December 2016

THE LIBERTY FLYER
Liberty Elementary: Preparing Active Learners

Letter from the PTA President

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

Wow! After a busy start to the school year with Laps for Liberty and Fall Fest, it was nice to have a quiet November. I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving break and had a chance to catch up with family and friends. I was able to visit with my husband’s side of the family and managed to come away with a souvenir of a torn Achilles tendon. You will see me around school, but it will probably be a lot less for the next 6-8 weeks. Thank goodness we have such a great PTA/school staff to back me up.

This month’s big activity is Bingo Night which is December 2 from 6:30-8pm. We tried something different this year and asked each classroom to come up with a gift basket based on a theme assigned to each grade. The results were fantastic. I hope you come out to see all the hard work the classes put in to their baskets and try to win one.

Our dining night at Chick-fil-A is postponed until January 24th. They wanted to make sure they had all their ducks in a row before they invited the schools to have fundraisers. The good news is we will have a chance to do it all again in March and June as well.

As you will notice, we aren’t having our typical fundraiser selling wrapping paper this time of year. Hope you didn’t need any. 😊 That was due to the outstanding success of Laps for Liberty and your generous support. Thank you so much.

From the entire PTA staff, we wish you and your family a very Happy Holidays!

Warm Regards,
Anne Corej
Liberty PTA President | libptapresident@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER
1 PTA Executive Board Meeting @ 3:15 p.m.
1 Fall Picture Retakes
2 December Newsletter Published
8 PTA General Membership Mtg. @ 3:15 p.m.
15 Winter Chorus Concert @ 7 p.m.
16 TopKick Parents Night Out @ 5:30 – 8:15 p.m.

DECEMBER 22 – JANUARY 2 Winter Break

JANUARY
3 Classes Resume
5 PTA Executive Board Meeting @ 3:15 p.m.
6 January Newsletter Published
12 PTA General Membership Mtg. @ 3:15 p.m.
16 Holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
20 Children’s Diversity Night
24 Spirit Night – Chick-fil-A South Riding @ 4 – 7 p.m.
27 Moveable Student Holiday (teacher work day)
Treasurer’s Report
Hello Liberty families! November has been a very quiet month as far as activities, but quite a bit has been happening behind the scenes. The musical instruments paid for near the end of October have been received by the school and are already being used by our kids. The Smart Lab furniture is in place. Additional Ozobots were ordered. The PTA taxes have been completed and filed. The Liberty Elementary PTA dues of $2,058.75 have been paid to the VA PTA. The PTA has received our 501(c)(3) accreditation for the 2017 calendar year. We came in about $500 short for our Fall Festival. Not great but this event is no longer for money earning and strictly a fun activity for our kids.

William Perry | PTA Treasurer | Liberty Elementary School

Guest Author Coming to Liberty
The library will be hosting Andrea Alexander, a Loudoun County author of biographies, on Monday, December 12 for grades 2 – 5 during their special time. She has kindly provided us with an order form (with an educator’s discount of 15%) and will be happy to sign copies when she is here. The library will have the books in our school’s collection. If you would like copies for your classroom or home, please use the form attached below to order your own copies.

Students will be able to order copies using the form attached below.

Eagle Eye Dads

The Eagle Eye Dad program is up to 37 dads for the year! We only have three open Fridays and a handful of Mondays available. If you would like to sign up to be an Eagle Eye Dad, please check the schedule at schedule.eagleeyedads.com to find an available date then sign up at signup.eagleeyedads.com. Our program ends at the end of April due to testing in May.

William Perry | EagleEyeDads.com | Eagle Eye Dads Coordinator
Reflections Contest Winners
Congratulations to the winners of the PTA reflections contest! Thanks to all of the students who partipated. Here are the top finishers:

PTA Reflections Results-School Level

**Primary (K-2)**
- **Visual Arts**
  - Aditya Iyer – I place – Advancing to District

- **Music composition**
  - Aditya Iyer – I place – Advancing to District

- **Dance Choreography**
  - Aditya Iyer – I place – Advancing to District

- **Film Production**
  - Rahul Rajha – I place – Advancing to District

- **Photography**
  - Anurag Pasula – I place – Advancing to District

- **Literature**
  - Rahul Rajha – I place – Advancing to District
  - Elizabeth Cherian – II place
  - Aditya Iyer – III place

**Intermediate (3rd-5th)**
- **Visual Arts**
  - Jacob Wimmer – I place – Advancing to District
  - Anusha Manikandan – II Place
  - Tala Barghouty – III place

- **Music composition**
  - Swetha Bharat – I place – Advancing to District
  - Manasvini Iyer – II place
  - Aidan McDonough – III place

- **Dance Choreography**
  - Swetha Bharat – I place – Advancing to District
  - Akshaya Manikandan – II place
  - Anusha Manikandan – III place

- **Film Production**
  - Swetha Bharat – I place – Advancing to District
  - Pranav Saravanan – II place

- **Photography**
  - Daksha Rajagopal – I place – Advancing to District
  - Nicholas Ruff – II place
  - Naren Krishnan – III place

- **Literature**
  - Cameron Ivarone – I place – Advancing to District
  - Kaushal kumcha – II place
  - Shrina Thakkar – III place

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Box Tops for Recess Contest – Extended!

We’re collecting Box Tops for Education. Look for the Box Tops logo on products you already buy, clip them and send them to school in your child’s backpack. It’s really easy! We get 10 cents for each Box Top, so if you fill in the collection sheet below, PTA will get $5 from General Mills. We’ll have a new contest every 7 weeks or so. You’re always welcome to send in your Box Tops in a sandwich bag any time. Please double-check that the Box Top is not expired!

**October/November/December Contest (Now through 12/9)**
Top 3 Classes Win Extra Recess!

Please tape, glue or staple 50 Box Tops to the sheet (attached below) or place in a sandwich bag and send in via backpack by December 9 to enter the contest. Every child in the three classes with the most Box Tops submitted will receive an extra few minutes of recess on a day selected by the teacher.
After School Classes Added

We have some exciting and new After School Enrichment programs for the Spring. Some of the new programs are Bollywood Dance, Cartooning, Public Speaking, Pottery, Cooking, Science, and learning Spanish. For the Spring session, we will be starting and ending 10 minutes later. The new time frame will be 2:50 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.

Our Winter session will end the week of December 5th. Drama Club and Chess Club are yearly programs and will continue.

Show Us Your Spirit!

Upcoming Liberty Spirit Night

Tuesday, January 24
Chick-fil-A South Riding
4 – 7 p.m.
All Grades are Welcome!
Since the restaurant is new, they wanted to get all their policies/plans in place before they started having dining nights. This has delayed our dining night until January.

Let’s Stay Connected

Use Remind.com to receive reminders for PTA events and fundraisers:

Go to: https://www.remind.com/join/91433a9
Type in your full name and either a cell phone number to receive texts or an email address.

Like our PTA Facebook page: Liberty Elementary PTA (South Riding, VA)

Visit our webpage: http://www.lcps.org/Page/63546
Liberty Bingo Night

Friday, December 2
Doors open at 6:30pm, First game starts at 7pm
Admission is $5 per person

Raffle tickets available for purchase (Sterling Tiger Den and Creative Dance Center certificates and 50/50 drawing)

Food available for purchase
Pizza - $2
Chips, candy, soda, water - $1

Prize baskets donated by each classroom and they are amazing! Thanks to all who contributed.

Sponsors:
PARENTS NIGHT OUT! DECEMBER 16TH

Parents: Enjoy a much-needed night off for some dining or holiday shopping!!
- Drop off your child for an evening of some fun variations of dodgeball & a battle of nerf wars. It will be a fun night for all and it's for a great cause.
- In lieu of charging for this event, we are asking for a donation of a new unwrapped toy. All toys will be donated to kids in need through Best Kids mentoring group that TopKick has been supporting for many years. We are collecting toys for a wide range of kids up into early teen years.
- In addition to helping these kids, we have also partnered up with Liberty Elementary and will be giving back to their PTA for all the Liberty students that attend this event.
- A light snack will be provided.

AGES: 5-11 years old
DROP OFF: 5:30 - 5:45 PM
PICK UP: 8:00- 8:15 PM
THEME: Dodgeball & Nerf Wars (we will provide all equipment, please do not bring your own gear)
CHECK IN: Just like our other events, when you drop off your child, you will need to check them in, you will take their shoes, we will verify emergency contact information, and then they will join in the fun! You do not need to bring a printed copy of your ticket.
QUESTIONS: call us at 703-327-8030 or email us at southriding@topkickonline.com
TO REGISTER: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parents-night-out-toy-drive-tickets-29620128602

DATE AND TIME
Fri, December 16, 2016
5:30 PM – 8:15 PM EST
Add to Calendar

LOCATION
TopKick Martial Arts - South Riding
25031 Riding Plaza
#115
Chantilly, VA 20152
View Map
**SPORTS BIOGRAPHIES:**

**BRYCE HARPER**

**KIRK COUSINS**

**ALEXANDER OVECHKIN**

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**Student Information**

Student Name: ____________________________

School: _______________________________

Grade: ___________ Teacher: ____________

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**Order Forms Due:**

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**Author Visit Date:**

___________ Quantity: ____________

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**Book Total**

Total # of Books: ____________

Price Per Book: $14.95

Total Cost: ____________

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**Payment Information**

Credit Card Information (select one): VISA MC

Card number: ____________________________

Exp Date: ___/___ Sec Code: ______ Zip Code: ________

Name on Card: ____________________________

Please make checks payable to: Glory Days Press

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info@glorydayspress.com | 703.309.1750 | www.glorydayspress.com
Student Name: ____________________________
Teacher: __________________ Grade: _________
(if ½ day Kindergarten indicate AM or PM)

Contest Dates: October 3 – December 9
Prize: EXTRA RECESS TIME – Top 3 classes!

Please no expired Box Tops – thank you!

50 BOX TOPS = $5 FOR YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL

Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child’s school. Tape or paste them to this collection sheet and send it to school. Please note, bonus certificates must be submitted separately. Thanks for your help!

1. Clip Box Tops and check expiration date
2. Tape or glue Box Tops on sheet until filled
3. Send completed sheet to your school Coordinator

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