Letter from the PTA President

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

Well I was REALLY hoping for a couple of snow days by now, but I will take 77 degrees in February too! It was beautiful. Can you believe it is March, and there is just over 3 months left until the end of school?

Liberty has a busy month. Be sure to come on out for STEMmer Day on March 11th from 10am - 2:30pm. There are lots of fun, educational, FREE activities for your kids to participate in. The PTA will be selling food for snacks and lunch. Be sure to stop by. On March 13th, we have another spirit night at Chick-fil-A from 4-7pm. This time Libby will definitely be there handing out blue eagles to all of our Liberty students who stop by to say hello. To close out the month, on 30 Mar from 6-8 PM we have our Annual Staff Matball game, Team Yoda vs Team Darth Vader. I love this event because it is always a lot of fun. Make an evening of it by taking the night off from cooking. There will be food and some really cool Star Wars items for sale. Pick up your very own LED “light saber”, or support your team with a Yoda or Darth Vader light-up keyring.

PTA elections for a new president, treasurer, vice president of events, vice president of fundraising, and recording secretary will be held in May. Please consider volunteering. The current staff would be happy to answer any questions you may have, and we also have files to turn over to help make the transition easier. We will also all be in the area next year to help out along the way. We need volunteers to help keep Liberty the great school it already is.

Warm Regards,
Anne Corej
Liberty PTA President | libptapresident@gmail.com
Treasurer’s Report
In February, the PTA spent just over $2,000 on assemblies that our kids will be enjoying soon. Just over $7,000 was spent on iPads as part of the school requests budget line. These iPads are used heavily and we’re now looking at upgrading some of the older iPads that are outdated. The PTA has also spent close to $2,200 of our budgeted $8,000 on STEMmerday.

I only have a few months left until I am no longer able to hold the Treasurer position, per PTA guidelines. If you like money and have a couple of hours a week to help the PTA, please let me or one of the PTA officers know.

William Perry | PTA Treasurer | Liberty Elementary School

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.

Beautification Committee: 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
February 27 – April 28
Our 3rd Box Tops contest ended February 24 and the submissions are still being counted! Remember, the prize for the top 3 winners of this contest is lunch with Mr. Pack! And the top class gets to host the Box Top Eagle.

Our next contest will run from February 27 through April 28. We’ll announce the prize in the next newsletter.

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 the prize.

Thank you so much for the Box Tops you and your kids have submitted already. We’ll let you know how much it has brought our school in the next newsletter as well. The 10 cents Liberty receives for each Box Top really adds up. Remember to label your sheet or the sandwich bag with your child’s name and teacher. Please double-check that the Box Top is not expired!

Stay Tuned for Prize Announcement!
Buy Your Spring Spirit Wear Now
We are holding another spirit wear fundraiser for the spring. We have added mesh shorts with the new Liberty logo and a lightweight windbreaker! The ordering will be online only (https://libertyelementary.itemorder.com/). The site will be open on March 1 and close on March 17. Please make sure your orders are completed by the close date. The finished orders will be delivered on March 31 and distributed shortly after. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Come to the Next MSAAC Meeting
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: March 15, 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.

Still Time to Sign Up
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.
NEW! 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.

Odyssey of the Mind Celebrates!
The Odyssey of the Mind Regional tournament was conducted on February 18. Liberty Elementary's Division 1 team scored the 3rd place in the region for the problem 'It's Time, OMER'. The Liberty PTA will honor all participants with trophies in a celebration event in the upcoming months.

In Other News...

- STEMmerday is a free event for Liberty Families! The event will take place on March 11 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. This event requires a lot of supplies to be donated to support the activities. A list of material donations that are need for STEMmerday 2017 are listed in the attachment below.

- The much-anticipated Liberty Matball 2017 game is on March 30 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:00 p.m.) in the FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL GYM. Order your commemorative Matball 2017 t-shirt for only $18 by March 10. Details are in the attached flyer.

- Spirit Night is Coming! Mark your calendar for March 13 to attend Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A in South Riding from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Material Donations Needed for

STEMmerday 2017

We need an unlimited supply of these items:

- Scotch tape
- Masking tape
- Duct Tape
- Electrical Tape
- Paper clips
- Egg Cartons
- Aluminum Cans
- Newspaper
- Empty cereal, cookie, cracker, tissue boxes
- Paper towel/Toilet paper rolls
- Rubber bands
- Popsicle sticks
- Plastic cups
- Aluminum foil
- Coffee Filters
- String/yarn
- Water Balloons
- Cotton Balls
- Toothpicks
- Plastic Straws

Please send all items in with your student! THANK YOU as always, for your help and support in making this STEMmerday the best one yet!

STEMmerday is a FREE event for Liberty Families.
Join us Saturday, March 11th from 10:00-2:30
STAFF MATBALL GAME – Sponsored by

Team Yoda
Vs
Team Darth Vader

March 30th 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM at FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL
ORDER YOUR SHIRT TODAY!!!
Purchase your custom Matball shirt for only $18 each (All shirt orders are due March 10th NO EXCEPTIONS!!!)

Complete this form (PLEASE PRINT) and return with your check payable to Liberty PTA. One form per student, additional forms can be downloaded from the Liberty PTA Website! Shirts are $18 each. The name on the back of the shirt HAS to be the student’s last name!

Parent/Guardian Name:  ________________________________________________________________

Address:  __________________________________________________________  Phone Number: ________________________________

Email:  ___________________________  Student Name:  ______________________________

Teacher Name:  ___________________________  Grade:  __________________________

T-shirt Size:  Youth: S  M  L  Adult: S  M  L  XL  1X  2X

T-Shirt (circle one):  Team Darth Vader (Black)  Grades:  1st, 3rd, and 5th (led by Mr. Pack)

Team Yoda (Green)  Grades: Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th (led by Mr. Gray)

Name:  ___________________________  Number (2-digit):  ______

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER!!!
HELP WANTED!

Liberty Elementary PTA
Needs YOU!

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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.
Liberty Elementary School

PTA Executive Board Nominations

Application Form

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: __________________________

VICE PRESIDENT (circle either Fundraising, Events, or Committees):

Name: ________________________________________ Telephone: __________________________

SECRETARY (circle either Corresponding or Recording):

Name: ________________________________________ Telephone: __________________________

TREASURER:

Name: ________________________________________ Telephone: __________________________

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

- **Box Tops Chair**—create contests, count box tops and submit to company

- **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 position(s) you are interested in:

- After School Enrichment Coordinator
- 5th Celebration Parent
- Newsletter Editor
- Website Updater
- Copy Committee Chair
- Events Chairs:
  - Bingo Night (Nov/Dec)
  - Matball (Mar)
  - Children's Diversity Night
  - Laps for Liberty (Sep)
  - STEMmerDay (Mar)
  - Dining Nights
  - Fall Fest (Oct)
  - American Education Week (Nov)
  - Teacher Appreciation Week (May)
Student Name: ________________________
Teacher: _______________________ Grade: ______
(if ½ day Kindergarten indicate AM or PM)

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

Please no expired Box Tops – thank you!

SCORE BIG FOR YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL WITH BOX TOPS!

Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth $0.01 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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https://libertyelementary.itemorder.com/
For More Information Contact:
info@hardhits.net
(703) 365-7706
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. **SCOUTROOP LEADERS**
   This is an excellent way to get your troops involved in their community & give back.

- 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
What online resources for kids does LCPL have to offer?

library.loudoun.gov

**Apps for Downloadable Library Books**

**Overdrive**
- eBooks and eAudiobooks
- For all ages, includes designated "Kids" collection
- Checkout period: 7, 14, or 21 days
- Checkout limit: 10 at a time
- Holds limit: 10 at a time

**Hoopla**
- eAudiobooks, music, video, comics, & eBooks
- For all ages, includes designated "Kids" mode
- Unlimited copies!
- Checkout limit: 6 items per month
- Checkout period:
  - 3 days for video
  - 7 days for music albums
  - 21 days for audiobooks, comics, & books

**Language Learning**

**Mango Languages**
Basic or complete online instruction in dozens of languages, including English for speakers of other languages.
- Available through library's "Research & Learn" webpage OR as an app!

**Beanstack**

**Online eBooks for Kids**

**BookFLIX**
- Pairs fiction and non-fiction books.
- Watch an animated version of a picture book.
- Read the related non-fiction book.
- Play reading comprehension games!
- Available through library's "Just for Kids" webpage.

**TumbleBooks**
- Story Books: Watch an animated version of a picture book.
- Read Alongs: Easy Readers to chapter books.
- Includes "math stories!"
- Available through library's "Just for Kids" webpage.

**Online Book Recommendations**

**Beanstack**
Every week, a book in the library's collection will be suggested specifically for each registered child based on the information customers provide in their online profile
- Available through library's "Just for Kids" webpage.

**Online Homework Help**

**Credo Reference Live Homework Help**
Free tutoring in math, science, reading and writing for students in 3rd through 12th grade. Tutors are available from 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. Monday - Thursday, and 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday.
- Available through library's "Research & Learn" webpage, as well as the "Just for Kids" webpage.