Dear Liberty Families,

Hard to believe we have the first month of school under our belts! We are off to a great start, membership has been amazing and volunteers have been outstanding. Our ice-cream social was a huge hit. It was great to see returning friends and making new ones. Thank you for supporting our dinning night @ Manhattan Pizza as well.

Our first big event of the year, Liberty’s Annual Fall Fest is on Saturday, October 5th, 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm. We have brand new games, food, prizes, pumpkin patch and plenty more. I hope to see you there!

I hope everyone participated in our fall fundraiser with Innisbrook. As I type this letter, we are still processing orders and unfortunately do not have numbers to share with you. Look for that information in the November newsletter. We hope to reach our goal of $10,000 so we can fill up the iPad cart with additional iPads and possibly another cart.

Thank you for getting us off to a great start! It is greatly appreciated!

Warm Regards,

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

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2013-14 Liberty PTA Membership List...Separate Attachment
October:

5th  Sat.  Fall Fest @4pm – 6:30pm
8th  Tues.  Donuts with Dad & Eagle Eye Dad Program Kick-off @ 7:30 am
8th  Tues.  PTA General Membership Meeting (Liberty Library) @ 7pm
9th  Wed.  Spirit Night @ Kule Yo’s @ 4pm to 8pm (KG thru 2nd)
10th Thurs.  Spirit Night @ Kule Yo’s @ 4pm to 8pm (3rd thru 5th)
14th Mon.  School Holiday- No School – Columbus Day
19th Sat.  Stone Ridge 5K & Fun Run @ 9am
23rd Wed.  Spirit Night @ Chick-fil-A (all grades) @ 5pm to 7:30pm
24th Thurs.  Fall Fundraiser (Innisbrook) Delivery and Pick Up Day

November:

4th & 5th Mon./Tues. – Student Holiday – No School – Conference Days
6th  Wed.  Make-up Picture Day
8th  BINGO Night @ 7pm (Liberty Gymnasium)
12th PTA General Membership Meeting @ 7pm (Liberty Library)

The full 2013-2014 Liberty PTA Calendar can always be found at: http://www.loudoun.k12.va.us/domain/9953.

Treasurer’s Report:

Hello Liberty Families! I am pleased to announce that the PTA is already off to a great financial start this new school year. We have brought in over $6,700 already in membership dues, of which about 70% stays right here at Liberty. If you have not already done so, please consider joining the PTA. With the funding gained through membership dues and the various fundraisers throughout the year we were able to put great things in place at the school like a the new school sign, supplemental curriculum materials for the classrooms, and incentive prizes for students for reading and showing school spirit. None of this would be possible without the support of the Liberty families! Fall Fest is right around the corner, please come out and show your support for the PTA! Also do not forget to sign up for the Stone Ridge 5K, all of the proceeds raised at the event are pure profit for the PTA and it is a great day of fun!
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Membership Goal – 100% - Join PTA Today

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

Membership as of Friday 9/27 is @ 719 members (last year at the end of the year we had 797 members) hoping to beat that number! See our Membership List as a Separate Attachment.

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

Although we accept members on an on-going and year-round basis, we have our “membership drive” during August/September/October. If you haven’t already, please send in your form/payment via backpack today.

**Membership Benefits for October**

There are many benefits to PTA membership. Some of the benefits for this month are:

- FREE admission for PTA Members (e.g. Parents) to Fall Fest

An adult must accompany all students/children. PTA members are “free.” If you aren’t a member (yet), not to worry, we will have a “membership sign-up” table right out front. You can join PTA right there and THEN experience your 1st membership benefit.

- FREE donuts! - Donuts for Dads and Eagle Eye Dads program Kick Off on Tuesday, Oct. 8th at 7:30 am to 8:15 am in Liberty Cafeteria.
$$$ Fundraising $$$

**Spirit Nights at Kule-Yo’s**

Join us for a frozen yogurt at Kule-Yo’s, 43114 Peacock Market Plaza, for a healthy snack and support Liberty at the same time.

Our two (2) nights are Wednesday, Oct. 9th (KG-2nd suggested) and Thursday, Oct 10th (3rd-5th suggested) @ 4pm to 8pm.  

Be sure to mention “Liberty” when you pay the cashier.

**Stone Ridge 5K**

The Stone Ridge Fun Run and 5K Race for Education is coming up on Saturday October 19th and we need your help! As always, we have plenty of ways you can get involved:

- Not a runner? Walk the 1K with your kids.
- Runner? This is the perfect morning activity for you – run the 5K!
- Prefer to volunteer? Email Julie McGoldrick at julesmcgoldrick@yahoo.com for volunteer opportunities.
- Busy that day? Volunteer in the days leading up to the race!

Have you registered yet? If yes, THANK YOU! If not, there’s still time, and registration is easy. Visit the Registration page: http://www.stoneridgeva5k.org/Registration.php/

*Don’t forget to designate Liberty as your school when you register.*

More information about the volunteer opportunities and race registration can be found on the PTA website at: http://www.loudoun.k12.va.us/Page/63568.

The more volunteers, runners, walkers and participants Liberty has, the more money we raise for the school, so please consider joining the fun in any way.

We look forward to seeing you on October 19th!
Spirit Night @ Chick-fil-A

One night only! Wednesday, October 23, 2013 @ 5pm.

Catch the spirit and meet up with other Liberty families at the Chick-fil-A in Chantilly at 4412 Chantilly Place, Chantilly, VA 20151.

We MUST BRING THE FLYER and 25% of all sales (with flyer) from 5pm to 7:30pm, sit-down or drive-thru will be donated back to Liberty PTA!

Extra Money for Our School

Liberty will receive 10% of every delivery or carry out order EVERY Wednesday at the South Riding Domino’s Pizza IF the caller mentions Liberty when placing the order! Not valid on line orders.

Liberty will receive 10% of every dine in or carry out order throughout the entire school year when you ask your server for a GUEST CHECK receipt (different from a credit card receipt) at Glory Days restaurant and submit it to the school.

Liberty’s code is 219445. Link your card by going online to www.foodlion.com or stopping by customer service.

Liberty’s code is 05654. Link your card by going online to www.giant.com or stopping by customer service.

Liberty’s code is 7219. Link your card by going online to www.harristeeter.com or stopping by customer service.

Liberty’s code is 149682. Link your card by going online to www.target.com or stopping by customer service.
**Fall Fundraiser – Innisbrook**

*Liberty PTA appreciates your help with the Fall Fundraiser!*

Innisbrook online and catalog sales ended September 30th. PTA team is very proud to report that with the support of enthusiastic students and parents the sales figures have crossed $16000 and we have over $1000 in direct donations. The final numbers will be reported in November newsletter as the last of the orders and donations are currently being tallied. It is still not too late to help:

Send us your tax-deductible direct donations via your child’s bag-pack. Be cool help your school.

Checks Payable to: **Liberty PTA**

Pick up day is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 24th. Please plan to pick up your items on this day OR make arrangements with a neighbor/friend to pick up your items on your behalf.

Thank you! Harsh Govind, VP Fundraising, [harshgovind@hotmail.com](mailto:harshgovind@hotmail.com).

### Direct Donations

Liberty PTA is a not-for-profit. We can accept direct donations at any time.

**Liberty PTA Direct Donation Form**

Parent/Guardian Name: ________________________________

Student Name: ________________________________

Grade: _____ (*KG indicate AM or PM)  Teacher: ____________

Email Address: ________________________________

Phone Number: ________________________________

Donation Amount:  _____$25  _____ $50  _____ $100

_____Other (specify) $_________

We accept cash and/or checks (make payable to “Liberty PTA”). Your donation may be tax deductible and a receipt will be sent via email.
Events

Fall Fest – Saturday, October 5th @ 4pm to 6:30pm

Fall Fest is only days away. Please join us this Saturday from 4-6:30pm for a fun filled afternoon/evening of games, food, and prizes. With an event this large WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you have an hour to donate, please click our volunteer spot link http://vols.pt/s5hEVe to sign up to help. Or stop by the Volunteer Check In table.

Thank you so much to everyone who has already signed up to help.

We are so looking forward to seeing our many Liberty families there!

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
**Bingo!**

Save the date for Bingo on Friday, November 8th @ 7pm!

**Scrapbook ... a few photos to share:**

Patriot Day was celebrated with a Salute to those who serve.
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
- LEAP Liaison Representative
- 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):

After School Enrichment (ASE) classes are due to start for the fall session on October 8th. Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursdays from 2:40 pm-3:40 pm. Please be prompt in picking up your child(ren)/students. Students & ASE Teachers should not be kept waiting for a parent to arrive.

With a large variety of options for the Fall session, ASE is sure to be a hit!

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.

Look for a Reflections flyer in your student’s Thursday folder soon.

LEAP:

Get Involved and Benefit From A Parental Resource Right Here in Loudoun County...Loudoun Education Alliance of Parents (LEAP)!
Not only can you make a difference in your student’s education, but also you’ll receive important information that will aid your ability to positively impact your public school experience.

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

October 9 - LCPS Board Member Update and Q & A Forum  
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](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

**SEAC:**

The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) is composed of parents, educators, administrators, business representatives, and other interested community groups concerned with the education of students with disabilities.

Upcoming SEAC Meeting and Presentations:

- Oct. 15 – What happened at School Today? Effective Home/School Communications  
- 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.

More info about SEAC link: [http://www.lcps.org/Page/1513](http://www.lcps.org/Page/1513).
MSSAC (Minority Student Achievement Advisory Committee):

Summary of Last Meeting

The purpose of this meeting was to welcome our returning Parent/Delegates and introduce our new Parent/Delegates to MSAAC. Below is a summary of MSAAC, meeting topics, and announcements.

WHAT IS MSAAC?

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.

MEETINGS & COMMUNICATION

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

Every school in the LCPS should have a MSAAC representative. Each delegate is responsible for communicating what occurs at each meeting and being a resource for the school they represent.

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

UPCOMING MEETING

Wednesday, October 16; 7 to 9 PM
Topic: Multiple Facets of Bullying: Awareness and Prevention Month (students are encouraged to attend)

DISCUSSION TOPICS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

• MSAAC Calendar of Events through December 2013
• Status of the Revised School Improvement Plans (Indistars)- deadline January 15, 2014
• Academic Achievement Fair- planned for February 2014
• Upcoming College Fair- September 29, 2013, Stone Bridge High School;
4-5:30PM and 6:30-8PM
• In 49 days, Bond vote to support new schools and school improvement to support the 6,000 new students in the area
• Keep an eye out for upcoming community meetings to discuss the opening for the Superintendent position
• Any questions regarding this report or have other items that you'd like to suggest email the MSAAC Secretary: dcaulk@modalinc.com

Shout Outs!

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

Volunteer Raffle Winner for Sept. is Kimberly Turner. She is a winner of a $15 gift certificate!

Thanks to all of the Library Volunteers, who, since the beginning of the school year, have put in countless hours in helping put books back onto the shelves including Rania Metwally, Kerri Lewis, Anne Corej, and Amy Wu. With the number of classes making their way through the library every day, their time and commitment have helped tremendously.

A hip-hip-hurray to Kimberly Turner for taking care of all the Spiritwear...the orders are complete and will be delivered soon (no delivery date yet).

A hat tip to all our volunteers, with our Volunteer List @ 175 people.

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 email Taryn Henderson, Coordinating/Corresponding Sec., at tahender@aol.com.
**Box Tops:**

Collecting Box Tops is a fun and easy way to earn money for our school!

![Box Tops Logo]

Look for this logo: on the front of products you buy.

Clip the Official pink Box Tops for Education "Box Tops" coupon and send it in to your child’s teacher. (Be sure to include the expiration date!) For each one you send in, we earn $.10!

The Top 3 Classes for the month of September were:

- Cooper 601
- Burnheimer AM 458
- Correia 371

Contact is Lynn Hood, Box Tops Chair, at: [TheHoodCrew@gmail.com](mailto:TheHoodCrew@gmail.com).

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**Liberty PTA October Box Tops Collection**

Please tape, glue or staple one Box Top to each pumpkin and send in via backpack by Thursday, Oct. 31st to enter the class contest. Box Tops prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) classes that can be redeemed at Bingo on Friday, November 8th.

![Pumpkins with Box Tops]

Student Name: __________________________ Total # of Box Tops: ______

Teacher: __________________________ Grade: _____ (* K - indicate AM or PM)