THE LIBERTY FLYER

Letter from the PTA President

As we head into the final month of the school year and start our transition of the PTA to the new board, I am reminded of all the fabulous people that contributed to the success of the school year. From the volunteers, the teachers, to the administration, it really is a collaborative effort to be able to support our school, teachers, families and most importantly our Liberty Eagles.

When I walk out of the school in June, it will close my tenth and final year as a Liberty parent. This school has had many changes in 10 years. Each time it I thought it couldn’t get any better, it did.

I never meant to be a PTA president. That was what other people did, not me. Year after year I found myself drawn into the culture of this school: its innovators and dreamers, its scholars and creators. I found myself saying “How can I help?” and wanting to be a part of making it happen.

It really is hard to recognize all that our teachers pour into our children until you have the opportunity to be with them, talk to them, and experience just the awesomeness that our kids are surrounded by every day.

I want to encourage you to take what time you have, no matter how little it is, to stop and give back a few moments of your time. Our children watch everything that we do and thrive when they see that we are invested in their school. Next year at Laps for Liberty, be the one that marks laps for the 15 minutes that your kid is on the field, or open the school store for the 30 minutes in the morning that the kids come in. Be the Eagle Eye dad, granddad, uncle. Ask your kids, “What should we contribute to the bingo basket?” All these things take very little time or effort but give you opportunities to experience the incredible school that your child is part of and be proud.

May your future experience at Liberty be as amazing as each and every one of your Liberty Eagles. Thank you all for being a part of the PTA and supporting all that we do for our kids and teachers.

Sincerely,
Jen Robinette
PTA President 2018-2019
president@liberty-pta.com
Congratulations to the PTA Executive Board for 2019-2020!

President: William Perry
Treasurer: Lisa Geurin
Vice President of Events and Committees: Smitha Tumuluri
Vice President of Fundraising: Jill DeLorenzo
Vice President of Volunteers: Poonam Upadhyaya
Corresponding Secretary: Tez Nettimi

The Recording Secretary position is currently vacant for 2019-2020. Please email president@liberty-pta.com if you are interested in joining the exec team in this role.

We are actively looking for volunteers to fill several chair positions. 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.

In this newsletter we are highlighting the Laps for Liberty Co-Chair. Laps for Liberty is an incredibly important event for the Liberty community, and much of the work happens over summer and early fall. We are looking for the right person to fill this volunteer spot ASAP!

The Laps for Liberty Co-Chair must be organized, good at filing, good with numbers/spreadsheets, comfortable counting money (large amounts of it) and able to do it daily along with tallying pledges, and willing to work the couple of weeks before the event and around up to 3 weeks afterwards. More information about this role can be found on the Liberty PTA leadership page.

Please contact president@liberty-pta.com with any questions about getting involved in Liberty Elementary PTA leadership.
Upcoming Events

All events are held at Liberty unless otherwise noted.

May

1
Principal Appreciation Day

3, 7:30 p.m.
Creative Competitions Awards Ceremony

6-10
Teacher Appreciation Week

7, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
General PTA Meeting

9, 7:20 a.m.
Muffins with Mom (last names A-M)

10, 7:20 a.m.
Muffins with Mom (last names N-Z)

20, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Spirit Night: Chick-fil-A
43310 Defender Drive
South Riding, VA 20152

June

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

6, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Spirit Night: Dairy Queen
25401 Eastern Market-place Plaza, Suite 180
South Riding, VA 20152

7
Last Day of School

7, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Fifth Grade Party

SEAC Notes by Alisha Vaughn

The April SEAC meeting featured a presentation by Dr. Suzanne Jiminez on LCPS’s Annual Plan/Application for IDEA Part B Funds. Each local education agency must complete this Annual Plan and Application for Federal Funding and submit this to the Virginia Department of Education.

The Annual SEAC Recognition for Excellence in Supporting Special Education Award Ceremony will be held on May 15 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Briar Woods High School Auditorium. The Annual SEAC Parent Survey has been posted. The School Board approved new funding for the FY 2020 budget to begin the process of introducing a social/emotional learning curriculum in Loudoun County Public Schools. A vendor/program will be selected by July, and LCPS will be hiring an SEL Specialist as well. This position will help implement the program systematically across the county.

The March Pupil Services Communiqué is now available. Topics covered include DPS Leadership Team Trauma Awareness Training, The MADNT Academy, Parent Resource Services Summer Activity Fair, Response to Intervention, Student Assistive Services, and Upcoming Events.

The ARC of Loudon is a great community partner! They offer Adult Socials, Saturday Adaptive Yoga, and a summer I Can Bike course to help your family member(s) learn how to ride a bike independently. Information can be found at https://thearcofloudoun.org/.

Parent Resource Services is offering a presentation called Family Power-Engaging and Collaborating with Your Teen (for Parents and Teens) on May 2. All flyers and registration links can be found here: https://www.lcps.org/ParentResourceServices.

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.

Odyssey of the Mind®

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 4

Our fourth and final Box Tops contest of the year ends this month!

Deadline: May 17

Prizes: The top classes will win a popcorn party! The top students will 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.

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.

Muffins with Mom by Sandy Toor

The Liberty PTA welcomes all moms and/or caregivers to this year’s Muffins with Moms event. Please read carefully as we have changed the structure from last year.

Families with last names A-M are invited to attend Thursday, May 9 at 7:20 a.m. Families with last names N-Z are invited to attend Friday, May 10 at 7:20 a.m.

Please fill out a Google Form RSVP so we can ensure we are able to accommodate all of our families.

https://forms.gle/6Crv1q72zvbgrHtNA

We hope to see you there!

Volunteer Updates by Poonam Upadhyaya

Volunteers:
Valuable is the work you do.
Outstanding in how you always come through
Loyal, sincere, and full of good cheer
Untiring in your efforts throughout the year
Notable are the contributions you make
Trustworthy in every project you take
Eager to reach your every goal
Effective in the way you fulfill your role
Ready with a smile like a shining star
Special and wonderful -- that's what you are!!

Volunteers Appreciation Event: On Tuesday, May 7th from 3-4 PM, during our regular General PTA meeting in the Liberty library, please join us for some refreshments. This is to acknowledge our volunteers and all their constant support and love they show to our Liberty PTA.

Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up soon! This is the week we spoil our teachers and faculty since they have been working all year long to better our children and our school.

Although this particular week doesn't require a lot of manpower, it does require donations of hot breakfast casseroles, breakfast items and gift cards ($15+) to raffle off during our teacher luncheon. Our teachers LOVE the raffle; you definitely see true excitement when it’s their number that is called. With that said, the more gift cards we have, the more teachers win.

Please take a moment to sign up for any items that you are willing to help with for this amazing week of showing the love to all that touch our children's lives. Thank you to all those who have already signed up!

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

Teacher Appreciation Week Signup https://signup.com/go/Jywsjxk
Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6th - 10th

Please Help Us Thank our All-Star Teachers!!

Monday, May 6th: PTA will host a grab and go breakfast for our teachers and staff members. PTA will also distribute smoothies and granola bars to the bus drivers.

Tuesday, May 7th: Students - bring "MVP gram" to your teacher(s).

Wednesday, May 8th: Students - bring supplies for your classroom. Please see the flip side of this flyer for the grade and suggested supplies.

Thursday, May 9th: Students - bring your teacher's favorite K-Cup!

Friday, May 10th: PTA will host a lunch for teachers and staff members.

*This is a PTA-planned event, participation is optional and not required!

Suggested Classroom Supplies

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We need helping hands to make this a memorable week for our deserving teachers and staff members.

Please visit the Sign Up Genius via the Volunteer Opportunities link on the school homepage if you can help!

Resource

- Fidget Items for Kids
- Expo Markers
- Erasers for Expo Boards
- Index cards
- Staples
- Pink Pearl Erasers

MVP Grams are posted online at the Liberty Elementary School Website
Order Your 2019-2020 Liberty School Supplies Now!

Enjoy your summer a little more without the stress of having to buy school supplies. Sprout School Supplies takes care of everything for you.

- Simply pick the grade (make sure to select next year’s grade level), check out, and you are done!
- The school supplies are delivered directly to Liberty before the start of the school year!
- A portion of every purchase goes back to support Liberty PTA

Log on to www.sproutsupplies.com/supplykits and enter Liberty’s code of LES001.

Orders accepted through July 17th.

Questions? Contact Sprout at help@sproutsupplies.com or call 571-403-0899
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!