Letter from the PTA President

Dear Parents, Guardians, Teachers and Liberty Community,

The Liberty PTA welcomes you back for another outstanding year of learning. We have a full calendar of fun events planned, which start on Thursday, September 1st with our first PTA general membership meeting at 3:15 p.m. in the Liberty library. We have moved the meetings to after school to allow more teachers and parents to attend. We will be voting on the budget, so please be sure to come. Eagle Eye Dads kicks off on September 9th just before our Patriot Day Assembly, which honors our loved ones who have served or are serving in the military and remembers those lost on September 11, 2001. The month of September also brings our second annual “Laps for Liberty” event, a fun run the whole school will participate in.

Liberty PTA has been very concise with our goals since we came into fruition 8 years ago! We request 2 things from you each year… join the PTA and be involved in your child’s school by volunteering!

#1 Join PTA!

By filling out a membership form (on the back of this letter) and paying your $11 dues, you are supporting your child’s school. The largest portion of dues ($7.25) stays at Liberty to help us fund worthwhile “extras” like supplemental texts that bring SOL concepts into better focus, enough iPads® for an entire class of students to work on a challenge problem together or our new Smart Lab. A portion of dues ($2.25 to National PTA and $1.50 to VA PTA) supports advocacy efforts. Please, bring the form and $11 per parent ($22 for Mom & Dad to join) to the PTA meeting (or send in via backpack). You may also join online (NEW this year) and pay by credit card! We will strive for “benefits” for our members at every opportunity. Our goal is 100% PTA membership! We need YOU to join to make that happen. This is a goal that we can achieve TOGETHER!

#2 Be involved.

Find ways to be involved that make sense for you. E-mail Jen Robinette, vclibertypta@gmail.com, with your name, phone number and e-mail to be added to our General Volunteer e-mail list. Provide homework help, be an in-class volunteer, serve as a Room Parent, help out on Field Day, attend PTA meetings, participate in fundraisers, read the Newsletters… and the list of “opportunities” goes on. I look forward to working with you and making Liberty the best it can be!

Anne Corej | PTA President libptapresident@gmail.com

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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER
1  PTA General Membership Meeting @ 3:15 p.m.
2  September Newsletter Published
8  Fall Picture Day
9  Eagle Eye Dads' Donuts with Dads Kickoff @ 7:35 – 8:00 a.m.
9  Patriot Day Assembly @ 8:15 a.m.
16 Laps for Liberty Fundraiser Kickoff
21 Join Scouting Night
23 Laps for Liberty Fundraiser
28 Spirit Night – Panera @ 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
30 Laps for Liberty Fundraiser Ends

OCTOBER
6  PTA Executive Board Meeting @ 3:15 p.m.
7  October Newsletter Published
7  Field Day, Grades 1 – 5
10  Holiday – Columbus Day
13 PTA General Membership Meeting @ 3:15 p.m.
15 Fall Fest @ 4:00-6:30 p.m.
20 Spirit Night – McDonald’s @ 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Welcome back to the 2016–2017 school year! If you haven’t had a chance to review the PTA budget, please do so. It’s located on the PTA section of Liberty’s website and is attached below. We will vote on adoption during our first general PTA meeting on Thursday, September 1st. We will also vote to adopt the 2015–2016 audit. Please become a PTA member — you can sign up and pay online, and volunteer. We have a wonderful administration and teachers here at Liberty and they can use all our support.

Coming soon will be our Laps for Liberty fundraiser. This is our only fundraiser scheduled for the year. Kids and parents loved it last year! No more selling candy or wrapping paper. We will still hold other events, but their goal is not to raise money, but for your family to have fun.

With the success of Laps for Liberty last year, the PTA was able to support STEMmerday with over $10,000 after a larger sponsor withdrew. We were able to lower ticket prices for Fall Fest and made it unlimited gaming.

The PTA was also able to support requests from teams from each grade: Hovercam document cameras for K and 2nd grade; Cropadiles for 1st grade; Virginia history books for 5th grade; noise cancelling headphones and ball chairs for our resource teachers; Storyboard subscription, die cuts, headphones and Apple TVs for all grades. The money goes directly back into helping our children.

And if you missed Back to School Night or Open House, the PTA is now accepting credit cards.

William Perry | PTA Treasurer
Liberty Elementary School

After School Enrichment Programs
Beginning Soon!

We have many exciting programs this year at Liberty Elementary! After School Enrichment Programs will start registration on September 5 and end September 22. We have three new programs. More information will be on the flyer in your child’s Thursday folder.
Volunteer Shout Outs!

The Liberty PTA would like to send a special thank you to all of our amazing volunteers who helped deliver the back to school kits to the classrooms prior to the arrival of students and those who helped circle the tables stuffing over 1,100 First Day packets. Because of all your help, everything ran smoothly and efficiently — deliveries were done in record times and packets were finished in under our dedicated time. So proud of our Liberty families, parents, students, alumni and future eagles. Thank you for taking time out of your last summer days to help Liberty!

Jen Robinette | VP Committees/Volunteer Coordinator | vclibertypta@gmail.com

SHOUT OUTS School Kit Delivery
Wendy Manetti
Monica Hernandez
Kim Richards
Katie Chormey
Patience Roney
Veronica Viswanathan
Fiona Finell
Natalie Helms
Kristin Reed
Liberty Students and Alumni

SHOUT OUTS First Day Packet Stuffing
Saritha Vuyyuru
Jessica Waters
Misty Ocean
Justin White
Tracy Ruff
Lisa Kaplan
Fiona Finell
Josh Hagstrom
Sean Devolites
Neeraja Kothakonda
Swathi Mogili
Top Kick Volunteers
T.Van Nguyen
Taylor Cassidy
Liberty Students and Alumni

Eagle Eye Dads

This school year marks the 5th year of Liberty’s “EAGLE EYE DADS” program!

This program is designed to provide a safer and more secure learning environment in our school by involving positive male role models for our students. The goal of the EAGLE EYE DADS program is to have fathers or father figures work with Liberty teachers and administrators to watch over our little eagles and keep them safe and secure throughout the school day.

If you are interested in being an EAGLE EYE DAD, please join us for a “Donuts for Dads” day on September 9th from 7:35 – 8:15 a.m. The first portion will be eating breakfast with your children and then we ask that you stay to hear more about the EAGLE EYE DADS program.

You can already schedule your Eagle Eye Dad Day. Review available dates at schedule.EagleEyeDads.com.

Once you have found a date that will work for you, please sign up at signup.EagleEyeDads.com. I will work to accommodate your request and will be in touch to confirm.

William Perry | EagleEyeDads.com
Eagle Eye Dads Coordinator
Free Money for Our School
Link your Giant and Harris Teeter cards to Liberty Elementary. Do this at the beginning of each school year by clicking on each store link.

Liberty school code 05654
Click here or http://giantfoodstores.com/savings-and-rewards/rewards-program/aplus/

Liberty school code 7219
Click here or 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.


In Other School News...

Patriot Day Assembly
On the morning of Friday, September 9, we will honor America and Patriot Day with our annual Patriot's Day Assembly and “Red, White and Blue Day.” We ask that all students wear our national and school colors. Liberty students will assembly in front of the school to honor our country and watch Cub Scout Pack 910 raise our nation’s flag. We invite all retired and active military, police, fire & rescue, and government employees to join us for this short assembly. If you plan to attend, please meet Mr. Alex Gray, our new Dean, at the main doors at 8:10 a.m.

Online Spirit Wear Store Open!
Liberty’s online Spirit Wear store is now open. Order your apparel featuring the brand-new Liberty Eagle logo by September 30. Visit http://libertyelementary.itemorder.com/ to order today!
Liberty Elementary PTA Budget

Please join us at our first PTA meeting of the year on Thursday, September 1 at 3:15 p.m. We will be voting on the adoption of the PTA Budget (below).

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**Plus Starting Cash 8/1/2015**

- **$7,125**

**Projected Balance 7/31/2016**

- **$7,125**

8/31/2016
THREE CHEERS FOR BOX TOPS!
AN EASY WAY TO SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT:
CLIP BOX TOPS AND SEND THEM TO YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL.

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.

September Contest Box Tops Due September 30!
LINE UP IS OPEN FROM AUGUST 24TH - SEPTEMBER 30TH

https://libertyelementary.itemorder.com/

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
info@hardhits.net
(703) 365-7706
**Instructions**

Please complete this form in its entirety - Parts A, B and C – and return with cash or check to Liberty or pay by credit card at [https://squareup.com/store/libertyes-pta](https://squareup.com/store/libertyes-pta).

If you pay by credit card, please fill in the order # from your Square receipt here:

(C) **STUDENT DIRECTORY AUTHORIZATION** - The directory will be published electronically and will ONLY be distributed to current Liberty PTA members.

Please check ONE box:

- I authorize the PTA to use the student names, guardian names, address, phone and email listed in Part A in the student directory. *Forms must be received by Friday, October 14, 2016 for inclusion in the directory.***

- Do NOT print my information in the electronic student directory.

### (A) HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION AND PTA MEMBERSHIP -

Each parent/guardian is encouraged to join the PTA. Membership must be renewed annually. 

*Please print neatly.*

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**Please Circle:**

- *$11

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**Address**

South Riding, VA 20152 is assumed

**Home Phone**

**Primary Email** (Email address used for PTA correspondence)

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**Additional Students (list names, grades, and teacher’s names on the reverse)**

### (B) DIRECT DONATION

Donations go toward many PTA and school programs and needs. Please consider making a donation on behalf of each student that you have attending Liberty. Direct donations are tax deductible. Please contact your employer for a matching gift form and submit it with your donation. Thank you for supporting Liberty!

*Circle One:*

| $____ | $25 | $30 | $40 | $50 | $75 |

**Total Direct Donation** $____

### (A)+(B) Combined Membership and Donation Total Amount $____

Please remember to attach your check made payable to *Liberty Elementary PTA.* You may also pay by credit card at [https://squareup.com/store/libertyes-pta](https://squareup.com/store/libertyes-pta).
Liberty PTA’s success with events cannot be possible without your help! We are asking everyone to volunteer as little as 2 hours during the school year! Please fill out the information below and put a check mark next to where you would like to volunteer. For questions or additional information please contact Jen Robinette, vclibertypta@gmail.com. Return this form to a PTA Representative or the front office at school.

☐ Check this box if you would just like to be part of our general volunteer email list. You will receive emails when there are volunteer opportunities at the school. This includes our Bakers/Buyers On Call list. Being on this list does not obligate you to volunteer, your email will not be shared and you may unsubscribe at any time.

**PLEASE PRINT**

Name: ____________________________

Email Address: ______________________ Phone Number: ______________________

Please check where applicable:

**I would like to be a PTA staff member:**
- VP Fundraising (can be a team of people)
- VP Events (can be a team of people)
- Recording Secretary

**I would like to volunteer for 1-3 hours:**
- Liberty School Store (as needed)
- Library to reshelve books (as needed)
- Scholastic Book Fair (Feb 27-3 Mar)

**I would like to help on a Committee:**
- Laps for Liberty (Sep 23)
- Fall Fest (Oct 15)
- Bingo Night (Nov 11)
- American Education Week (Nov 14-18)
- STEMmerDay (Mar 11)
- Staff Matball Game (Mar 30)
- International Night (Jan 20)
- Teacher Appreciation Week (May 1-5)
- 5th Grade Celebration (Jun 9)
- Membership/Directory (as needed)
- Copy Committee (as needed)
- Beautification/Outdoor Classroom (Fall & Spring)

**I would like to chair a Committee:**
- Fall Fest (Oct 15)
- Bingo Night (Nov 11)
- International Night (Jan 20)
- STEMmerDay (Mar 11)
- Staff Matball Game (Mar 30)
- LEAP Liaison or alternate (2nd Wed monthly)
- SEAC representative (1st Wed monthly)
- PTA Website Updater
- PTA Newsletter Editor
- School Kits (starts Dec ‘16, ends w/Aug ‘17 delivery)
- Beautification/Outdoor Classroom (Fall & Spring)