Letter from the PTA President

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

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday with their family and friends. Time has surely flown by. There are only three weeks left until the end of the 2nd quarter. Make sure those kids get back to studying hard and completing their homework.

December was a pretty quiet month. We did have our super fun Bingo Night which was very well attended. From all the smiles we saw, I think everyone had a great time. Thank you to all of the classes who put together gift baskets. They were fabulous. We have tried many ways in the past to put these together, and the way we did it this year seemed to work the best, so plan on that continuing. It was much easier for a class to put together one basket, than the PTA staff trying to collect items from the school and put together 40 baskets. We do sincerely appreciate all the work the room parents put into them.

Our big events this month are Children’s Diversity Night (International Night revamped – Jan 20) and our first Chick-fil-A Fundraising Night (Jan 24). Natalia, Meenal and our music teachers have worked very hard to put together an evening to celebrate all the children represented at Liberty. Our Chick-fil-A Fundraising Night will include an appearance by the Liberty Eagle, maybe some surprise visits by our Liberty teachers and staff, and a contest between the classes (top 3 classes win) to see who has the highest attendance (don’t forget to send in your receipt the next day).

Take care and stay warm,
Anne Corej
Liberty PTA President | libptapresident@gmail.com
Treasurer’s Report
Outside of Bingo night, we’ve had a very quiet December. The PTA brought in $1,664 from Bingo night, and I think everyone there had a lot of fun. The final scheduled donation for Laps for Liberty was received bringing the total to $39,769. The teachers and staff have already met and indicated they would love to use any additional funds to purchase additional iPads. The PTA also brought in $1,134 from our fall after school enrichment. Odyssey of the Mind registered seven teams, and, with coach training, the total cost is $751. Fees from students participating will be collected later in the year. Many of you also took advantage of TopKick’s parents’ night out. Since the cost to parents was a donated toy, TopKick offered the PTA a flat donation of $150.

William Perry | PTA Treasurer | Liberty Elementary School

Upcoming MSAAC Meeting
The next Minority Student Achievement Advisory Committee (MSAAC) Meeting is scheduled for January 18. We hope that you can attend.

Date: January 18, 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

Our Eagle Eye Dads program this year has been a huge success. Thank you to all our Eagle Eye Dads, and Mr. Gray for organizing the schedules for all our dads. There are still a few days available.

You can check the schedule at schedule.eagleeyedads.com and sign up at signup.eagleeyedads.com. If you would like to be an Eagle Eye Dad, but there’s nothing available when you could volunteer, please email at libeagleeyedads@gmail.com.

Thank you!!

William Perry | EagleEyeDads.com | Eagle Eye Dads Coordinator
Girl Scouts
Attention 1st grade girls! Are you ready to start your adventure in Girl Scouts? Come join us for a Girl Scout sampler on Thursday January 12, 19 and 26 from 5 -6 p.m. in the Liberty Elementary School library. At the meeting, you and your parent/guardian will discover Girl Scouts, learn songs, do crafts, listen to stores, and, best of all, make new friends. Please see the attached flyer below for more information, and to register please go to www.gscnc.org/join and follow the steps on the attached flyer, also below.

Seminars for Parents
LCPS's Parent Resource Services is committed to positive relationships among parents, schools and communities to support the development of the whole child. PRS assists families with questions and planning as well as provides resources and training.

Here are PRS's upcoming seminars:
Jan. 19: The Power of Play: A Relationship Based Approach to Improved Behavior
Feb. 2: The Role of Restorative Practices in Building Emotional Literacy

Both seminars will be offered at the LCPS Administration building at 21000 Education Court in Ashburn from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. To register, call 571-252-6540 or go to http://lcps.org/ParentResourceServices.

More After-School Enrichment Programs Coming Soon!
Registration for the Spring Session for the After-School Enrichment program will start January 30. Flyers will be sent electronically via Peachjar and a hard copy will be distributed soon. We are offering a few exciting new programs!

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

Box Tops Contest
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 $2.50 from General Mills. We’ll have a new contest every 7-8 weeks. 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!

January /February Contest
(1/3–2/24)
Top 3 Classes: Stay Tuned for Prize!

Please 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. We've had 4th Grade (Ms. Pelak) and Kindergarten (Mrs. Diana) as the top winners for the first two contests. Who's up for the challenge in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th?!?! Congrats to the other winners of the second contest – 2nd place Mrs. Massullo and 3rd place Ms. Pelak.

The winning class from the 3rd contest will get to take the new Box Top Eagle stuffed animal until the next winner is announced!
see around the school, please contact Stephanie Shankles at shankles12@gmail.com.

**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


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/

Liberty school code 7219

http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx

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Please join us for a fun evening at Chick-fil-A South Riding to raise money for Liberty.

When: January 24th, 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Where: Chick-fil-A Restaurant, 43310 Defender Dr, Chantilly, VA 20152

- Visit our mascot, the Liberty Eagle, who will be giving out a Blue Eagle to each student who stops by to say hello.
- Say hello to some of our teachers & staff who may stop in for a surprise visit.
- Bring a copy of your Chick-fil-A receipt to school the next day with your name and teacher’s name on the back for your class to win a surprise reward for having the most attendees (top 3 classes win).

Please be sure to bring this flyer or mention Liberty when you order so that Liberty will receive credit.
CHILDREN’S DIVERSITY NIGHT  
(formerly International Night)  
Date: January 20th  
Time: 6:00PM – 8:30PM  
Location: Liberty Elementary School  

Children’s Diversity Night is a fun-filled and exciting event for Liberty students and their families. This year's program includes several new and interactive workshops and activities focused on the exploration of our identities and the diverse backgrounds of our families. Liberty students and families will have an opportunity to learn about each other through song, poetry, ethnic outfits, books, dance, art, a scavenger hunt and more.  

If you have questions, please contact:  
Meenal Manikandan - smeenal81@yahoo.com  
Natalia Beardslee - nkm100375@yahoo.com
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!

BOX TOPS ARE SNOW WONDERFUL!

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. See more collection sheets at BTFE.com/collectionsheets.
Mental Health and Wellness
Parent Seminar Series 2017

The Power of Play: A Relationship-Based Approach to Improved Behavior
January 19, 2017 6:30-8:30 pm
LCPS Administrative Bldg,
21000 Education Ct., Ashburn, VA

DeAnna Hight, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Registered Play Therapist, takes a strength-based and holistic approach in working with children and families. She believes that children want to do well and there are many ways to equip children with the tools they need to succeed.

Learn about the:
- Importance of play for young children
- Therapeutic powers of play for all young children (including typically developing children, those with or at risk for a disability, and those who have experienced trauma)

Learn how to play with young children to:
- Build their confidence
- Increase problem solving skills
- Create positive adult/child relationships that result in improved behavior

Hosted by Parent Resource Services and sponsored by Formed Families Forward. To Register call 571-252-6540, go to http://lcps.org/ParentResourceServices, or click here to register online.

If, due to a disability, you need assistance to enable you to participate in a workshop or need an interpreter, call Parent Resource Services at 571-252-6540 at least five working days prior to the event.
All 1st grade girls at your school are invited to start their Girl Scout experience in the new year!

Girl Scout Daisies

Daisy Girl Scout Sampler
Thursday, January 12th, 19th, and 26th
5:00-6:00 PM
Liberty Elementary School Library
25491 Riding Center Dr., Chantilly, VA 20152

At the meetings you and your parent/guardian will discover Girl Scouts, learn songs, do crafts, listen to stories, and best of all make NEW friends. Our goal is to establish leadership to form one or more Girl Scout troops.

The cost is $15 for three meetings. Please plan to attend all 3 meetings.
Financial assistance is available by request.

To attend please see the back of this flyer for steps to register.
You will become a registered member of the Girl Scouts of the USA through participation in this sampler program. However, you will not be assigned to a specific troop.

Questions? Please contact:

William Perry
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Carrie Robinson
Membership Specialist
crobinson@gsnc.org
To register for the Daisy Girl Scout Sampler, please follow the directions below:

- Go to [www.gscnc.org/join](http://www.gscnc.org/join)
- Select “Find a Troop”
- Enter your daughter’s information
- Enter “Area D Sampler” in the Troop # Search Field
- Enter “20152” as the zip code, “0” for radius, and enter your grade
- Hit “search”
- Select “Area D Sampler” and click “next”
- Complete the “Membership Information” page. Click “Submit”
- On the “Registration Summary” page, click “checkout”
- *Financial Assistance is available*
- Proceed to payment and complete payment
- A “Confirmation and Thank You” page should appear
- You’re set! We will see you at the Sampler Event!

*At least 10 people will need to register for this event to take place.*

Questions? Please contact:

Carrie Robinson  
Membership Specialist  
703-840-2073