Letter from the PTA President

Dear Liberty Parents, Guardians, Teachers, and Liberty Community,

I hope all of you are enjoying spring break whether at home or in far off places. It is a chance to recharge and get ready for the last two months of school. You sure can’t beat the weather in Virginia though if you stayed in town. It is beautiful.

March had two big events, STEMmerDay and Matball, and we had great turnouts for both. Thank you to all the volunteers who brought in food to feed the staff or helped sell concessions on STEMmerDay and those who helped during the Matball game, including the SATs who made the cleaning up part of the night a whole lot easier. We couldn’t have done it without you. I must say the Star Wars theme was a hit. I would also like to thank Tala (Yoda), Ferris (Libby) and Mike Cattafesta (Darth Vader) for their awesome light saber duel during the last intermission. Even though I didn’t make it out from behind the food concessions stand, I heard from many that they were having an awesome time.

April is a short month with spring break, but we have a couple of spirit nights at both Panera and Velocity Wings. Hope to see our Liberty families out there. Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up the first week of May so get ready to show all the Liberty staff how much you care about them.

Please consider volunteering to take on one of the PTA executive board positions. William, our treasurer, and myself are at the end of our two-year terms. This is the perfect opportunity to get more involved in your school. Elections are in May.

Warm Regards,
Anne Corej
Liberty PTA President | libptapresident@gmail.com
Become Involved in the PTA!

It’s that time of year where the PTA starts thinking about the staff for the 2017-18 school year. Our parent volunteers are what enable the fun and worthwhile events that make Liberty what it is. We cannot offer quality events without our wonderful parent volunteers. We will be holding elections for key staff in May.

We need parents to volunteer for vacant executive and committee chair positions. Please see the open positions with descriptions and applications forms attached below to learn more.

Help Make Our School Grounds Beautiful

Let’s get the word out! The Beautification Committee will be having a clean-up day in the spring (date and time TBD). If you are interested in participating, are part of a group (like scouts or others) that would be interested, or have ideas for what you would like to see around the school, please contact Stephanie Shankles at shankles12@gmail.com.

Still Time to Volunteer

There’s only a couple months left to volunteer to be an Eagle Eye Dad. Friday, April 28th is the last day to volunteer. Let’s show Liberty what it means to be an Eagle Eye Dad!

Available dates can be seen at schedule.eagleeyedads.com, and head to signup.eagleeyedads.com to sign up.

Box Tops Contest

Deadline is April 28!

The winners of the 3rd Box Tops contest were Ms. Nykorchuk (5th), Mrs. Davis (3rd), and Ms. Houck (1st). The prize for those classes is lunch with Mr. Pack!

Our current contest runs through April 28th – and the top 3 classes will each get to have their own popsicle party.

Please tape, glue or staple 25 Box Tops to the sheet below or place in a sandwich bag and send in via backpack by April 28 to enter the contest. Every child in the three classes with the most Box Tops submitted will be eligible for their class popsicle party.

Our first two contests alone brought in over $500 for our school. Thank you – Box Tops really add up. Remember to label your sheet or bag with your child’s name and teacher. Please double-check that the Box Top is not expired!
RESCHEDULED: MSAAC Meeting
Due to bad weather in March, this event has been rescheduled for this month. We hope you can attend!

The Minority Student Achievement Advisory Committee is excited to celebrate its 5th Annual Academic Fair & Symposium entitled *Social, Cultural, & Academic Development & Achievement Through Literacy*. Parents, educators and students are invited.

Date & Time: April 19, 2017 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Location: Loudoun County Public School Administration Building at 21000 Education Court in Ashburn, Virginia

This year's keynote speaker is Ellen Oh (*pictured above*). Ellen Oh is co-founder, President and CEO of We Need Diverse Books (WNDB), a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing diversity in children's literature. She is also a former adjunct college instructor and corporate/entertainment attorney. She is the editor of the Flying Lessons Anthology, and the author of the YA fantasy trilogy, The Prophecy Series, and the upcoming MG novel, The Spirit Hunters, to be published in July 2017.

Make it Easy: Order School Supply Kits Now!
We are excited to announce ordering is coming up for the SchoolKidz Kit supply program!

SchoolKidz is an easy way for parents to purchase teacher tailored back-to-school supplies that get delivered directly to your child’s classroom before school starts on August 24, 2017. There are two ways to order this year.

1. Orders can be placed online April 12 through May 12, 2017 at [www.shopTTkits.com](http://www.shopTTkits.com) (use school code 24145). Online ordering is the fastest and preferred method for placing orders.

2. If you are unable to order online, you can also place a paper order and submit payment through your child’s teacher. All paper orders will be due by May 5th, 2017.

Please look for the flyer coming home following Spring Break in your child’s Thursday folder with additional details and grade specific costs. It is also attached below.
Got a Green Thumb? Join the Outdoor Classroom Garden Club

Liberty PTA is proud to announce the start of the Outdoor Classroom Garden Club — a new educational project designed to support, beautify and maintain our school’s outdoor learning environments. If you have any questions about how you can help, please see the attached flyer below, or contact the club chair Lisa Morales at libertyptagardens@gmail.com, or co-chair Misty Ocean at mistyhocean@icloud.com.

In Other News...

• **After School Enrichment Announcement:** Due to the two snow days in March, the After School Enrichment Programs will have make up days for Tuesday and Wednesday programs. The new last day for Tuesday programs will be May 9 and the new last day for Wednesday programs will be May 10.

• **Spirit Night is Coming!** Take a night off from cooking dinner. Join us at Velocity Wings on April 27 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Come out, eat some great food and support your school!

• **Staff Matball Game:** We had a fabulous turnout for the game and hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Please don’t forget to thank and frequent our sponsors: Ashburn Pediatrics, Bach to Rock, and Glory Days.
HELP WANTED!

Liberty Elementary PTA
Needs YOU!

It is that time of year where the PTA starts thinking about the staff for the next school year. Our parent volunteers (you) are what enable the fun and worthwhile events that make Liberty what it is. We cannot offer quality events without volunteers. We will be holding elections for key staff in May. We need parents to volunteer in the positions of:

- President
- Treasurer
- VP Events,
- VP Fundraising,
- VP Committees
- Corresponding Secretary and
- Recording Secretary.

There are also some key committee positions opening up as well to honcho a specific activity during the year with a smaller time commitment. We need your help, please fill out the following forms and return them to the main office at Liberty. Descriptions of the positions are included. Thank you for your interest, and please help where you can. Questions can be directed to me at:

libptapresident@gmail.com.
SchoolKidz™ School Supply Kits

Dear Parents,

This year our school will be utilizing the SchoolKidz™ School Supply Kit Program. This program is an easy and convenient way for parents to purchase back-to-school supplies.

What can you expect:

- **Quality Teacher Approved Supplies at Affordable Prices!**
  
  Kits are built using the supplies approved by our teachers and are customized by grade level. We believe you will find the pricing to be very reasonable.

- **Personalized Kits with Bonus Items and Promotional Offerings!**
  
  Each kit comes labeled with your student’s name and grade. Also included inside of every kit are exclusive offers along with 40 Personalized Labels for labeling supplies.

- **Saves Time!**
  
  Avoid the hassle of multiple store visits and battling long back-to-school lines. The kits will be delivered directly to the school for your child!

*Online ordering for 2017-18 school year begins April 12th and ends May 12th. at http://www.shopttkits.com/ (enter 24145 for school code)*

If you have any questions please contact:

Misty Ocean, Liberty ES Rep - mistyhocean@gmail.com
Student Name: ________________________
Teacher: ___________________________ Grade: _____
(if ½ day Kindergarten indicate AM or PM)

Contest Dates: February 27 – April 28
Prize: Popsicle Party – Top 3 classes!

Please no expired Box Tops – thank you!

Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child’s school. Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet – please submit them separately. To see more ways to earn cash for your child’s school, go to BTFE.com.
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PTA Outdoor Classroom Garden Club

Love to garden or even just play in the dirt? Let’s Get Digging!

Liberty PTA is proud to announce the start of the Outdoor Classroom Garden Club - a new educational project designed to support, beautify, and maintain our school’s outdoor learning environments.

How you can help:

1. **DONATE YOUR TIME, SKILLS OR SERVICES**
   Experienced gardener or want to learn? Share your knowledge, experience, and lend a hand! Everyone is welcome!

2. **CONTRIBUTE SUPPLIES**
   Have old garden tools cluttering up your garage? Shopping for new garden supplies? Add another one to your cart and donate them to Liberty!

3. **SCOUT TROOP LEADERS**
   This is an excellent way to get your troops involved in their community & give back.

Example of Supplies Needed:
- Garden & hand tools
- Seeds & plants (we will even take plant cuttings!)
- Watering cans
- Soil, compost, seedling starter pots
- Bricks, border pavers
- Hardware & tools (wood, nails, hammer, etc.)
- Garden decor
- Paint
- Temperature/weather gauge

Contact: Lisa Morales, Liberty PTA Outdoor Classroom Committee Chair  libertyptagardens@gmail.com