Aarnav Tale
Aarthi SoundaraRajan
Aayush Kamdar
Abhinav Singh
Adhya Ravkumar
Aiseh Aliadinov
Alexis Anbari
Alisha Vaughan
Amber Hunt
Amrut Rao
Ana Trochez
Anheeta Minwalla
Anca Pernes
Andrea Kennedy
Andrew Byerle
Angela Tsao
Annie Koontz
Anne Corej
Anthony Pham
Anusha Manikandan
Apama Parajie
Arlene Magarelli
Arushi Seth
Barbara Martinez
Bernice Annette Brown
Bill Lyden
Caitlin Palmisano
Carina Funk
Cate Jones
Celia Agomate
Chris Jackson-Coates
Christine and Joe Varachi
Christine Park
Damyangti Gupta
Dana Pastro
Dara Chatman
Darnell Desrosiers
Debadipti Kar
Devan Patel
Dexter Alfaro
Dhita Srikantar
Elaine Jin
Erika Strobel
Erin Ware
Ferris Barghouty
Fiona Finnell
Gina Shahan
Giovanna Paredes
Gloria Alexander
Grace Bell
Harish Panuthipattu
Havish Railabandi
Hema Patel
Ila Patki
Jacqueline Tran
Jainil Modi
Janet Caldeon
Jason Kim
Jeffrey Geurin
Jen Robinette
Jennifer Burgos
Jennifer Street
Jenny Klein
Jessica Waters
Jill DeLorenzo
Jing Feng
Joanne Yip
Jodie Soyars
Joe Chacko
Jourdan Card
Jovial Ker
Joy Un Farrales
Julie Kelly
Julie Penland
Karen Hovell
Karen Michelsen
Karim Lisack
Katheryn Codner
Kate Godbois
Kathy Lueders
Katie Davidson
Katy Quinn
Kelly Novotny
Kerri Lewis
Kim McClaughlin
Kim Richards
Kimberly Levin
Kimberly Shott
Kristen Peterson
Kristen Reed
Kristen Thompson
Kristina Adams
Laura Pham
Laura Mader
Lauren Ricci
Lexi Kobath
Lin Sahu
Lindsay Blanchfield
Lindsey McNerney
Lisa Geurin
Lisa Kelly
Madhuri Annakaran
Mahika Aravind
Mandy Lizama
Manish Saboo
Margaret Gunawan
Margaret Letourneau
Marjie Brown
Mary Bittar
Mary Stewert
Masoom Modi
Mehreen Islam
Michelle Kwan
Michelle Leichty
Min Ok
Misty Ocean
Molly Bercher
Monica Hernandez
Nanditha Rao
Nasrin Safi
Neardey Trinh
Nina Hadley
Nina Unger
Ning Yang
Olivia Yang
Patience Roney
Paula Duong
Peggy Pranicks
Penny Poerksen
Poonam Pandey
Prakriti Patel
Pranav Singh
Prashanti Vemula
Pratyush Saxena
Preetham Madesh
Priya Smitika
Ramadevi Cheedalla
Randa Peterson
Ranjith Chamaia
Reagan Roney
Rebecca Coffren
Reena Hamdan
Renuka Srivastava
Rishabh Singh
Ritwik Rang
Rio Pasupali
Rohan Sai Konanki
Ruchi Mehrotra
San Hamdan
Samhita Gupta
Sandy Toor
Sapna Patel
Sarah Bercher
Sarah Kim
Sasi Valiethi
Shaftia Tokhi
Shanthu Upadhyaya
Shara Shanmugasundaram
Shhika Annakaran
Shireen Fatema
Shivani Patel
Shivani Sundaresan
Shreeshri Srinivasan
Sidarth Vallamsetty
Simona Tedros
Sivashankar Mavili
Smaran Pasupali
Smita Tumuluri
Sonja Jethwani
Sowmini Raju
Sreenivasu Revada
Stacey Austin
Stephen Gooch
Sudha Daksh
Sudha Mathew
Sudhir Patel
Sujatha Veluri
Swathi Mogli
Swetha Manne
Tammy Jones
Tannaz Garakani
Tanu Yanambakkam
Tanya White
Tatiana Symonds
Tezeshwan Nettimi
Ting Cao
Triska Ghafiri
Usha Rani Chiuvaru
Vaishnavi Alavala
Vanessa Holt
Varada Pyda
Varun Sai Cheedalla
Ved Lulay
Vernonica Viswanathan
Vinita Paturi
Vinod Tanguturi
Vishnush Alavala
Vishvak Veeramachanane
Vivienne Woon
Wendy Manetti
Will Smith
William Bennett
William Perry
Yoon Pack
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!