Dear Liberty Families,

October was a very busy month. A big thank you to everyone who supported our fall fundraiser by either purchasing items from Innisbrook or making a direct donation.

Our Fall Festival was a huge success. Mother nature was very kind to us in providing a gorgeous day for some outdoor fun. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with setup, running the games/café and cleanup! We couldn’t have done it without your help!

We had yet another perfect day for Stone Ridge 5K! It was wonderful to see so many Liberty families bright and early in the morning getting their exercise on. Thank you for your support by either walking, running and/or volunteering.

Eagle Eye Dads has officially kicked off its second year! Thank you to Phil McKinney and Jennifer Wilhelm for taking on this project! If you are interested in being an Eagle Eye Dad for the day, please check the PTA website for the schedule and contact Phil or Jennifer.

Our next event is Bingo on Friday, November 8th! It’s an evening of food, fun and bingo numbers will be called by our fabulous teachers and some of our students whose names have been picked on the morning show. The entire board joins me in wishing you and yours a very safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Warm Regards,
Anaheeta Minwalla, Liberty PTA President, acminwalla@verizon.net

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November:

7th   THURS Free Parent Seminar Series @7:30 at Little River
8th   FRI   BINGO Night Doors Open @ 6:30pm, 1st Game @ 7pm in Gym
12th  TUES PTA General Membership Meeting @ 7pm in Liberty Library
18th-22nd American Education Week (AEW)
19th  TUES Family Literacy Night – Camp Read a Book! @ 6pm to 8 pm
20th  WED Spirit Night @ Subways from 4 pm to 8 pm (KG-2nd grades)
21st  THURS Spirit Night @ Subways @ 4 to 8pm (3rd thru 5th grades)
21st  THURS 3rd Grade Performance @ 7 pm
27th – 29th Thanksgiving Break (No School)

December:

7th   SAT  Jingle Bell Jog @ 9am to 10:30am (Liberty Track/Cafeteria)
11th  WED  Spirit Night @ McDonalds from 5pm to 8pm – All Grades
19th  THURS Winter Chorus Concert @ 7pm

Full 2013-14 PTA Calendar: [http://www.loudoun.k12.va.us/domain/9953](http://www.loudoun.k12.va.us/domain/9953)

**Treasurer’s Report:** by Lisa Teetz

Hello Liberty Families! It has been a fantastic month for the PTA. Fall Fest was a huge success and we raised over $5000, which was $1,000 over budget!!! We are wrapping up the sales from the Innisbrook fall fundraiser and still tallying the profits, but have already reached our goal of $10,000! Thank you to everyone that purchased something or supported with a direct donation. Those funds will go to great use in the school this year. We have already received the first shipment of I Pads for the classrooms to use and the 2nd shipment is on its way. Additionally, we purchased a MacBook for the school’s use as well. It is wonderful that we are able to bring technology into the classroom for our kids. Please continue to come out for our spirit nights at the local restaurants; we have earned over $700 from those so far this year. Also do not forget to link your retail cards at our local stores, that is pure profit for the PTA. We have received almost $3,000 so far from Harris Teeter, Target and Giant. Please continue to support the PTA events throughout the year. None of this would be possible without your support!
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Membership Goal is 100% - Join PTA Today

Our goal – each school year – is for 100% PTA membership. For the 2013-14 school year, that would be 1,100+ members. Membership dues are $10. We encourage both Mom and Dad to join ($20).

Membership as of Friday Nov. 1st is @ 803 members! This is outstanding! Thank you for your support!

If you haven’t already joined Liberty PTA, please consider joining today.

The 2013-14 PTA Membership Form can be printed from here: http://www.loudoun.k12.va.us/domain/9953.

$$$$ Fundraising $$$$

Innisbrook & Direct Donation Round Up

Our VP Fundraising Harsh Govind has some numbers for us ... drum roll please ... a total of $11,877.67 was raised during our Fall Fundraiser. Yes!

Spirit Nights at Subway – Both South Riding Locations

Join us at either South Riding Subway location as we “eat fresh” and raise $ for Liberty on Wednesday, Nov. 20th or Thursday, Nov. 21st from 4-8pm.
Stone Ridge Race for Education – Another Record Year!

Thank you to all the runners, walkers, volunteers and fans that came out to support the 2013 Stone Ridge Race For Education! We had the perfect weather to welcome a record number of registrants this year across the Fun Run and 5K finish line. The final tally came in at 1,706, compared to 1,600 total participants in 2012! And there were over 160 volunteers that helped pull off this great community-wide event. Thank you to all the Liberty families that came out running, walking, cheering, and a special thank you to the Liberty Volunteers:

- Janet Calderon
- Anne Corej
- Megan Elliott
- Padmaja Emani
- Heidi Facey
- Gina Fink
- Dheepa Iyer
- Kristy Jones
- Rachel Jones
- Julie Knowles
- Connor McGoldrick
- Julie McGoldrick
- Rich McGoldrick
- Angie McKinney
- Anaheeta Minwalla
- Naomi Minwalla
- Carey Montague
- Kristin Reed
- Brock Reynolds
- Kim Richards
- Laura Szczybor
- Heather Tavares
- Adrienne Torres
- Smitha Tumuluri
- Molly Turcotte
- Sandra Vaughan

We could not have done it without each and everyone who came out! Final registrant and volunteer counts are still being tallied to determine the winning school. Look for the winner to be posted on the Stone Ridge 5K PTA page when the results are in!
Events

Bingo!

Thank you so much for all of the donations that have been sent in over the past few weeks. We look forward to seeing many of you join us on Friday, November 8th.

 Doors open at 6:30 pm with the first game kicking off at 7 pm. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be available for purchase.

Help Wanted / Open Positions:

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

• Copy Committee Chair & Copiers-on-Call
• International Festival – Potluck Coordinator
• Photography Committee
• Reflections Co-chair
• Staff Game Volunteer Coordinator

If you are interested in leading by serving as a 13-14 Committee Chair, please contact Adrienne Torres via email: atorres78@gmail.com.

Committee Reports

After School Enrichment (ASE):

We are in the process of finishing up our fall programs and figuring out our spring line up. If your child is currently attending after school programs we encourage you to email Emily Parker at live4kids@verizon.net with your feedback on the programs!
**American Education Week (AEW):**

Keep a lookout for the AEW flyer via an upcoming Thursday folder for the PTA activities to be scheduled. Also, many classroom teachers will be celebrating with individual class or grade-level AEW activities. Come support public school education during American Education Week - November 18th through 22nd, 2013.

**Eagle Eye Dads Club:**

A wonderful kick-off event with Donuts with Dads was held and Dads have started filling in dates on the Calendar to volunteer for one full day at Liberty.

All the information you need to find out more about the Dads Club and how to sign up can be found here: [http://www.lcps.org/domain/13654](http://www.lcps.org/domain/13654), which is a drop-down tab under PTA on Liberty’s website.

Or contact our Dads Club Chair Phil McKinney to sign up. He can be reached at: phil@fxcc.org. Or Jennifer Wilhelm, Liberty’s Administrative Intern, at Jennifer.Wilhelm@lcps.org.

**Reflections:**

The 2013-14 Reflections theme is “Believe, Dream Inspire”.

Virginia PTA provides the opportunity to participate in Reflections, which encourages students to explore the arts and express themselves by giving positive recognition for their artistic efforts. Reflections awards program students create theme-based artwork in dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography or visual arts.

The deadline for submissions at Liberty is Friday, Nov. 8th.

**LEAP (Loudoun Education Alliance of Parents):**

**Upcoming LEAP Meeting Topics and Schedule for Fall 2013**

November 13 - Tools for Success (Clarity, Vision, Homework Strategies)
December 11 - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math: STEM I
   (One-to-one computing, Monroe Technology Center)

All LEAP meetings are open to the public and are held at the Loudoun
County Public School Administration Building at 7:00 PM, 12000 Education Court, Ashburn, VA 20148 (571) 252-1000

Each two-hour program features a panel discussion on topics of interest to parents, followed by a Question and Answer session and an update from LCPS Superintendent Edgar B. Hatrick III.

Link for more info about LEAP at: http://www.lcps.org/Page/1458.

If you are interested in being Liberty’s LEAP Delegate for 2013/2014 or for additional information about LEAP, please contact Julie Abel, 2013/2014 Back-up LEAP Delegate for Liberty PTA at julieabel@comcast.net

OM Update

Liberty’s Odyssey of the Mind program is underway.

Total Students Registered: 94
Total Teams Formed: 10
Total Students Unpicked: 25 (due to lack of coaches).

It is NOT too late to form a Team. If you would like to Coach, we have students who want to participate in this “think outside the box” program.

Coaches training is coming up on Nov 16th.

For additional information or to volunteer to coach, please contact Liberty’s OM Chair: Dheepa Iyer at dheepaprakash@yahoo.com.

SEAC:

The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) is composed of parents, educators, administrators, and others concerned with the education of students with disabilities.

Upcoming SEAC Meeting and Presentations:

- Nov. 19 – Inclusive Practices: Creating a Whole School Culture
- Dec 17 – Behavior Supports from A to Z

Meetings are open to the public and held from 7 to 9 pm (on the 3rd Tues. of the month) in Room 102 of the LCPS Administration Building in Ashburn.
Highlights from the October 2013 SEAC Meeting

• The October SEAC meeting featured a panel discussion about the best way for parents to communicate with their child’s special education teachers and administrators. Face to face or at least phone a conversation was touted as the best means for truly communicating concerns. The best way to communicate details of a special education student’s day-to-day behavior to parents was also discussed. A suggestion was made to include a communication chart in the IEP goals.

• Parents are encouraged to visit www.lcps.org/prc to learn about current workshops and activities available for parents of students with disabilities. Parents are invited to attend the upcoming workshop on "Social Media and Your Child with a Disability: Tips and Tools for a Safer and More Supportive Online Experience for Your Child, Teen, or Young Adult." November 7, 6:30 to 9:00 PM at the LCPS Admin. Building in Ashburn.

• School Board member Brenda Sheridan hosted an informational presentation and Q & A session, Oct. 28, at the LCPS Admin. Bldg. “What Every Citizen Should Know about K-12 Funding” was presented by Leigh Burden, LCPS Asst. Superintendent of Business and Finance. It was an easy to understand overview of the budget process, and facts about K-12 budget and finance. It was open to all Loudoun County residents.

• Parents are encouraged to get involved with the FY15 LCPS budget process. Email early and often the Board of Supervisors to voice support for the LCPS budget and consider making a public comment in support of our schools at upcoming budget hearings this winter.

Warmly, Paula Augenstein, Liberty’s SEAC Representative

MSSAC (Minority Student Achievement Advisory Committee):
MSAAC is dedicated to working in partnership with the Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS), parents and community to further the academic, social and cultural development of every student and to ensure that the needs of all minority students are met.

MSAAC meets every month on the third Wednesday at the LCPS Administration building.

Liberty’s delegate is Andrea Jones, jones.andrea78@gmail.com.

**UPCOMING MEETING** is scheduled for Wed., Nov. 20th at 7pm at the LCPS Admin. Bldg., School Bd. meeting room.

**Free Parent Seminar – Sponsored by Liberty School Counselors & PTA**

The first seminar (in a series of three) will be held on Thursday, November 7th entitled “Raise Your Child’s Social IQ”. It is presented by Cathi Cohen, LCSW, CGP. The location is LITTLE RIVER ELEMENTARY at 7:30-9pm.

**Camp Read a Book! – Family Literary Night at Liberty:**

*Thursday, November 19th from 6-8 pm* is Family Literacy Night. The theme is “Camp Read a Book!” Please bring the whole family for an evening to celebrate literacy. There will be guest readers such as Liberty’s wonderful assistant principal, Mrs. Insari and our superintendent of schools, Dr. Hatrick, will be joining us for the festivities. This year we are including a **STEM** activity. Would you like to be able to pretend like you’re camping and reading a good book under the stars? We will have an opportunity for our students to read under the stars in Liberty’s Outdoor Learning Garden with the use of headlamps, so if you have a book your child would like to read please bring it along with you. How many words can you make from our theme “Camp Read a Book at Liberty?” Check out our making words room and see how many words you can make. We will also have our famous Promethean poetry. Enjoy reading some fun camping poetry in our poetry room. There are so many literacy activities to participate in, so please mark your calendar now and join us for Family Literacy Night! Also, if you bring in a gently used or new book, your child will get to take home a different book from the collection.

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

Volunteer Raffle Winner for October is **Chrissy Underwood**. She is a winner of a THANK YOU gift certificate.

We crossed the Stone Ridge Run finish line with leadership from **Julie McGoldrick** and **Kristy Jones**!

Such a successful Fall Festival could not have happened without our Fantastic Fall Fest Volunteers:

Afdhal N.  
Ally Parker, Liberty  
Alicia Coleman  
Alyson Michel  
Amy Minwalla, Lunsford  
Anaheeta Minwalla  
Anjali Dabhade  
Anne Corej  
Avanindra  
Ben Woon, Lunsford  
Bonnie Giacinto  
Cate Jones, Lunsford  
Chris Jackson-Coates  
Chrissy underwood  
Cindy Sultanik  
Dheepa Iyer  
Donna Devitt  
Dwaraka  
Dylan Parker, Liberty  
Elisabeth Chaufour  
Ellen Rutherford  
Emily Parker  
Faye Haddad  
Gina Fink  
Hannah Prebeck  
Huong Tran  
Jason Balser  
Julie Abel  
Justin Abel, Liberty  
Kamla Tripathi  
Katarzyna Dybowskak  
Kelly Novotny  
Kelsey Sapp

| Kerri Lewis  
Killery Turner  
Kristy Jones  
Lalitha  
Leanne Fisher  
Matt Fisher  
Meenal  
Megan Elliott  
Megan Fisher, Lunsford  
Melinda & Rob Mansfield  
Melissa Abel, Lunsford  
Melody & John Judge  
Michael Woon, Thomas  
Jefferson High School  
Michelle St. Laurent  
Naomi Minwalla, Liberty  
Nikhil Mengle  
Rachel Jones, Liberty  
Rocio A. Ginsburg  
Ryan Fisher, Lunsford  
Sarah Turner, Liberty  
Saritha Baddam  
Sharon Lamb  
Shea Goitia  
Tammy Agi  
Taryn Henderson  
Tom Fink  
Tom Parker  
Valerie Balser  
Vivienne Woon  
William Perry  
Youssef Metwally, Lunsford  
Zi Yi Lin & Victoria Ren |
Whoop! Whoop! and thank you Kerri Lewis for Volunteer coordinating for Fall Fest.

A huge THANK YOU to our Fall Festival Sponsors:

**Big Eagle Sponsor:** Kravitz Orthodontics

**Red White & Blue Sponsors:** Allergy, Asthma & Sinus Center; Afterschool Program LLC; Creative Dance Center–South Riding; Dean Family Dentistry; Discovery Station – South Riding; Ductz; Glory Days Grill – Stone Ridge; KuleYo’s – South Riding; Luv Ur Face – Melinda Mansfield; Pediatric Dentistry of South Riding; South Riding Dance; South Riding Family Dentistry; Style Ride Boutique; Top Kick Martial Arts - South Riding

**Liberty Spirit Sponsors:** Castlemar Consulting, Fink/Giacinto Family, Minwalla Family & Parker Family

And a special Thanks for our new LEAP Rep. Eric Amrhein.

If we inadvertently missed listing your name, please know that we still greatly appreciated your help!

Shout Outs! is a standard part of our newsletter used to recognize the hard work, effort, and time our members have dedicated to bringing us the great programs and events that enhance our school.

If you know of a PTA member that deserves a Shout-Out, please email Taryn Henderson, Coordinating/Corresponding Sec., at tahender@aol.com.

**Box Tops:**

Box Tops flyers are being sent home hard-copy, so you can clip and then tape, glue or staple your box tops to the form, and then return them via backpack.

Each month, Box Top prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) classes, including things like extra recess or coupons that can be redeemed at an upcoming PTA Event! Don’t delay, clip those Box Tops today!