Welcome back students, parents, and staff! We are bringing back all our beloved events this school year including Laps for Liberty, the school dance, children’s diversity night, bingo, matball, and spirit nights throughout the year. Our annual Laps for Liberty fun run fundraiser is coming up quickly on September 19th. It is our largest and hopefully only large fundraiser for the year. Many of our parents don’t remember the days of selling candy bars, cookie dough, and wrapping paper. I hope never to fundraise this way again. Please pledge your support for Laps for Liberty.

Join the PTA!
The Liberty PTA is a voice in our school supporting our students. The more members we have, the louder the voice. The PTA provides programs on strengthening family-school partnerships and free resources for members on issues and areas such as STEM and health & safety. If you haven’t already, join the PTA now! You can join immediately online at https://liberty-pta.memberhub.store. We have reduced the price of membership to $10 and are now offering a family membership for the same $10. That’s two members for the price of one! We’ve also brought back paper signup forms which were included in your back to school packets. Simply fill it out and send it in with your student with a check or cash.

National PTA School of Excellence
We are applying to be a National PTA School of Excellence this year thanks to all the support of our volunteers, families, and staff. The National PTA School of Excellence is a recognition program that supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students. Be on lookout after our Laps for Liberty event for a survey. The more responses we have, the better we can focus on how the PTA can help improve communication and programing for students.

Volunteer
We could use your help! From helping organize our larger events to coming in to help at the school for an hour, we need you. Let us know how you can help by emailing our volunteer coordinator at vc@liberty-pta.com. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered!

It’s going to be a great year!!

Sincerely,

William Perry
PTA President 2019-2020
president@liberty-pta.com
Treasurer’s Report by Lisa Geurin

Welcome back to the 2019-20 school year! This year’s PTA Budget is available online at Liberty’s website under the PTA tab. After General Membership Meetings, the Budget and Actuals are updated and shared via the website. If you haven’t had a chance to review the PTA budget yet, please do so. This year’s proposed budget will be voted on at the September 3rd General PTA meeting. We will also vote to adopt the 2018-19 audit.

Coming soon will be our Laps for Liberty fundraiser! This is our only fundraiser scheduled for the year. Kids and parents have loved it in previous years! With the success of Laps for Liberty last year, the PTA was able to supply all teachers with flexible seating options for their classrooms!

Any questions or concerns about the budget can be directed to me at treasurer@liberty-pta.com.

Eagle Eye Dads Kickoff by Will Smith

Please join us for our Eagle Eye Dads kickoff at Donuts with Dad on Wednesday, September 11 from 7:15-7:50 a.m. in the Liberty gym.

Liberty’s Eagle Eye Dad Program strives to involve fathers and father figures in our school’s learning environment.

The Eagle Eye Dads work with Liberty teachers and administrators to maintain a safe and secure school, act as a role model or mentor, assist in classrooms, experience positive interactions with students, and spend time with your child during the school day.

Liberty’s goal is to have at least two Eagle Eye Dads volunteer each week.

Some examples of Eagle Eye Dad responsibilities may include:

• Greeting students as they arrive
• Walking through hallways to monitor behavior with both Liberty “Blue Eagle” slips for excellent individual behavior and Liberty “White Eagle” slips for excellent class behavior
• Appearing as a guest on Liberty’s Morning Show with your child/children
• Monitoring the cafeteria including lunch with your child/children
• Participating at recess if possible with your child/children
• Visiting multiple classrooms throughout the day at any grade level to include at least one visit to your child/children’s classes

Eagle Eye Dad hours are a full school day, from 7:25am to 2:35 p.m. Eagle Eye Dads are welcome to volunteer as frequently as your schedule allows as long as Liberty can fairly distribute the opportunities among all interested volunteers. Please consider volunteering for Liberty’s Eagle Eye Dad program to make a difference in our students’ lives. We look forward to including you in our Liberty community.

For more information, please contact me at eagleeyedads@liberty-pta.com or visit eed.liberty-pta.com.

Laps for Liberty

Laps for Liberty is set for September 19, 2019 (all day) on the Liberty Elementary track, with a rain date of September 26, 2019. The purpose is to stress the importance of fitness to our students and to host our ONE fundraiser for the year.

Students will get pledges from family and friends and then run as many laps as they can around our 1/16th of a mile track in 15 minutes. Pledges may be $/lap or a flat donation. Students will receive an envelope with the amount owed the day of the event. All money is due on Friday, September 27th, 2019. Please make checks payable to Liberty Elementary PTA. You may also send in cash or pay by credit card at liberty-pta.memberhub.store.

Want to help? Here’s how!

Signups will be available here: https://signup.com/group/33847508056

Help Mark Laps: Stand on the line when students run past you make a mark on the lap card. It’s as simple as holding a pen and waiting for students to line up as they run past. (Time: 1-2 hours depending on shift selected. Shifts are specific to Grades participating.)

Tally Crew: After classes run we have a group of volunteers counting up totaling up pledge sheets in the library with the rest of the Tally Crew for each class. This is counting laps and totals and using a calculator. (Time: Approximately 1 hour. Shifts are based on teachers’ classes and time is after they run.)

Please consider coming in to support your Eagles as they run for their school. It’s a big day and we are all excited to cheer each other on.
After-School Enrichment Program

Liberty's After School Enrichment Program is excited to kick off the fall Semester!

Registration opens Monday, September 2 at 6:00 a.m. Please click here for the registration site.

Classes are from 2:40pm – 3:40pm.

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.

Classes with an asterisk "*" are offered by our own Liberty staff members.

**MONDAY 9/23-12/2**
- *Basketball, Grades 2-4. Instructor: Mrs. Davis.
- Chess Program, Grades 1-5. Instructor: Stuart Marguelis, PhD., of Prodigy School of Chess and STEM.
- *GEMS (Girls Excelling in Math and Science), Grades 2-5. Instructor: Mrs. Thomas.
- Young Artists, Grades K-5. Instructor: Abrakadoodle.

**TUESDAY 9/24-11/19**
- *4th and 5th Grade Percussion Ensemble, Grades 4-5. Instructor: Ms. DeMember.
- Introduction to Game Design, Grades 1-5. Instructor: STEM exCEL.
- *Spanish for Beginners, Grade 1-5. Instructor: Mrs. Ramirez.
- USTA Youth Tennis Program, Grades 3-5. Instructor: USTA-Mid-Atlantic Section.

**WEDNESDAY 9/25-11/13**
- 3D Printing, Grades 3-5. Instructor: STEM exCEL.
- *Cooks n' Books, Grades K-1. Instructor: Mrs. Luik.
- *Crazy 8's, Grades 3-5. Instructors: Mrs. Gilbert & Mrs. Houston.
- *Gymnastics & Tumbling, Grades K-5. Instructor: Mrs. Wrighte.
- *Spikeball Intro, Grades 4-5. Instructor: Mr. Lang.
- USTA Youth Tennis Program, Grades K-2. Instructor: USTA-Mid-Atlantic Section.

**THURSDAY 9/26-11/14**
- Drama Kids, Grades K-5. Instructor: NOVA Drama Kids.
- Kids On Canvas, Grades 3-5. Instructor: Abrakadoodle.
- Minecraft Modding, Grades 1-5. Instructor: STEM exCEL.
**Box Tops Contest 1**
Our first Box Tops for Education contest is now under way!

**Contest 1:**
August 22 - October 18

**Prize:** Pajama Day for the top 3 classes!
The top 3 students submitting Box Tops during Contest 1 will get a small surprise!

Please no expired Box Tops.

A copy of the August-October Box Tops certificate is available on page 6 of this newsletter.

The collection sheet includes instructions on how to get credit for your digital box tops.

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.

Thank you and good luck to our A+ Box Tops clippers!

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**PTA Reflections Program**
The PTA Reflections Program is designed to enhance a quality art education by providing an opportunity for students to explore their artistic talents and receive positive recognition for their efforts.

Families who wish to learn more about or participate in the 2019-2020 PTA Reflections should attend PTA Parent Information Night on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, from 6:30-8:00pm at Liberty.

PTA Reflections is a nationally acclaimed student recognition program to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom and at home. Students of all grades and abilities may participate and explore the arts. The 2019-2020 theme is **Look Within**.

Students may choose one or all of the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts.

The Arts - and the National PTA Reflections program - support student success and serve as a valuable tool for building strong partnerships in our school community. Celebrate arts learning in our school community with Reflections.
How Does Laps for Liberty Help Our School?

Since 2015, donations from Laps for Liberty have supported the amazing learning and accomplishments of our students!

**Smart Lab**
- Collaborative Dry-Erase Furniture
- Student Video Editing Station
- Osmo Coding Kits
- “StoryBoard That” Creation Software
- Noise Canceling Headphones
- Bloxels Coding
- Spheros Robotics
- Ozobot Coding
- Code N Go Mouse

**School Counseling**
- Calming Tools
- School Supplies for Families in Need
- PBIS Incentives

**Reading**
- Classroom Libraries
- Primary Classroom Book Bags

**Music and Arts**
- Podium
- Musical Instruments

**STEM Supplies and Tools**
- Wind turbine kit and hydropower kit
- Snap Circuits
- Building Tools

**Technology**
- Chromebooks
- iPad Minis
- iPads
- Apple TVs

**Classroom Environment**
- Ball Chairs and Flexible Seating Options
- Bulletin Board and Instructional Die Cuts

**Math**
- Magnetic Wands
- Stopwatches
- Base 10 Blocks
- Judy Clocks
- Geometric Shapes
- Fraction Pieces

**Science**
- Gardening Supplies and Equipment
- Measurement Tools, such as Wind Vane, Barometer, Rain Gauge, Thermometer, Anemometer, Hygrometer
- Sensory/Pollinator Garden

**Teacher & Staff Development**
- Future Education of Technology Conference
- International Society of Technology in Education Conference
- National Art Educators Association Conference
- Speech and Hearing Association of Virginia Conference

**Student Events**
- STEMmerday
- Family Literacy Night
- Digital Integration Night
- Assemblies

**Student Interests/Groups**
- Patrols
- Tech Team
- Mileage Club
- Mo Show
Student Name: _______________________
Teacher: ___________________________ Grade: ___

Contest 1 Dates:  August 22-October 18
Prize:  Pajama Day– Top 3 classes!
Please no expired Box Tops – thank you!

Top 3 students submitting Box Toss during Contest 1 will get a small reward! 😊

THE ALL-NEW BOX TOPS IS HERE!
DOWNLOAD THE APP:

ANOTHER OPTION: Take a screen shot of your activity on the app during the contest dates and print it out and write your teacher’s name on the page! Submit in the Box Toss bin near the school entrance!

### CLIP & SCAN

**CLIP:** If your package has a traditional Box Tops clip, cut it off and attach it below. Each clip is worth 10¢ for your child’s school. Please be sure each clip has a valid expiration date.

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Free Money for Liberty

There are many easy ways to help Liberty earn free money by shopping, eating, and submitting receipts in the ways shown below!

Please email fundraising@liberty-pta.com if you know of any more free money programs that would benefit our school.

Harris Teeter VIC Card
Link your card to Liberty Elementary at the beginning of every school year. Liberty school code: 7219

Shoparoo
Download the app and select Liberty Elementary, South Riding, VA as your school. Purchase items, scan your receipts, and the school gets credit!

Box Tops for Education
Collecting box tops is a fun and easy way to earn money for our school! Look for this logo on the front of products you buy. Clip the Official pink Box Tops for Education coupons (be sure to include the expiration date!) and send it in to your child’s teacher. Each one sent in earns Liberty $.10!

This year, Box Tops is going digital! Download the Box Tops app. Purchase items, scan your receipts, and the school gets credit. It's that easy!

Amazon Smile
Use this link when you shop at Amazon, and Liberty will receive 0.5% of your purchase. http://smile.amazon.com/ch/30-0479782

CertifiKID GIVES!
Sign up for free on Certifikid.com, and use promo code “LIBERTY” at checkout for up to 50% off farms, festivals, holiday events, activities, camps, classes, restaurants, unique gifts, entertainment, and more! For every purchase of $20 or more, $5 will be donated to Liberty Elementary PTA. Valid through June 15, 2020.

Glory Days
Save your Glory Days receipts. Anytime you eat at Glory Days, please ask your server for a copy of your guest check. Send the receipt in an envelope to the school addressed to the PTA. Liberty receives 10% of food and non-alcoholic drink purchases.

Red Robin
Add Liberty to your Red Robin Royalty Card in the “Burgers for Better Schools” section of your online account. http://royalty.redrobin.com

Office Depot
Make a purchase of qualifying school supplies, provide Liberty’s school’s ID of 70217870 at checkout (in store and online) and we will receive 5% back in credits for FREE supplies!

Giant Community Food Bag Program
We are excited to share that Liberty Elementary PTA has been selected by Giant Food store leadership as the benefiting non-profit in the Giant Food Community Bag Program for October 2019!

Liberty Elementary School will receive a $1 donation for every reusable $2.50 Community Bag purchased at the Giant Food store located at 25050 Riding Plaza, South Riding, VA 20152.
About the Liberty Elementary 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!

Keep In Touch!

Liberty Elementary PTA Webpage
Visit our webpage for current events, spirit night dates and locations, and complete PTA information:
www.liberty-pta.com

Facebook
"Like" our Liberty Elementary PTA South Riding, VA Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/libpta/

Remind.com
Use remind.com to receive PTA event reminders directly to your phone!
www.remind.com/join/91433a9

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