Letter from the PTA President

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

Wow! Is it already November? October was a busy month with the wrap-up of Laps for Liberty, field day at school, Fall Fest, and a dining night at McDonald’s. Thank you all for your participation in the events—either attending, volunteering, or helping to organize. We couldn’t do it without your help.

The final tally is in for Laps for Liberty, and we raised over $39,000 after expenses! Generally, the fall and spring fundraisers selling wrapping paper or cookie dough don’t do half as well. So, I know you will all be disappointed, but your children won’t have to sell those items or any other this year.

The weather for Fall Fest was beautiful and lots of families turned out to enjoy the inflatables, games, music, crafts, and food. Everyone in attendance looked like they were having fun. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped run the games, sell admission wristbands or food, and helped to set up or clean up the event, especially the teachers and Lunsford students who gave up their free time to help. We appreciate all you do.

Our McDonald’s dining night was a great success. We were able to earn $500 in free money just for eating out for dinner.

Please help support American Education Week, Nov 14-18. There are many ways you can show the teachers and staff how much we appreciate them. We also have a dining night on Nov 16 at Velocity Wings, and don’t forget about Bingo Night and our first Chick-fil-A dining night coming up in December.

I am sure everyone is looking forward to the extended weekend coming up. Please enjoy your time off from school and don’t forget to vote.

The entire executive board joins me in wishing you and yours a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Warm Regards,
Anne Corej
Liberty PTA President | libptapresident@gmail.com
Treasurer’s Report
Hello Liberty families! We made just over $39,000 from Laps for Liberty, which means that we will not have any additional fall or spring fundraising events. At our October PTA meeting, additional funding was approved to purchase instruments for the music department and furniture for the Smart Lab. We’ve brought in over $6,000 in membership dues, which over 60% stays right here at Liberty.

We also had a very fun fall festival. Unfortunately, we lost just over $500, but this was not a fundraising event but a fun event. The implementation of credit cards this year has also been successful. We’ve had $7,216 in credit card sales with fees of $253.

William Perry | PTA Treasurer | Liberty Elementary School

LEAP, MSAAC & SEAC Joint Town Hall
Loudoun Education Alliance of Parents (LEAP), the Minority Student Achievement Advisory Committee (MSAAC), and the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) will be hosting a Joint Town Hall focused on the budget.

- **Date:** November 9, 2016
- **Time:** 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- **Location:** LCPS Administration Building at 21000 Education Court in Ashburn

For more information on MSAAC go to: [http://www.lcps.org/Page/165417](http://www.lcps.org/Page/165417).

Eagle Eye Dads

We still have available days! If you would like to sign up to be an Eagle Eye Dad please check the schedule at [schedule.eagleeyedads.com](http://schedule.eagleeyedads.com) to find an available date. Then sign up at [signup.eagleeyedads.com](http://signup.eagleeyedads.com). We have dates available through the end of April.

William Perry | EagleEyeDads.com | Eagle Eye Dads Coordinator
**Odyssey of the Mind: Coaches Needed!**

Right now, we have 74 kids registered for the program and only five teams so far. That means only 35 kids can be placed. **We need more parents who can volunteer to coach.**

OM is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and World level.

Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program.

More information on OM can be found at: [http://www.odysseyofthemind.com](http://www.odysseyofthemind.com) or on the Liberty website at: [http://www.lcps.org/Page/63560](http://www.lcps.org/Page/63560).

Coaches Training is happening on November 5th. For questions or more information please contact Dheepa Iyer at libertyodm@gmail.com.

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**Show us Your Spirit!**

**Upcoming Liberty Spirit Nights**

**Wednesday, November 16**

Velocity Wings

4 – 8 p.m.

All Grades are Welcome!

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**American Education Week**

**is**

**November 14 – 18**

Help us celebrate public school education, terrific teachers and parent involvement by participating in this year’s American Education Week! We are in need of volunteers. Check out the Liberty website for more information: [http://www.lcps.org/Page/63548](http://www.lcps.org/Page/63548).

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**Wednesday, December 14**

Chick-fil-A South Riding

4 – 8 p.m.

All Grades are Welcome!
Lend a Hand:
Volunteer Opportunities
This month is short, but it has many opportunities to help out by donating items and/or a little bit of time to help us celebrate American Education Week, Parent Seminar, and Bingo.

American Education Week opportunities Nov 11 – 18
http://signup.com/go/T4mXZS

Parent Seminar/Coffee donations November 18
http://signup.com/go/zovEZM

BINGO
Bingo baskets are being made by each of our classrooms this year. Each classroom is responsible for collecting items and assembling the baskets. Reach out to your teachers and Room parents for information on items they need and any help in collection and assembly. Basket completion is November 18.

By including the classrooms, we are hoping the children will be super excited to participate in BINGO night and win the baskets!

Below are the themes for the baskets per grade level:
• Kindergarten: Superheroes and princesses
• 1st Grade: Family Movie Night
• 2nd Grade: Arts and Crafts
• 3rd Grade: Take Me out to the Ballgame (Child-friendly items to promote an active lifestyle, i.e. balls, jump rope, etc.)
• 4th Grade: Family Game night (age appropriate games, board games, card games, active games)
• 5th Grade: Let’s Get Cooking/Baking (cookies, brownies, cake, cookie cutters, bowl, spatula, etc.)

Bingo night is December 2.

Box Tops for Recess 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 $5 from General Mills. We’ll have a new contest every 7 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!

October/November Contest (10/3 – 11/18)
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 Nov. 18 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.

The winning class from the 1st contest will get to take care of the new Box Top Eagle stuffed animal until the next winner is announced in November!

And the winners of the 1st contest are...
1st: Pelak 292
2nd: Gilbert 282
3rd: Diana (am and pm) 232
4th: Clover 227
Student Name: ________________________  Contest Dates:  October 3 – November 18
Teacher:____________________  Prize:  EXTRA RECESS TIME – Top 3 classes!
Grade:_______  Please no expired Box Tops – thank you!
(if ½ day Kindergarten indicate AM or PM)

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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American Education Week (AEW) is
November 14th through 18th, 2016

Please help us celebrate public school education, terrific teachers and parent involvement by participating in as many of the following activities as possible! We are in need for volunteers and breakfast items please click on the link to help if you are able to http://signup.com/go/T4mXZS

Monday (Nov. 14th): PTA Will host a breakfast for our teachers and staff members. We need casseroles, yogurt, juices and such. Items can be dropped off early @ 7:00am (by parents) to the Teacher’s Lounge.

Tuesday (Nov. 15th): Students – Bring your teachers/specialists favorite K-Cups. Extra K-Cups will be gathered in the teacher’s lounge to be shared by all teachers.

Wednesday (Nov. 16th): Students - Design and cut-out an “awesome-gram” (below) letting your teacher/specialist know how amazing they are! Awesome Grams are posted online.

Thursday (Nov. 17th): Students – bring STEM supplies for your classroom. Please see the flip side of this flyer for teacher name and suggested STEM supplies.

Friday (Nov. 18th): Lunch for the teachers and staff sponsored by the PTA.

*This is a PTA-planned event, participation is optional and not required! Grade-level activities are also planned for the classroom.

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You Are An Awesome Teacher because ____________________________________________________________

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Student Name: ____________________________________________