The Liberty Flyer

News from the PTA for May/June 2013

Another terrific year of PTA-ing done and looking forward to a relaxing summer! This is one of my favorite PTA Newsletters to send (although I do enjoy them all) because it includes our annual ABCs list of all our great accomplishments [p4]. Terrific “things” like a wonderful new Liberty Sign and a relaxing and peaceful Outdoor Learning Garden and “moments in time” like our celebration of our Teachers & Staff during Teacher Appreciation Week and “community events” where we dance the night away with our school friends like Family Fun Blowout Night are only possible because we have dedicated Leaders, outstanding Teachers, Principals & Staff and involved Parents! And, our Liberty students are pretty darn terrific too! Every time I’ve said it or typed it, I’ve meant it – Truly & Genuinely Appreciated!

Gina Fink, 12-13 PTA President, gina.fink@verizon.net

Save the dates!

May 23 – Chick-fil-A Dining Night @5 - 7:30pm (all grades)
May 24 – Last Day for 2012-13 Box Tops Submissions!
May 27 – No School-Memorial Day
May 29 – Kule-Yo’s Yogurt Pre-K thru 2nd Grade @4pm to 8pm
May 30 – Kule-Yo’s Yogurt 3rd thru 5th Grade @4pm to 8pm
May 31 – Volunteer Breakfast @8:15 AM (Cafeteria)
June 4 – Special Gen PTA Mtg. @6:45pm (5 min.)

*Bylaws

June 5 – 5th Grade Promotion @9am (Liberty Gym)
June 6 – 5th Grade Celebration @9am - 1pm
June 6 – Last Day of School

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Treasurer’s Report

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Hello Liberty Families! It has been another great month financially for the PTA. The checks keep rolling in from our various dining nights and from our retail stores. As the school year is winding down we have looked at the budget during each general PTA meeting to ensure we are able to continue to apply our funding to support the teachers and students at Liberty! At the April PTA meeting we voted to create a new budget line item for IXL/math-homework-programming out of our classroom requests budget and support it with $4,000 this year (for next school year). IXL is a great tool used by our 4th and 5th graders to support their advancement in Math. Also, the PTA funded the recent Parent Seminar hosted by our guidance department and it was the best-attended seminar to date! Art to Remember was a great success bringing in over $1,400. At our last general PTA meeting in May we wrapped up the final budget for the year and start looking toward next year!

Thank you 2012-13 Leaders

Thank you to all those who shared their leadership skills with our students during the past year!

Whether chairing a committee thru PTA, or coaching a sports team or giving our your time or sharing of a special talent, it is always appreciated when leaders step up for the benefit of all our students. Special thanks to those who led thru Liberty PTA as an Officer/Committee Chair: Gina Fink, Anaheeta Minwalla, Lisa Teetz, James Milam, Chris Jackson-Coates, Melissa Golden, Taryn Henderson, Sarwat Farooq, Emily Parker, Diane Insari, Tom Parker, Lynn Hood, Angie McKinney, Phil McKinney, Meghan Puckli, Kristy Jones, Laura Tubridy, Crystal Geller, Julie Abel, Linda Textoris, Rebekah Cox, Kimberly Turner, Dheepa Balasubramanian, Ravi Raghupathi, Kimber Garland-Holmes, Bernard Holmes, Danielle Clay, Anne Corej, Paula Augenstein, Steve Sebestyen, Julie McGoldrick, Neha Jain, Beth Cattafesta, Melinda Mansfield, Cyrus Minwalla, MaryAlice Hoefer, Tom Fink, Bonnie Giacinto, Michele Sbitan, Melina Milam, John Hovell, Harsh Govind, Andrea Jones, Dena Sommers, Jenny Scott, Mrs. Assetto, Mona El Kholy, Lisa Strother, & Paul Pack.
Dear Liberty Parents, Teachers and Staff Members,

Being President wasn't exactly on my "to do" list, I was perfectly content with someone else steering at the helm and myself just lending a helping hand. Seems like a lot of people had other ideas and while I wasn't quite open to the idea before, I certainly am glad I jumped in with both feet! The exec board for 2013-2014, Tom, Harsh, Adrienne, Lisa, Chris, Taryn and I are looking forward to an exciting school year ahead! We will be busy planning over the summer and will do our best to have a calendar filled with fun events, dining nights and of course the school year wouldn't be complete without a few fundraisers sprinkled in :)

Our best to everyone for a fun, healthy and safe summer! Go Eagles!

Anaheeta C. Minwalla, 13-14 PTA President, acminwalla@verizon.net

Congratulations 2013-14 Executive Board

We are looking forward to a great 13-14 school year with terrific leaders:

President – Anaheeta Minwalla - acminwalla@verizon.net
VP Committees – Adrienne Torres - Atorres78@gmail.com
VP Fundraising - Harsh Govind - harshgovind@hotmail.com
VP Events – Tom Parker - parkertom@verizon.net
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Recording Sec. – Chris Jackson Coates - chrisjacksoncoates@yahoo.com
Coordinating/Corresponding Sec. – Taryn Henderson - tahender@aol.com

Please congratulate these volunteers on their new positions and let them know how you can help them make Liberty the best it can be.
Liberty PTA’s List of Great Things We Accomplished Together
... by the ABCs

After School Enrichment ♦ American Education Week ♦ Art to Remember - $1,400+ ♦ Assemblies ♦ Back to School Night(s) ♦ Bingo - $1,200+ ♦ Box Tops - over 33,860 collected for $3,386 ♦ Budget of $122,942+ prepared, stayed on track and accomplished great things ♦ Committee Chairs ♦ Dare T-shirts ♦ Dining Nights - $3,000+ ♦

Directory ♦ Donuts with Dads ♦ Eagle Eyes Dads Club ♦ Fall Fest - $4,200+ ♦ Fundraisers ♦ Family Fun Blowout Night ♦ Family Literacy Night ♦ Field Day ♦ Fifth Grade Promotion ♦ Front Office Volunteers ♦ Green Team ♦ Guidance supplies ♦ Haunted House at Fall Fest ♦ Ice Skating ♦ International Fest & Potluck Soiree ♦ iPads ♦ IXL ♦ Jingle Bell Jog ♦ Kindergarten Registration ♦ LEAP ♦ Liberty Sign ♦

Membership of 800+ members = $$5,000 ♦ Movie Night ♦ MSAAC ♦ Newsletters ♦ Odyssey of the Mind (OM) ♦ Outdoor Classroom becoming Liberty’s Learning Garden ♦ Parent Talks ♦ Pizza, Popcorn & Popsicle Parties ♦ Q ♦ Reading Incentive Program ♦ Reflections ♦ Room Parents ♦ School Kits ♦ School Store Volunteers ♦ SEAC ♦ Spiritwear ♦ Staff Matball Game - just shy of $5,000 ♦ STEMmer Day ♦ Stone Ridge 5k/Fun Run - $2,629 ♦ Teacher Appreciation Week ♦ Teacher Allotments ♦ Teacher Welcome Back Lunch ♦ Thank You’s to our Community Sponsors ♦ YoU ♦ Virginia PTA Leadership Conferences ♦ Volunteers ♦ Website ♦ ... XYZ
Events

Family Fun Blowout Night

FFBN was a great night of dancing and hanging out with our school friends! It was a nice way to end our year of Events that are intended to bring our community together. Nothing more fun than a group getting together to do the Chicken Dance! Thank you Steve Sebestyen for Chairing! Thank you Dena Sommers for sponsoring and Rachel Reardon for applying glitter tattoos from the 1st minute right til the end!

Fundraising

VP Fundraising is Anaheeta Minwalla.
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May Dining Nights & Yogurt

Chick-fil-A Dining Night

For our last Dining Night of the 12-13 school year, we will be heading over to Chick-fil-A at 4412 Chantilly Place; Chantilly, VA 20151. A % of all sales from 5pm to 7:30pm will be donated back to Liberty PTA.

Kule Yo’s

Join us for a yogurt at Kule-Yo’s - 43114 Peacock Market Plaza – for a healthy snack and support Liberty at the same time.

The time is from 4pm to 8pm. Come on out on either night and be sure to mention “Liberty.”

Open Positions/Help Wanted

We are in need of PTA member(s) to step up to lead for the 13-14 school year as Committee Chairs:

♦ American Education Week
♦ Allergy Awareness
♦ Beautification Co-chair
♦ Copying
♦ Dads Club Lead
♦ 5th Grade Promotion
♦ Green Team
♦ LEAP Rep. & Alt.
♦ MSAAC Alt.
If you are interested in leading by serving as a 13-14 Committee Chair, please contact Adrienne Torres via e-mail: atorres78@gmail.com

Committee Reports

School Supply Kits

The 2013-14 School Supply Kits have been ordered.

SchoolKidz School Kit Delivery

How would you like $10 in PTA Bucks to spend at the Fall Festival or another PTA Event? The school supply kits will be delivered to Liberty the week of August 18th, and we need your help sorting and delivering them to the individual classrooms prior to the August 29th Teacher Meet & Greet. Depending on the delivery date, distribution will happen either towards the end of the week of August 18th or the beginning of the next week. We are looking for volunteers who can spare a few hours to get this done. Please contact Anne Corej, thecorejs@earthlink.net to volunteer, and $10 in PTA bucks will be yours. She will be in contact with you over the summer with more specific dates & times. Thanks for your help.

Liberty Sign

Our Marquee Liberty Sign is installed. We are patiently (ok, not really) waiting for the electricity hook-up to be finalized. It already looks terrific! We are excited to put it to good use advertising PTA meetings, student achievements, and finding unique fundraising opportunities soon.

Reflections

The theme for PTA’s 2013-14 Reflections Program is Believe, Dream, Inspire.

Students wishing to get a “jump start” on their Reflections submission for next year should address this theme and may seek additional info at: www.pta.org
Teacher Appreciation Week (TAW)

Thank you Neha Jain, Anaheeta Minwalla and Gina Fink for heading up and coordinating TAW. Thank you to all the parents for sending in the fruit, flowers, coffee and contributions that served as symbols of our huge appreciation for our Teachers. Thank you Room Parents for (optionally) coordinating class gifts. And thank you to our Sponsors: Glory Days Grill, Manhattan Pizza and Mug n Muffin!

Teachers, we hope you know how much we appreciate all you do for all our students! It is true that many “some bunnies” love you all.

Shout Outs!

A big Shout-Out to the following people for their extra efforts:

Thank you to James and Melina Milam for putting together a great “Rio” movie night. A good time was had by all!

Thank you to Laura Tubridy and the Outdoor Classroom Committee for their countless hours spent from the start to the Dedication Ceremony of the new outdoor Liberty Learning Garden. It looks spectacular and the dedication of everyone who volunteered their time and energy will give the students the opportunity to learn so much more about the outdoors.

Volunteer Raffle Winner for March is: Kim Esposito.

Volunteer Raffle Winner for April is: Vonetta Brown.

Thank you Steve Sebestyen for reprising your role as Family Fun Blowout Night Chair! As always, it was a terrific event for families to come on out, dance, dance, dance and have FUN!

THANK YOU 2012-13 Executive Board Officers and Committee Chairs! Your leadership (and the giving of your most precious commodity of your TIME) is most appreciated!

Thanks to all! If we inadvertently missed adding your name, please know that we appreciated your help!

Shout Outs! is a standard part of our newsletter used to recognize the hard work, effort, and time our members dedicated to bring us the great programs and events that enhance our school.

If you know of a PTA member that deserves a Shout-Out, please email Taryn Henderson at tahender@aol.com so we can include them.
Liberty PTA Summer Box Tops Collection

Please tape, glue or staple one (1) Box Top to each Summer sunshine and send in via backpack in September 2013 to “jump start” your new class in the class contest. Box Tops prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) classes that can be redeemed at a PTA Event in the Fall. Extra collection sheets are available under Box Tops on the PTA tab of the Liberty website.

Student Name: __________________________ Total # of Box Tops: ______

13-14 Teacher: _______________ Grade: ______ (* K – indicate AM or PM)