Letter from the PTA President

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

Wow! We managed to get through January with only a 2-hour delay. I sure hope we get some snow. It is nice every now and then to be able to take a step back and enjoy winter.

Many thanks to Natalia Beardslee and Meenal Manikandan for putting together our first Children’s Diversity Night. The gym was packed full of people, and it looked like everyone was enjoying themselves. Thank you also to all the teachers and staff who helped the evening run so smoothly.

We also were finally able to have our first Chick-fil-A dining night in South Riding. I think we filled the restaurant! Sorry Libby the Eagle couldn’t make it. Hopefully next time she won’t be sick.

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It is hard to believe, but we are a little more than halfway through the school year. It is time to start thinking about PTA elections in May and filling committee chair positions. At the end of the newsletter are the volunteer forms you can fill out if you would like to put your name in the hat to fill an officer or committee chair position. Most of the PTA staff have served in their positions for two years (myself included) and our terms are up. Please consider volunteering. The students need you.

Warm Regards,
Anne Corej
Liberty PTA President | libptapresident@gmail.com
A special note of thanks from the PTA

Thank You

As we are headed into another stretch of multiple volunteer requests, I wanted to send out an email letting you know what all your time and dedication to Liberty and its community has done for us. You all are truly appreciated. I wish I could reach each of you individually. Just know that your time, donations, baked goods, no matter how big or small ALL have contributed to the amazing community that our children spend so many hours a day in.

As I look back at all the requests from the first half of the school year I am humbled. Our Liberty families are incredible. We start recruiting volunteers in August for distribution of school supply kits, which was completed in record time this year. Next, we had our help with vision and hearing screenings and school pictures.

Laps for Liberty was huge this year with a request for over 140 volunteers. This was met and exceeded by so many parents coming to watch their kids and staying asking "what can I do to help". Our Laps for Liberty fundraiser sheets were all completed on the same day and sent home with our Liberty Eagles. That could not have happened without the many parents that took time tallying and counting each sheet. This resulted in raising over $47,000. We immediately were able to start giving back to our students. We have been able to fulfill some of our teacher wish lists. Some of the purchases include Bloxels, Sum Blox, Triumph Learning, Osmos, musical instruments, furniture for the SMART lab, and a cooler for our food recovery program. This kind of success simply cannot happen without our amazing volunteers.

Fall Fest was tricky timing, and we had to really reach for volunteers. Once again they came through with over 80 volunteers tasked to run games and keep our kids safe through obstacle courses. Not to mention all the food to help and serve. This time it was our amazing middle schoolers, high schoolers and parents that all worked together to create an incredible atmosphere of fun. Our Liberty community once again came together.

I know it seems like I put out a call for food requests frequently. These are often to have snacks for our parents during times when our amazing staff is taking the time to teach us about what our school is offering to our students during Parent Coffees. Other times, it’s for the incredible staff and teachers to give them a little pick me up as they participate in their monthly staff meeting. And still other times it’s for things like American Education week or the upcoming Teacher Appreciation week. Any way you look at it, everyone is so appreciative of all that you provide.

A huge Thank You to each everyone who helped out in big ways and small ways for BINGO. This was the best set of baskets we have had in over 5 years and that is because of all of YOU. Some of the baskets had gift cards worth over $25. The creativity of each basket that was there was outstanding. The children were so giddy looking through all the baskets that they could win. That evening brought in over $1500. (In past years, were definitely not that successful). I attribute that to all of YOU. You know what that means? Our teachers wish lists keep getting longer.

Our children are so lucky to have parents so dedicated to the success of their school. This allows our teachers to keep reaching and challenging our children and asking for more from our PTA so that they can provide the best education for our students. It also allows our Liberty Eagles to come together outside of school to enrich to their days with fun like at Fall Fest and Bingo, or experiences like Child Diversity Night and StemmerDay. We are so happy that we can provide this for our students, but none of it is possible without each and every one of you.

Thank You

Jen Robinette
VP Volunteers and Commitees
2016-2017
Liberty Elementary PTA Needs You!
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.

Treasurer’s Report
During the general PTA meeting in January a vote was taken and passed to allocate an additional $15,000 to the school requests budget line. Most of that money will be used to purchase technology for use by all students. A smaller portion will be used to pay for travel toward the FETC STEM Program Excellence Award. The PTA is also a major supporter of STEMmerday and $1,150 of the budgeted $8,000 in expenses was paid in January. We received about $1,500 from our after-school enrichment. The PTA also received $1,866 from the Box Tops for Education program. This included box tops from the previous school year.

William Perry | PTA Treasurer | Liberty Elementary School

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.

Box Tops Contest
We’re continuing to collect 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 $2.50 from General Mills. You’re always welcome to send in your Box Tops in a sandwich bag any time but please label it with your child’s name and teacher. Please double-check that the Box Top is not expired!

January / February Contest
(1/3 – 2/24)
Top 3 Classes: Lunch with Mr. Pack!

Tape, glue or staple 25 Box Tops to the sheet below or place in a sandwich bag and send in via backpack by Feb. 24 to enter the contest. Every child in the three classes with the most Box Tops submitted will be eligible for the prize. The winning class from the 3rd contest will get to take the new Box Top Eagle stuffed animal until the next winner is announced!
After-School Enrichment Programs
Registration Open!
Registration for the Spring After School Enrichment has started. Don’t forget to check out our new programs. The programs will be on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. Chest Club will stay on Thursday. The new time frame will be 2:50 pm to 3:50 pm. Dismissal will be at either the main front entrance or the parking lot front entrance. Signs will be posted at the front doors. Flyers of all our programs have gone home. If you have questions or need a flyer, see attachment below, or please contact Phong Schillinger at phongliu@gmail.com.

Upcoming MSAAC Meeting
The next Minority Student Achievement Advisory Committee (MSAAC) Meeting is scheduled for February 15. We hope that you can attend.

Date: February 15, 2017
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Location: LCPS Administration Building at 21000 Education Court in Ashburn.
For more information about MSAAC go to: http://www.lcps.org/Page/165417.

Eagle Eye Dads
Eagle Eye Dad slots are still available Monday's and Friday's! Liberty’s Eagle Eye Dad Program strives to involve fathers and father figures in our school’s learning environment. Eagle Eye Dads work with Liberty teachers and administrators to maintain a safe and secure school, act as a role model or mentor, assist in classrooms, experience positive interactions with students, and spend time with your child during the school day.

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

FREE MONEY FOR LIBERTY
Link your Giant and Harris Teeter cards to Liberty Elementary and earn our school free money! Do this at the beginning of each school year by clicking on each store link.

Liberty school code 05654

Liberty school code 7219
http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx

Save your Glory Days receipts. Each time you eat at Glory Days, please ask your server for a copy of your guest check. Send the receipt in an envelope to school addressed to the PTA. Glory Days will give 10% of food and non-alcoholic drink purchases back to Liberty.

Add Liberty to your Red Robin Royalty Card in the “Burgers for Better Schools” section of your online account at http://royalty.redrobin.com/.

Liberty school code 70217870
Shop at http://www.officedepot.com/a/content/back-to-school/5percent/.
Student Name: ________________________
Teacher: ____________________________ Grade: ___
(if ½ day Kindergarten indicate AM or PM)

Contest Dates: January 3 – February 24
Prize: TBD– Top 3 classes!
Please no expired Box Tops – thank you!
After School Enrichment Programs Spring 2017

Liberty’s After School Enrichment Program is excited to kick off on February 21st and ending on May 8th. Registration begins Monday, January 30th and closes Monday, February 13th. Classes are from 2:50pm – 3:50pm. Transportation home will need to be provided by the parent/guardian. If the student is enrolled in Casa/YMCA the child will be escorted back to Casa/YMCA at the end of the session.

Registration is online with the hosting company. All classes are on a first come first serve basis and no refunds will be issued once you have registered.

Questions? Contact Phong Schillinger at phongliu@gmail.com.

Monday 2/27, 3/6, 3/14, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8 unless otherwise noted

**Dance to the Rhythm (Freestyle and Bollywood style Dancing)**
Dancing with the feet is one thing but dancing with the Heart is another and Dance to the Rhythm follows the later!! Students will be introduced to Basic Moves, Freestyle dancing and Bollywood. We will work on Teamwork, Moves, Beats, Exercise along with a lot of fun. We will help them to not only get each step perfectly on the floor but also to enjoy each step along the way!!

Fee: $150
Grades: K-5
Register: by email to dancetoyourrhythm@gmail.com

**Public Speaking**
Students write and deliver short speeches and presentations on topics of their own choosing in a comfortable setting. Instructors provide detailed individual suggestions for improving both content and delivery. Students learn how to encourage each other and provide constructive feedback.

Fee: $155
Grades: 3-5
Register: www.fairfaxcollegiate.com/liberty

**Spanish**
Language Stars offers a full-immersion program taught by native speakers from around the world! Our play-based curriculum is designed to teach functional language through hands-on activities, games, and songs. The online Student Center and accompanying activity book details key vocabulary and provides parents the opportunity to follow along with their child’s progress at home.

Fee: $220
Grades: K-3
Register: https://apm.activecommunities.com/languagestars/

**Sports Spectacular**
Do you love to play sports? Then you’ll love Sports Spectacular! Each week we’ll play a different sport or game including: basketball, soccer, flag football, kickball, Capture the Flag, tag games and MORE! Get moving with games like Bump and Bite, Knights and Dragons, the Numbers Game, and Safe Base. We’ll work on teamwork, sportsmanship and fitness. All while having fun.

Fee: $110
Grades: K-5
Register: www.otaregistration.com

**TGA Premier Youth Tennis**
The United States Tennis Association Mid-Atlantic Section (USTA MAS) proudly presents TGA Premier Youth Tennis, the first and only national tennis enrichment program in the country. Students will develop tennis skills utilizing kid-friendly equipment in a play-to-learn style that gets them rallying and having fun right away. In addition, students will learn relevant enrichment skills such as sportsmanship, math, science, technology, history, and more as they advance through our five-level program. All students receive a handbook on their first day and a hat and wristband on their last day. Program is taught by USTA-trained coaches and all tennis equipment is provided. There are two session options: Mondays for Grades K-2, Wednesdays for Grades 3-5.

Fee: $170
Grades: K-2
Register: http://tinyurl.com/LibertyESTennisSpring17
**Mudskippers Pottery**
Let Mudskippers Pottery bring the mud to you! Our ceramics instructors will expand your student’s knowledge and creativity. Each project is complimented by a short art history lesson, submersing students in both history and culture. Students will hone their fine motor skills through hand building and glazing their very own pottery masterpieces while expressing their unique personal vision. The 3D medium will teach them to use problem solving skills to address form and structure.

**Fee:** $150
**Grades:** K-5
**Register:** www.mudskipperspottery.com

**Kids Cook-Off**
Kid cooks, bakers and chefs have joined the ranks of elimination style cooking contests and here at Tiny Chefs we are getting in on the action! In this exciting session, classes will be separated into rotating teams and each team will create recipes that are judged by the instructors in a blind taste test. Sometimes the teams will create the same item, and compete head to head, other times they will create different recipes within a theme such as Snack Attack or Sweet and Savory Pies. May the best team win!

**Fee:** $248
**Grades:** 3-5
**Register:** https://www.tinychefs.com/after-school-cooking-enrichment/

**KidzArt**
KidzArt is a drawing program that introduces children to concepts such as proportion, perspective, dimension, and shading. Starting with a blank canvas the students will create a masterpiece to take home after every class. The young artists are exposed to many mediums which may include oil and chalk pastels, watercolors, charcoal, markers, and clay. New curriculum every session. KidzArt builds self-confidence, problem-solving skills, and creativity in a fun non-competitive atmosphere. Artist materials provided. Always new curriculum.

**Fee:** $145
**Grades:** K-5
**Register:** http://nova.kidzart.com/

**Young Scientists**
Club Sci Kidz NOVA will be teaching students about inventing and engineering in the world around them! Students will be engaged in our Coasters and Contraptions theme with activities like creating kaleidoscopes, building solar ovens, and participating in the great American balloon car race. During the second half of the session, students will participate in Invention Convention! Here they will focus on practical forms of science and technology such as creating their own compass, learning about properties behind duct tape, and understanding the science behind why a paper towel absorbs liquid!

**Fee:** $265
**Grades:** K-5
**Register:** https://campscui.active.com/orgs/ClubSciKidzNorthVirginia
Wednesday 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3 unless otherwise noted

Cartooning
Calvin & Hobbes, Spongebob Squarepants, Bugs Bunny and other cartoons come to life in this fun program. Learn tricks, tips and techniques on how to draw crazy cartoons just like the pros. Using simple methods with shapes and lines, kids will learn that drawing cartoons is easier than you can imagine! Developed by Pro Comic Book Creator, Arsia Rozegar (credits include Iron Man & The Hulk)
Fee: $128
Grades: K-5
Register: https://kidscreate.mypaysimple.com/s/liberty

Cupcake & Lace
Hand Sewing Plushies Class! Learn how to hand sew and complete a cute plushie each class! Some projects include an Emoji plushie, Valentine’s heart plushie and more! If time allows we will craft beds and mini accessories for our newly sewn Plushies. 5 weeks only 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22.
Fee: $90
Grades 2-5
Register: http://cupcakesandlace.com/va-workshops-camps/

Kaizen Karate
This popular class is a disciplined introduction to the sport by Kaizen Karate. Your child will learn the beautiful art of karate while gaining safety and defensive skills in a respectful environment. The class will also emphasize the basic karate principles of focus, patience and self-discipline. Returning students will continue to work toward new belts while first time students will be able to start the belt program. (Instruction provided by Kaizen Karate)
Fee: $127
Grades: 1-5
Register: http://kaizenkaratemd.siplay.com/site/

Lego Science SMART
Want to learn how everyday things work? Want to learn how machines run and how the moving parts are connected to each other? Learn by building them yourselves! Build simple machines and combine them for more complex exercises. Explore concepts of balanced vs. unbalances, near vs. far, and measurement. Also learn the cool terms that are used with building components and show off to your friends by speaking science, the SMART way!
Fee: $225
Grades: K-1
Register: http://sciencecosmos.com/loudoun/liberty-elementary

Sculpt It by Abrakadoodle
The Abrakadoodle art experience engages children with multi-media art lessons that will inspire your child’s imagination. In our Sculpt It class children will learn to sculpt using a variety of tools and materials which may include modeling compounds, wire, wood, aluminum, plastic, string and paper. We’ll mold, bend, twist, stretch, and balance all while learning about amazing artists and making 3D creations that are dynamic, creative and fun! All materials are provided.
Fee: $165
Grades K-5
Register: www.abrakadoodle.com/va-loudoun-county-register/

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Grades: 3-5
Register: http://tinyurl.com/LibertyESTennisSpring17


Chess Club
Learn chess from a Silver Knights Chess coach! We teach more than 4,000 children each week. Club time is split between lesson and play. Lessons range from learning the rules to advanced tournament strategies, depending on the children. Play time is structured to pair each student against an opponent of similar skill. All grades and skill levels are welcome. Silver Knights will supply all the equipment during chess club. Students will have the opportunity to play in tournaments.
Fee: $156
Grades: K-5
Register: www.silverknightschess.com
STAFF MATBALL GAME—Sponsored by

“Insert Your Business Here”

Team Yoda Vs
Team Darth Vader

Liberty PTA would like you to help sponsor our.....

STAFF MATBALL GAME

Thursday, March 30th @ 6:30 PM (at Freedom High)

Big Eagle Sponsor: $1000 – Due March 3rd

Red/White & Blue Sponsors: $500 - Due March 3rd

- Business listed as a sponsor on all PTA Staff Matball announcements sent home with students. Business listed on Event Program.
- Business announced as event sponsor during game.
- Business may hang banner or poster in the hallway outside the gymnasium during the game. Business recognized in PTA newsletter and website.
- Business listed on the T-Shirts worn by the teachers/players and sold to students and parents. 2 personalized t-shirts with name and two-digit number on the back!

Sponsorship inquiries, please contact Anne Corej, libptapresident@gmail.com

Please complete this form and return with your check payable to Liberty PTA.
Business Name:

Contact Person

Address:

City: __________________________ State: ___________ Zip Code: ___________
Phone #: ______________________ Email: __________________________
Shirt Size: _____________________ Name/Number on back: ___________________
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- President
- Treasurer
- VP Events
- VP Fundraising
- VP Committees
- Corresponding Secretary
- 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.
If you are interested in serving on the Liberty Elementary PTA executive board to actively influence the PTA activities at Liberty, please complete the simple form below and send it to Jen Robinette, libptacorrespondingsec@gmail.com. You may also return your completed application to the office staff at Liberty Elementary School and your forms will be forwarded to the nominating committee. Please be prepared to say a few words at the monthly meeting in May about how you are prepared to support and lead the PTA. This is an elected position and elections will be held during the May PTA meeting.

PRESIDENT:
Name: ________________________________________ Telephone: _______________ E-Mail: _______________________________________

VICE PRESIDENT (circle either Fundraising, Events, or Committees):
Name: ________________________________________ Telephone: _______________ E-Mail: _______________________________________

SECRETARY (circle either Corresponding or Recording):
Name: ________________________________________ Telephone: _______________ E-Mail: _______________________________________

TREASURER:
Name: ________________________________________ Telephone: _______________ E-Mail: _______________________________________

Job Descriptions of each position are on the back of this form. Thank you for taking an opportunity to volunteer and support Liberty Elementary.
Liberty Elementary Job Descriptions

President:
• Presides at all meetings of the PTA.
• Performs duties prescribed in the by-laws.
• Is a member ex officio of all committees except the nominating committee.
• Coordinates the work of all officers and committee chairs.

Vice President Fundraising:
• Responsible for major fundraising event.
• Coordinate other fundraising activities throughout the year.
• Assists President when needed.

Vice President Events:
• Identifying and coordinating special events throughout school year.
• Assists President as needed.

Vice President Committees:
• Helps to staff volunteers for various school events.
• Assists President as needed.

Recording Secretary:
• Records the minutes of all meetings of the PTA.
• Maintains a PTA membership list as required by the Virginia PTA.
• Performs other delegated duties as assigned.

Corresponding Secretary
• Facilitates communication between PTA and outside vendors/companies/sponsors, etc.

Treasurer:
• Has custody of all funds of the PTA.
• Keeps a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures.
• Makes disbursements as authorized by the president, executive board, or PTA in accordance with the PTA adopted budget.
• Has checks signed by two officers, preferably the treasurer and president.
• Presents a financial statement at every meeting of the PTA and other times when requested by the executive board
• Has the accounts examined according to the auditing procedures outlined in the by-laws.
Committee Chairs Needed:

• **After School Enrichment Coordinator**—Coordinate vendors for afterschool programs. Provide enrollment list for each program to classroom teachers and front office.

• **5th Grade Celebration Parent** (must be 4th or 5th grade parent next year) - coordinate food, fun and DJ for 5th grade celebration

• **Newsletter Editor**—Create monthly PTA newsletter

• **Website Updater**—keep PTA website up to date

• **Copy Committee Chair**—coordinate group of volunteers to make PTA copies weekly and put in teachers' mailboxes for Thursday folders

• **Specific Events Chairs/Co-Chairs** (Bingo Night, Matball, Children's Diversity Night, Laps for Liberty, STEMmerDay, Dining Nights, Fall Fest) - work with VP Events and plan each of the various events (can be 1 or more people per event)

Name: ______________________________ Telephone: ______________
Email: ________________________________________

Please circle Committee Chair/Co-Chair position(s) you are interested in:

- After School Enrichment Coordinator
- 5th Celebration Parent
- Newsletter Editor
- Website Updater
- Copy Committee Chair
- Room Parent Coordinator
- Events Chairs:
  - Bingo Night (Nov/Dec)
  - Matball (Mar)
  - Children's Diversity Night (Jan)
  - Laps for Liberty (Sep)
  - STEMmerDay (Mar)
  - Dining Nights
- Fall Fest (Oct)
- American Education Week (Nov)
- Teacher Appreciation Week (May)
- Reflections
- Odyssey of the Mind
- School kits

- Beautification
- School Directory
- Box Tops Coordinator
- MSAAC representative
- Eagle Eye Dad Coordinator
- LEAP representative and alternate
- Spiritwear sale coordinator
- SEAC representative