Dear Liberty Families,

The first month of school just flew by! What a great start to the new school year, PTA membership has been amazing and volunteers have been outstanding. Our ice-cream social at KuleYo’s was a huge hit. It was great to see familiar faces and getting to know the new ones. Thank you for supporting our spirit night @ Moe’s!

Our first big event of the year, Liberty’s Annual Fall Fest is on Saturday, October 4th, 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm. We have new games, food, prizes, pumpkin patch and much more. Hope to see you there! I hope everyone participated in our fall fundraiser! Orders are still being processed so we won’t know until next month if we reached our goal of raising $10,000.

Thank you for getting us off to a great start!

It is greatly appreciated!

Warm Regards,
Anaheeta Minwalla,
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Calendar of Events

October
4th Fall Fest 4:00 – 6:30 PM
8th PTA General Membership Mtg., 7:00 PM
9th Field Day 1st Grade -5th Grade
13th Holiday – Columbus Day
17th Parents Night Out – TopKick South Riding
17th Reflections Entries Due
18th StoneRidge 5k
22nd Spirit Night – Subway (Both SR Locations) KG – 2nd Grade. 4-8pm
23rd Spirit Night – Subway (Both SR Locations) 3rd – 5th Grade. 4-8pm

November
3rd & 4th Student Holiday (Conference Days)
6th November Newsletter Published
7th Bingo Night – 7:00 PM
12th PTA General Membership Mtg. – 7:00 PM
13th Fall Picture Retakes
17-21 American Education Week
19th Spirit Night – McDonalds – South Riding. All Grades 5-8pm
20th Third Grade Performance 7:00 PM
21st Parents Night Out – TopKick South Riding
26-28 Thanksgiving Break
Treasurer’s Report

Hello Liberty Families! I am pleased to announce that the PTA is already off to a great financial start this new school year. We have brought in over $3000 already in membership dues, of which about 70% stays right here at Liberty. If you have not already done so, please consider joining the PTA.

With the funding gained through membership dues and the various fundraisers throughout the year we were able to put great things in place at the school like a new playground, a new school sign, supplemental curriculum materials for the classrooms, and incentive prizes for students for reading and showing school spirit.

We have many more great things planned this year like more I-Pads for the classrooms to share, the Eagle Eye Dad program and teacher appreciation week; just to name a few! None of this would be possible without the support of the Liberty families! We are currently in the midst of our fall fundraiser and Fall Fest is right around the corner; both of which are great money makers for the PTA. Also do not forget to sign up for the Stone Ridge 5K, all of the proceeds raised at the event are pure profit for the PTA and it is a great day of fun!

PTA News

Our goal – each school year – is for 100% PTA membership. That equals 1 parent for each student. Membership dues are $10. We encourage both Mom and Dad to join ($20). If you haven’t already joined please take a moment to print out the membership form and return it to school via backpack! As of September 30th we have 603 members!

Help Wanted: We are in need of PTA members to step up to lead the following:

- VP Events
- American Education Week
- Bingo Night
- Copy Committee
- Green Team
- Jingle Bell Jog
- MSAAC Representative
- Outdoor Classroom Maintenance
- PTA Historian
- SEAC Representative
- Staff Game Volunteer Coordinator
- Teacher Appreciation Week

If you are interested in leading by serving as a 2014-15 Committee Chair, please contact Anaheeta Minwalla, vclibertypta@gmail.com
Eagle Eye Dads

The Eagle Eye Dads Donuts with Dads kick off on Friday, September 26th was a huge success. It was very exciting to see all the interested dads and the kids had a good time. Over 240 donuts were gone before 7:45!

Any “dad” is welcome - fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or other father figures. The goal of the Eagle Eye Dads program is to have fathers or father-figures work with Liberty teachers and administrators to watch over our little eagles and keep them safe and secure throughout the school day.

Everyone who requested a day should have received an email. If you did not, or would like to request a day, please send an email to libeagleeyedads@gmail.com. You can find more information about the Eagle Eye Dad program, including the schedule, at EagleEyeDads.com.

Liberty Events

Fall Fest – Saturday, October 4th 4pm to 6:30pm
Join us for food, fun, games and prizes at Liberty’s Annual Fall Fest! Doors open @ 4:00 pm. Admission is $5 per child plus the cost of game tickets and food! Adults (PTA Members) are free, non-members $10. Admission includes pumpkin patch, cookie decorating station and face painting! We still need volunteers please click here to sign up!

The Stone Ridge Race for Education!
Lace up those running shoes. The Stone Ridge Fun Run & 5K is scheduled for Saturday, October 18th at 9am. The more volunteers, runners and walkers Liberty has, the more money we raise for the school, so we want YOU to volunteer and/or sign up for the either the 5K race or 1K Fun Run. Please click here to register for the race. Don’t forget to designate Liberty as your school when you register. Once you have registered please fill in this form and return it to school. Top class in each grade level will win a free choice PE, top class in the school will earn an extra day of PE.

See you there!
Committee Reports

PTA Student Directory

Thank you to Beverly Weatherly and Dheepa Subramaniam for taking on the PTA directory project. If you would like to be included in the Liberty PTA Student Directory please click here. We must receive your information by October 15th. Everyone can be in the directory but only PTA members will receive an electronic copy of the directory. You have the LEAP Report

Odyssey of the Mind

Our Liberty Elementary Odyssey of the Mind teams will be forming soon! Odyssey of the Mind is an international education program/competition that encourages students to work on their creative problem solving and team skills. It is also great fun! Registration forms are due by Friday, October 3rd. For information please contact OM Coordinators, Meenal Manikandan and Alicia Susalla at libertyodm@gmail.com

Reflections

Please submit your art work with the filled form by Oct 17th to the front office.

LEAP: Meeting Minutes: School Safety How to Combat Bullying and More

Mark Farrow spoke about the program called - Virginia Rules

- Many school districts around the state have adopted the program
- It is a curriculum for k-high school
- The program offers information about bully training
- Offers information for parents to know how to help their child who is being bullied
- Program allows instructors/administrators to track and target specific behaviors so that appropriate lessons can be taught
- Program is aligned with the SOLs

Another topic discussed was the Loudoun County bullying belief: If You See Something Say Something

The initiative is to encourage and enlist staff and students to keep schools safe.

Suzanne Menaz - LCPS- Pupil Services Bully Prevention

- Spoke about LCPS adopting PBIS in schools to promote positive behavior.
- Behaviors have improved since program has started
- Tardy numbers have decreased
- Trying to start Restorative Practices program which will teach students how to mend conflicts
- Trying to start Ambassador program - piloted in elementary schools so kids can learn how to resolve peer problems

How parents can be active in their child's life and help keep them safe:

- Know their child's friends
- Check social media
- Encourage students to join clubs
- Model positive problem solving
- Encourage child to visit/utilize school resources - counselor, teachers, etc
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Thank you to our library volunteers:
Anne Corej, Joy Kim, Kathy Lueders, Nita Patel and Arthe Sampath
The three classes that turn in the most Box Tops win

Extra Recess!

Please glue, tape, or staple your box tops and return to school in your child's backpack by October 24th.