Letter from the PTA President

Hello Liberty Families,

I hope this message finds you healthy, safe, and sheltering at home. The outbreak of COVID-19 is a historical event that will have an effect for generations. As we all handle our new normal in different ways, be sure to make time for yourself. Paradoxically, with our families home all day, we tend to their needs and forgo our own.

Online Learning

Thank you to the teachers and staff for all the work transition to online learning. My kids have a sense of calm doing their school assignments. Parents, have a little fun and be sure to take part of the Weekly Eagle Connection challenge. It’s a great way for our kids to feel part of the Liberty family.

PTA Elections

Even with schools closed, the PTA is required to hold elections. We were given the approval to take votes electronically this year and will be holding our general PTA meeting virtually. You can find more information on our board positions in page 2 of this newsletter. We could really use a Recording Secretary. Look for more information on how to join coming soon from Mr. Pack. All parents are invited to join our meeting, but only PTA members may vote.

Volunteers

A huge thank you to all our volunteers! You make what we do possible and have a positive impact on our students. We love seeing families volunteer. Our kids learn selflessness and know you’re making time for them. A list of names of our volunteers is on page 5 of this newsletter. If we missed you, I sincerely apologize.

Matball

I was so looking forward to Matball! Although we won’t be holding it this school year, we do have plans to move it to the fall. We will be using the same theme and will place teachers and staff on the same teams so we can use the shirts currently sitting at Liberty. Anyone who ordered a shirt will be able to use it to enter the game for free. We will also invite our current 5th graders to join us.

Ms. Susan Rokus

Finally, it is with great sorrow that we note the passing of Ms. Susan Rokus, a reading specialist at Liberty. She started as a first-grade teacher in 1969 and retired from full-time teaching in 2014, staying on part-time to help readers at Liberty and Pinebrook. Ms. Rokus had an impact on generations of students and will be remembered fondly.

Sincerely,
William Perry
PTA President 2019-2020
president@liberty-pta.com

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Hello Liberty PTA,

We hope you all are staying happy and healthy! With the closure of school for the year, the PTA is going to hold an electronic election for the 2020-2021 PTA Executive Board. You will be receiving a follow-up email by the end of April for you to reply with your votes. In the meantime, please let us know if you are interested in any of the positions by emailing me at treasurer@liberty-pta.com by Tuesday, April 14.

Thank you for all you do for our community!

Below you will find descriptions of the different roles and responsibilities of the Liberty PTA.

President:

- Oversee and manage the PTA organization for Liberty Elementary School.
- Preside at all meetings of the Liberty PTA.
- Be the primary voice for the PTA, including speaking at PTA and school events and responding to inquiries from the school administration, school district, community, and media, as needed.
- Coordinate the work of the officers and committees of this local PTA/PTSA in order that the purposes may be promoted.
- Sign contracts and checks on behalf of the PTA, as needed.
- Identify chairpersons and PTA representatives for all PTA events and fundraisers.
- Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, except the nominating and financial reconciliation committee.

Treasurer:

- Responsible for proper banking and management of PTA funds, including writing all checks needed.
- In summer, ensure Treasurer, President, and a third Executive Board member have signature cards on file with bank.
- At September Board and General meetings, present written Financial Review report (prepared over previous summer) to Executive Board and General membership.
- Responsible for the management of all PTA insurance matters.
- Responsible for the management of all PTA tax matters.
- Prepare 1099s for individual contractors and file a Form 1096 in January.
- Charged with reviewing and developing the next year’s PTA budget with the Executive Board over the summer.
- Attend and present written financial/budget report at all monthly Executive Board and General PTA meetings, explaining variances.
- Reconcile bank statements once a month.
- Close the financial books and records by June 30th and submit to Auditors Committee, which will perform work over the summer and write up results for presentation in September.
- Preserve all vouchers, receipts, bank statements, cancelled checks and other records for 7 years.
- Attend monthly Executive Board and General PTA meetings.

(List of roles and responsibilities continued on page 3)
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Vice President of Events and Committees:

- Act as PTA point person for all PTA-sponsored school events.
- Work with Volunteer Coordinator to designate a chairperson for each event.
- Oversee activities of individual event chairs, ensure they have the resources needed and are communicating event information to the membership.
- Review current events and evaluate new opportunities and proposals.
- Act as the liaison between the Board and event chairpersons.
- Ensure chairs complete program recaps and file them in the PTA files.
- Attend monthly Executive Board and General PTA meetings.

Vice President of Volunteers:

- Over the summer, work with the Executive Board to update the Volunteer Interest Form. Include the Form in the First Day Packets to solicit parent volunteers for events, programs, activities, and tasks.
- Enter volunteer information from Volunteer Interest Forms into a database or spreadsheet.
- Using the Form, provide the Executive Board with the names and contact info of parent volunteers in advance of all upcoming events, programs, projects, committees, etc.
- Throughout the year, continue to recruit volunteers for Events, Programs, Outreach, Fundraising, and other committees and projects as needed to fill volunteer needs.
- Attend monthly Executive Board and General PTA meetings.

Vice President of Fundraising:

- Design a program of fundraising for the year to achieve the PTA’s annual budgeted income, giving consideration to offering fundraising activities and events that will involve the Liberty community at a variety of levels of engagement.
- Solicit partnerships with family-friendly businesses and apply for grants to bring resources to PTA.
- Evaluate fundraising solicitations and proposals from the membership and the outside community.
- Attend monthly Executive Board and General PTA meetings; report to Board on upcoming plans for Fundraising activities and on just-completed tasks.

Recording Secretary:

- Attend and take notes at all Executive Board and General PTA meetings, which shall include motions and results and any action items from the meeting.
- At Executive Board meetings, present the meeting minutes from the previous month to the Board for amendment and final approval.
- At General Membership meetings, present the meeting minutes from the previous month to the General Membership for amendment and final approval.
- Maintain a Minutes Notebook containing minutes from the General and Executive Board meetings from the previous two years.
- Upload the minutes to the two Blackboard locations on the Liberty website.
- Attend monthly Executive Board and General PTA meetings.

Corresponding Secretary:

- Help coordinate efforts of the PTA, Administration, and Staff in various ways.
- Act as an aide to the president and vice presidents especially in terms of logistics.
- Assist with correspondence to the general community.
- Perform other delegated duties as assigned.
- Attend monthly Executive Board and General PTA meetings.
Box Tops for Liberty
Now is a great time to collect Box Tops for our school!

Look for this logo on the front of products you buy.

Clip the official pink Box Tops for Education “Box Tops” coupon (be sure to include the expiration date!) and send it in to your child’s teacher.

For each one you send in, we earn $0.10!

Many products will have “Bonus Box Tops”, and these will earn additional money for our school. Check your purchases from Costco and Sam’s Club.

Many Box Tops products are now digital! Download the Box Tops app, scan your receipts, and watch your Box Tops add up for Liberty!

Instructions for collection and more details can be found on our Box Tops webpage.

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.

COVID-19 Resources
Loudoun County Public Schools has suspended all school operations for the 2019-2020 year. Please know that you can see the latest updates from the county via the following resources:

COVID-19 Hotline - (571) 252-6499
LCPS - COVID-19
LCPS - Continuity of Education

The 2020 Census Is Here!

You are joyfully invited to share your ideas for the 2021 Citizenship Essay Theme!

The winning theme will be announced in May. The winner will be awarded a $25 gift certificate!

Entries are due April 15, 2020

Submit your great theme suggestion(s) to Scott Rhyne, Virginia PTA VP Programs, at vpprograms@apta.org.
Dear Liberty Parents and Families,

This year has been the shortest academic year ever. We missed numerous celebrations and many milestones. Nonetheless, we are blessed with a team of dedicated educators who are very passionate about teaching and as well as the welfare of our community. Thank you to all the teachers who continue to educate our kids via distance learning. They are making sure our kids are on the right track. Thank you to all those medical health professionals who are still fighting with this invisible enemy. They have made immense personal sacrifices so we all can live a healthy and complete life. We are all in this together! A heartfelt thank you!

Poonam Upadhyaya, Volunteer Coordinator

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. 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
Adhira Prasanna
Adhya Ravikumar
Alisha Vaughan
Amanda Getson
Amrut Rao
Amy Dickerson
Ananya Raghunath
Angela Tsao
Antonina Chebotaryova
Benjamin Campbell
Bill Lyden
Brenda Maxwell
Caitlin Palmisano
Carolyn Chung
Christine Varachi
DARA Chatman
Debbie Culbertson
Delanie Crawford
Elizabeth Herrera
Ellen Joo
Erin Loudin
Erin Ware
Farheen Hasan
Fiona Finnell
Gayathri Dandapani
Geena Kang
Gurnasib Rataul
Heather Misicko
Hema Patel
Isabelle Ferro-Sellars
Jamie Rohn Horvath
Jessica Calderon
Jessica Reyes
Jessica Waters
Jill DeLorenzo
Jina Edwards
Joanne Yip
Jonathan Meadows
Jourdan Card
Joyce Farrales
Julie Penland
Kaarthika Vinayak
Kammy Liu
Karen Borders
Karim Lisack
Kathy Rohn
Katy Quinn
Kerri Lewis
Kristen Peterson
Kristen Reed
Kristin Thompson
Kristina Adams
Lama Alahmad
Laura Barlett
Linda Makarov
Lisa Modigliani
Marcie Lloyd
Marjie Brown
Mary Stewart
Mason Pearson
Matt Ocean
Mehreen Islam
Misty Ocean
Nanditha Rao
Nathan Krolkowski
Neardey Trinh
Ning Yang
Poonam Upadhyaya
Prakruti Patel
Prashanti Venula
Rachel Karse
Rajeswari Velayutham
Ramadevi Cheedalla
Sam Chung
Sarah Lyden
Sharmila Jayachandran
Shweta Khare
Smitha Tumuluri
Sudhir Patel
Suraya Khaleque Chowdhury
Swetha Manne
Tamara Cook
Tezeswari Nettimi
Thivya Murthy
Tina Sullivan
Ting Cao
Tom Corej
Triska Ghafori
Vatsa Setty
Veena Gujja
Vickie Wright
VijayaDurga Laddika
Wasil Mir
Wendy Manetti
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!

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