The end of October brings the end of the first quarter of school. It’s been another busy month. Laps for Liberty wrapped up, after school enrichment, field day, spirit nights at Velocity Wings and Thrill Zone, school bus driver appreciation day, school pictures, and thanks to everyone who completed our PTA School of Excellence survey.

Thanks to you, we made just over $32,000 from Laps for Liberty, which means that we will not have any additional fall or spring fundraising events. That’s money benefitting our students - flexible seating, teacher and classroom supplies, Children’s Diversity Night, field day, assemblies, the school dance, STEMinerday, American Education Week, Teacher Appreciation Week, and much more.

Looking Ahead

Looking ahead, there are so many activities for our students and families. Did you want a chance to earn Disney tickets? Sign up to volunteer at Children's Diversity Night as a family on November 7th. The Liberty Veteran’s Day Assembly is on November 11th. Join us for the General PTA meeting on November 12th. The school dance has a fantastic theme this year; Country versus Pop. Come show who has the moves on November 15th. The week of November 11-15 is American Education Week. Flyers will be sent home soon with how to support our teachers. Anything helps. Spirit night at McDonalds is on November 19th. We wrap up the month celebrating Thanksgiving and a few extra days off.

If you’re like me and shop on Amazon, head to smile.amazon.com to link your Amazon account to the Liberty Elementary School PTA (South Riding VA).

Student Contests

Love dance, literature, music, photography, or visual art? Hopefully you’re preparing your entry into the PTA Reflections contest. Entries are due the week of November 11-15.

What Does It Take To Be A Good Citizen? The Citizenship Essay contest allows students to express their views and opinions on character or citizenship. Virginia PTA is committed to promoting a sense of citizenship and responsibility in the lives of our children — tomorrow’s leaders. Entries are due by January 15th.

Love to Cook? Enter the Power Plates recipe contest, due February 3rd. The Virginia PTA Power Plates Program is designed to encourage students to practice healthy eating habits by creating their own recipes.

Sincerely,

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

Hello Liberty families! We made just over $32,000 from Laps for Liberty, which means that we will not have any additional fall or spring fundraising events.

With your pledges, the PTA is able to FULLY fund STEMmerday, Teacher Appreciation Week, teacher welcome lunch, Eagle Eye Dads, assemblies, and numerous other programs that benefit our children. THANK YOU!

We also received $43 from our Chick-fil-A spirit night. Thanks to those who came out!

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

Volunteers Needed by Poonam Upadhyaya

Please help us celebrate public school education, terrific teachers and parent involvement by participating in as many of the following activities as possible!

We are in need of volunteers. November is short, but it has many opportunities to help out. Please consider donating a little bit of time to help us with the Vision and Hearing Screening, School Dance, School Book Fair, and Bingo Coordinators.

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

Volunteer

Vision and Hearing Screening
https://signup.com/go/M0wBFch

School Book Fair
https://signup.com/go/jWUDfFg

School Dance
https://signup.com/go/oooBGJs

Bingo Night
Basket Coordinators
https://signup.com/go/p0ooQnC
Event Volunteers
https://signup.com/go/PKidAPV
Liberty’s Annual Book Fair
We have some exciting news to share; it’s almost time for Liberty’s book fair!

Liberty’s “Bookworm Central” Book Fair will take place from December 2-6, 2019. We can only accept CASH from students. We will accept credit cards or checks with an adult present.

Monday, 12/2: Classes preview the fair. Parent shopping 8:15-11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Tuesday, 12/3: Classes preview the fair. Parent shopping 8:15-11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Family Buying Night 3:00-7:30 p.m. (Family Literacy Night is from 6-8 p.m.)
Wednesday, 12/4: Scheduled student purchasing, parent shopping 8:15-11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Thursday, 12/5: Scheduled student purchasing, parent shopping 8:15-11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Family Buying Night 3:00-7:30 p.m.
Friday, 12/6: Scheduled student purchasing, parent shopping 8:15 a.m.-12 p.m.

Upcoming Events
All events are held at Liberty unless otherwise noted.
Please click here for the full year’s calendar.

November
1 End of First Grading Period
4-5 School Holiday (Planning/Records/Conference Day)
7, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Safety Patrol Induction Ceremony
7, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Children’s Diversity Night
11-15 American Education Week
11-15 Reflections Entries Due
12, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. General PTA Meeting
15, 6:30-8:00 p.m. School Dance
19, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Spirit Night: McDonald’s 43250 Defender Drive South Riding, VA 20152
27-29 School Holiday (Thanksgiving)

December
2-6 School Book Fair
2-10 Toys for Tots Collection
3, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. General PTA Meeting
6, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Spirit Night: Parents’ Night Out with The Fitness Equation 43360 Defender Drive Chantilly, VA 20152
16-20 SCA Winter Spirit Week
23-31 School Holiday (Winter Break)

MSAAC Notes by Natalia Beardslee
The second MSAAC meeting of the 2019-2020 academic year was attended by nearly 200 students, parents, teachers, administrators and community leaders. The turnout affirms the commitment of our community to ensuring that there are equitable opportunities available for every student in Loudoun County Public Schools. The MSAAC meeting was recorded on video and the link will be shared on the MSAAC website upon release.

LCPS Director of Equity, Ms. Lottie Spurlock, provided an LCPS Equity update on professional learning, student support, social-emotional learning, and engagement opportunities extended by LCPS to MSAAC. The LCPS Equity Webpage has been launched and can be found at the Superintendent’s webpage.

LCPS leaders for social-emotional learning were also introduced, including Dr. Tracy Jackson, School Counseling Supervisor; Dr. John Lody, Director of Diagnostic and Prevention Services; Mrs. Stefanie LaPolla, Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Supervisor, and Guest Psychologist: Justin S. Hopkins, Psy.D.

The featured speaker for the October MSAAC meeting was Dr. Valerie Adams-Bass, of the University of Virginia Curry School of Education and Human Development, Youth-Nex [The UVA Center to Promote Effective Youth Development and the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education, Racial Empowerment Collaborative. The presentation was titled, “Racial Encounters of the Personal Kind What Now? What’s Next?”.

There are several upcoming opportunities to engage in equity work both internal and external to LCPS, including Revolutionary Educator’s Book Club, LCPS School Naming Committee, Academies of Loudoun, Loudoun County Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) - Leesburg Halloween Parade, Reviewing Equity Policy, and MSAAC Student Representatives.

MSAAC requests your help in the review of policies to help develop solutions for its focus areas. There are several topics that are of interest to the MSAAC Community, including the Ad Hoc Committee on Equity Recommendation to Continue Ad Hoc Committee on Equity Meetings; Policy 8250, Bullying Prevention and Education and the deletion of Policy 8-41; the timeline for English and Language Arts textbook/resource adoption; and the process for book selection and approval for classroom libraries and school libraries, presented by the Department of Instruction. There has been a debate concerning the Diverse Classroom Libraries initiative by LCPS.

The next monthly MSAAC General Membership meeting is Wednesday, November 20, at 7:00pm at the LCPS Administration building. The November topic will focus on partnering with the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for a discussion on Discipline Disparities.

The Minority Student Achievement Advisory Committee (MSAAC) is dedicated to partnering with Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS), parents, and the community to acknowledge and promote the needs of minority students. MSAAC is also dedicated to building a school system that is culturally and socially competent and positioned to provide fair and equitable learning experiences for all students. General Membership Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the LCPS Administration Building, 21000 Education Court, Ashburn, VA. For more information, please visit the MSAAC home page at https://www.lcps.org/domain/102.
Box Tops Contest 1
Winners
Congratulations to our A+ Box Tops clippers!

Our Contest 1 winners are:

Top 3 Classes
(Pajama Day Prize)
1. Ms. Ricci (2nd Grade)
2. Mrs. Correia (4th Grade)
3. (tie) Ms. Toner
   (1st Grade)
3. (tie) Ms. Burnheimer
   (Kindergarten)

Top 3 Students
(Small Surprise Winners)
1. Ryan L. (Ms. Toner)
2. Austin H. (Mrs. Correia)
3. Grayson H.
   (Ms. Burnheimer)

Now is a great time to start collecting Box Tops for Contest 2. 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.

American Education Week by Alisha Vaughan
American Education Week presents all Americans with an opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring every child receives a quality education. Our AEW tagline, ‘Reach. Educate. Inspire.’, reflects NEA’s vision of calling upon all Americans to do their part in making public schools great for every child so that they can grow and achieve in the 21st century.” (Source: nea.org)

Here is Liberty’s schedule of events for AEW 2019!

Monday, 11/11 – Breakfast for the Teachers
Tuesday, 11/12 – Bring your teachers’ favorite K Cups!
Wednesday, 11/13 – Design and cut out an Awesome Gram!
Thursday, 11/14 – Bring in STEM supplies for your class!
Friday, 11/15 – Lunch for the Teachers

Information including teacher favorites, Awesome Gram templates, and STEM supplies by grade can be found on Liberty PTA’s American Education Week website.
LIBERTY ELEMENTARY 3rd ANNUAL DANCE

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2019
Liberty Gym 6:30 -8:00 PM
Doors open @ 6:00

COUNTRY
VS. POP

PRE-SALE
ENDS
11/13/19
$5.00
PER STUDENT OR
$10.00 @
THE DOOR


Grab your boots and boombox and boogie the night away. Whether you’re a Cowboy/Cowgirl or Pop Star, a great time will be had by all. Photobooth will be there to capture the memories.

Refreshments and light dessert will be available while supplies last.
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 nights dates and locations, and complete PTA information:
www.liberty-pta.com

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"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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www.twitter.com/pta_liberty

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25491 Riding Center Drive
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