Dear Liberty Families,

Hard to believe we are gearing towards the end of yet another school year! I would like to thank Tom, Harsh, Adrienne, Lisa, Chris and Taryn for making this a terrific and successful year for the Liberty PTA. To all the committee chairs, volunteers and Liberty faculty/staff members, I thank you as well for all your hard work and support.

Jen, Kimberly, Chris, Lisa and I will be working over the summer to plan another fun and exciting school year. There are plenty of opportunities to be involved with the PTA next year. Please take a minute to look over all the opportunities listed in this newsletter and I hope you will raise your hand to take on one or two of them.

My best to everyone for a fun, safe and healthy summer!

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28th WED Moe’s KG – 2nd
29th THURS Moe’s 3rd – 5th

June:
6th FRI Volunteer Breakfast @ 8am
12th THURS 5th Grade Promotion
13th FRI Last Day of School

Treasurer’s Report by Lisa Teetz

Hello Liberty Families! The year is winding down and it has been a tremendous success! Due to that overwhelming success, we had additional funding we needed to allocate to other wonderful supplies and activities for the school and our children! At the May General PTA meeting, we voted on additional purchases to expend excess funding on as follows: $1,400 for audio equipment to be used in the classrooms to facilitate teacher instruction, $1,000 to our new neighbor Cardinal Ridge Elementary to assist in getting their PTO started (a large percent of the current Liberty student population will be moving over to the new school), $1,000 for the guided reading library to replace lost or worn books for the kids, $9,000 for additional I-Pads and a charging cart, and $1,400 in much needed office supplies and admin expenses (financial software, volunteer incentives, etc.). I want to again thank everyone for all their support and contributions this year and wish you all a wonderful summer. I will see you next year!

2014/15 PTA Executive Board Officers and E-mail Contact Info:

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Congratulations to our new and returning Executive Board Officers!
$$$$ Fundraising $$$$  

**Spirit Nights at Moe’s**

Come join us for our last Spirit Nights of this school year at Moe’s.  
Wednesday, May 28th suggested for KG thru 2nd grade.
Thursday, May 29th suggested for 3rd grade thru 5th grade.
When: 5pm to 8pm. Where: 24995 Riding Plaza, South Riding, VA
*Please mention **LIBERTY** at the register so we get credit for the sale!

![Moe's Southwest Grill](image)

**Events**

**Staff Matball Game (SMG) Wrap-Up and Thank You!**

What an awesome theme of STARS vs. STRIPES. In the end, Mr. Pack’s Stripes carried the day and pulled out a spectacular WIN!

THANK YOU to all our Teachers and Staff who played a GREAT game of Matball and the Students and Parents who supported the school and the PTA and helped us raise money for our school!

Special thanks to Emily and Tom Parker for leading the charge for this many-details-to-juggle Event! Very grateful to Steve Sebestyen for keeping the activities inside the Gym moving and exciting and the train running on time. Thank you Tom Fink and Kat Huff for making and serving the delicious food & spinning the Glory Days wheel. Thank you Anaheeta Minwalla for coordinating (even from afar) the volunteers and the creating of the Event shirts – nothing trips you up. To the many, many volunteers – you know AND WE KNOW we could NOT do this without You – thank you! Double snaps to the many Teachers who also served as volunteers!

We would like to THANK our Sponsors!
Please thank them when patronizing their businesses and be sure to say: “Thank you for supporting Liberty Elementary.”

Help Wanted / Open Positions:

We are in need of PTA members to step up to lead the following:

- 2014/15 VP Events
- 2014/15 VP Committees
- PTA Committee Chairs and Event Leads for 2014-15

As we look ahead to the 2014-2015 school year, the PTA needs your help in filling the vacant spots listed below. Many of our dedicated officers and committee chairs are moving on to middle school and Cardinal Ridge.

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, email Anaheeta Minwalla, acminwalla@verizon.net. Please know you will receive notes and information from previous chairs. It’s a great time to lead and p.s. it’s fun!

Exec. Board Officers:

VP Events: Responsible for planning and overseeing all PTA events.

VP Committees: Recruit committee chairs.

Committee Chairs/Events Leads/Reps:

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

American Education Week: Plan Liberty’s American Education Week November 17th – 21st.
Beautification: Maintain the front flowerbeds and area around the Liberty marquee sign.

Bingo: Work with VP Events and plan Liberty’s Fall Bingo Bonanza:

Box Tops Co-Chair: Assist Box Tops chair with contests, counting etc.

Fall Festival Chair: Work with VP Events and plan Liberty’s annual Fall Fest.

Green Team: Promote “green” awareness.

Loudoun Education Alliance of Parents (LEAP) Representative and Alternate: Attend monthly LEAP Meetings (second Wednesday of the month) at the LCPS Admin building and report back to the Exec Committee.

Minority Student Achievement Advisory Committee (MSAAC): Attend monthly MSAAC Meetings (third Wednesday of the month) at the LCPS Admin building and report back to the Exec Committee.

Odyssey of the Mind: Coordinate the program with student registration and parent coaches.

Out Door Classroom: Maintain the outdoor classroom.

PTA Newsletter Editor: Create monthly PTA newsletter.

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC): Attend monthly SEAC Meetings (third Tuesday of the month) at the LCPS Admin building and report back to the Exec Committee.

Spirit Wear: Coordinate fall and spring spirit wear sales.
Staff Game Coordinator: Work with VP Events and plan Liberty’s annual staff game.

Stone Ridge 5k Chair & Co-Chair: Promote the race via flyers at Liberty and recruit volunteers to fill mandatory volunteer spots.


Committee Reports

School Supply Kits for 2014/15 School Year

Parents, it’s time to place your order for your child’s school supplies for the 2014-2015 school year. Orders may be placed online until Jul 28 or you may use the form (sent home via backpack) to order and pay by check (made out to Liberty PTA). Our preference is for most orders to be placed online if possible. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Corej at thecorejs@earthlink.net.

www.ordermypack.com Liberty’s number is 114064

If your student has been rezoned, check the new school’s website for school supply kits links and codes.

If your child is moving to Cardinal Ridge, visit www.shopttkits.com and enter the school number 69146.

Box Tops:

May/June Contest: Every class that collects 300 or more Box Tops this month gets a popsicle party! Send in your Box Tops via your student’s backpack, labeled with student’s name, teacher’s name & grade (KG – indicate AM or PM) by June 6th.
Reflections 2014/15:

The theme for the 2014/15 PTA Reflections program (next school year) is:

The world would be a better place if...

When asked what inspired her theme, Mercedes Messer of Puyallup, WA said, “Our world, because I care about it and wanted to know other kids’ ideas on how we could make it a better place.”

The National PTA Reflections program supports student success and serves as a valuable tool for building strong partnerships in your school community. When PTAs and schools work together to support arts education, they:

• Encourage all students—despite individual challenges—to explore ideas, express their individuality and support their peers in a positive way;
• Provide all students with an academic advantage by increasing student engagement and teacher effectiveness, which leads to increased school attendance rates and social connectedness among students.

Schools and PTAs committed to quality learning in the arts can identify opportunities together for families to take an active role in support of arts education.

5th Grade Promotion:

If you are able to assist with 5th Grade Promotion, please let Laura Tubridy know.

Thursday, June 12th is the big promotion day (ceremony) and 5th grade talent show.

Friday, June 13th will be a celebration and festivities. Additional volunteers are always needed and welcome. 8am-9am is set up. 9am - 11am various volunteer tasks need to be completed. 11am to 1pm – more tasks and break down/clean-up. If you are able to help, we want you!
The Loudoun Education Alliance of Parents (LEAP) will host a reception at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 29th, so that the public can meet Loudoun’s incoming school superintendent, Dr. Eric Williams.

Williams will take part in a reception before the LEAP meeting from 6 to 7 p.m. in the School Board Meeting Room of the Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) Administrative Offices. (The LEAP meeting will begin at 7.) Light refreshments will be served.

This meeting will be televised on Comcast Channel 18, Verizon Channel 43 and OpenBand Channel 42. The meeting will also be webcast at www.lcps.org.

The Minority Student Achievement Advisory Committee (MSAAC) and Special Education Advisory Committee also are helping promote Williams’ initial meeting with the public.

School Board Vice Chairman Jill Turgeon (Blue Ridge District) and members Tom Reed (At-Large), Jeff Morse (Dulles District) and Brenda Sheridan (Sterling District) also will attend this meeting. The LCPS School Administrative Offices are located at 21000 Education Court, Ashburn.

**Shout Outs!**

A big Shout-Out to the following people for their extra efforts:

Volunteer of the Month: Vonetta Brown.

Thank you to our 2013/14 Executive Board Officers – it was a terrific year in no small part to your extra efforts on behalf of all our students:

Anaheeta Minwalla, Tom Parker, Adrienne Torres, Harsh Govind, Lisa Teetz, Chris Jackson-Coates & Taryn Henderson.

We are appreciative of Neha Jain & Anaheeta Minwalla for all the decorating and coordinating during Teacher Appreciation Week!

Kudos! to the Staff Matball Game Committee and all the volunteers that helped in making Matball a successful event. Teachers, Administration and Staff – THANK YOU for taking a night off from your personal lives and
helping us put on one the greatest Events that Liberty PTA hosts and THANK YOU for everything that you do for Liberty and our children!

A special salute to Cub Scout Pack 910 and all the 1st graders that led us in singing our National Anthem at the Staff Matball Game.

High kicks to the Teachers’ Drill Team, Creative Dance Center and South Riding Dance for entertaining us during the breaks at Staff Matball!

A round of applause for our 2013/14 Committee Chairs & Event Leads. We were able to do such a large variety of different and terrific things because you led the way: Emily Parker, Sarwat Farooq & Vonetta Brown [ASE]; Neha Jain [AEW]; Dheepa [Allergy Awareness]; Diane Insari [Assemblies]; Tom Parker and Lynn Hood [Beautification]; Kerri Lewis [Bingo]; Lynn Hood [Box Tops]; Chris Jackson-Coates [Directory]; Phil McKinney [Eagle Eye Dads]; Anaheeta Minwalla [FB]; MaryAlice Huefler, Steve Sebestyen & Anaheeta Minwalla [FF Games & Prizes]; Tom Fink [FF Food]; Kerri Lewis [FF Volunteers]; Laura Tubridy & Ms. Puckli [5th Gr. Promotion]; Crystal Geller [Green Team]; Emily Parker, Anaheeta Minwalla & Gina Fink [IF]; Anaheeta Minwalla & Gina Fink [JBJ]; Julie Able [LEAP Alt.]; Chris Jackson-Coates [Membership Data Entry]; Anaheeta Minwalla [Membership]; Andrea Jones [MSAAC]; Gina Fink [Newsletter]; Dheepa Iyer [OM]; Lynn Hood [OC]; Tom Parker [KG Playground]; Harsh Govind [Reflections]; Paula Augenstein [RP Coordinator]; Anne Corej [Supply Kits]; Paula Augenstein [SEAC]; Steve Sebestyen & Taryn Henderson [Sign]; Kimberly Turner [Spiritwear]; Steve Sebestyen [SMG Gym]; Tom Fink [SMG Food]; Anaheeta Minwalla & Emily Parker [SMG Volunteers+]; Tom Parker [SMG Logistics]; Julie McGoldrick & Kristy Jones [Stone Ridge 5K]; Neha Jain [TAW]; Beth Cattafesta [Teacher Welcome Back Lunch]; Cyrus & Anaheeta Minwalla [Website].

Couldn’t do it without you – Room Parents, you are the best! Thank you for leaning in and lending a hand and coordinating great parties and fun times (and supplies and ... the list goes on) all year long.

Thank you (whooot-whooot!!!) Lisa Strother for sending home healthy food ideas via Nutritional Nuggets and taking care of our sick kids at school.

Thank you to our stellar front Office Volunteers: Chrissy Underwood,
Kelly Gray, Chris Jackson-Coates, Beverly Weatherly & Anaheeta Minwalla. And, really we would be lost without the wonderful ladies in the front office: Jolie Hudson, Lisa Kelly & Taryn Henderson!

**Mr. Pack, Mrs. Insari & Jennifer Wilhelm** – Thank you for supporting PTA and making the parents feel so welcome and involved in our children’s school. It is a special administration team – such as yours – that is so inviting and caring that makes a great school environment for our children (and the parents too).

Thanks to all! If we inadvertently missed adding your name, please know that we appreciated your help!

Shout Outs! is a standard part of our newsletter used to recognize the hard work, effort, and time our members dedicated to bring us the great programs and events that enhance our school. If you know of a PTA member that deserves a Shout-Out, please let us know, so we can include them in a future newsletter. We will publish “shout-outs” in the newsletter for the month following the activity.

**School News**

**Summer Book Swap**

All Liberty Elementary Library Books are due Friday, May 30th, therefore, the Library will be hosting our annual book swap the last two weeks of school (June 2-13). Please consider donating three (3) gently used books to our summer book swap bin, which will be placed in the front foyer outside the library doors immediately after spring break (Monday, April 21st). We hope to collect enough books so each student will be able to take a book home to keep. Since some classes may visit the library twice during the last two weeks, they will be able to swap their swap during their second visit, if they desire.

Christine Varachi and Alicia C. Coleman, M.S.L.S., School Librarians