Dear Liberty Bell Families,

Season’s Greetings! The school year is moving rather quickly as we head into the month of December with much excitement as the holiday season approaches.

First, I would like to thank all the parents who attended their children’s conferences in November. Even though we could not hold our conferences in person, Liberty Bell had another successful session of parent-teacher conferences as attendance was very high, so thank you for spending the time to learn more about your child in the school setting and how you can support his/her education.

***PLEASE NOTE***

This Friday, December 4th, will be a NORMAL DAY OF SCHOOL. It will NOT be an asynchronous Friday.

Since we did not have school on Monday…

STUDENTS A – L will be in attendance this Friday, December 4th. Treat this day as if it were a regular Monday/Wednesday school day with students A – L. This is NOT a permanent schedule change.***

***PLEASE READ CAREFULLY REGARDING HOLIDAY BREAK***

- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IN DECEMBER IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23rd
- THIS IS AN EARLY DISMISSAL DAY. WE WILL DORMISS AT 12:50 P.M.
- LUNCHES WILL BE SERVED.

Our Holiday Break will begin at dismissal on Wednesday, December 23rd, and continue through Sunday, January 3rd. School will resume on Monday, January 4th. This will be DAY B on our cycle and we will have students A – L in attendance this day. School will be closed so we can spend time with our families and loved ones during this festive time of year.

We are also starting to head into the season of inclement weather, so again I remind all of you to communicate with both your child and his/her teacher what to do in case of an early dismissal due to inclement weather.

Please remember as the weather continues to cool, to send a jacket or sweatshirt along with your child to school. Even if the weather seems fine in the A.M., the wind sometimes picks up and we do not want any of our friends here at school to be cold during recess as we go outside for some period of time most days.

Finally, I want to thank our Liberty Bell family and community for their support and partnership in what has been a very challenging first half of the school year. We could not do this alone and we appreciate your support and flexibility!

I hope every one has a wonderful and refreshing Holiday Break with their family and loved ones.

Happy Holidays!

Samuel G. Hafner
Principal
PTA News for December 2020

It’s hard to believe that the holiday season is already here, yet it’s wonderful to have the bright spirit of the season during these challenging times to bring one some hope! November certainly felt different, but we tried our best to infuse some fun where possible. Here is some information from the month of November:

Amazing Autumn Relay - The Amazing Autumn Relay was a great success! We raised more than $12,500 this year. Thank you to Kate Caramante for all of her hard work and help in making the best of our tricky circumstances with fantastic results. A big thank you also to Mrs. Hoff for taking on the Amazing Autumn Relay as a part of gym class and allowing students to still participate in fun fall activities in place of our traditional event! These funds go towards the many PTA programs, events and school funds that we provide to enhance the Liberty Bell students school experience annually. Prizes earned by the students will be awarded soon. Class t-shirts were provided to each class from the PTA - Save those shirts! We will have other opportunities for students to show their class spirit in the Spring.

Purse-A-Palooza - If you missed it, I’m sure that you heard about the fun that was had at our first ever virtual Purse-A-Palooza held on November 12th! Attendee raffle winners scored big with beautiful designer purses worth hundreds of dollars each. The PTA board all worked really hard on this event to bring some smiles to the Liberty Bell Family and due to such awesome feedback, we are considering hosting a similar SPRING event as well, this time including student participation! Stay tuned for more information. We hope that those who attended enjoyed a fun time!

PTA Virtual Meetings - Thank you to everyone who attended our November meeting - we had another great turn out. There will be no PTA meeting in December. Our next meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 7pm. We hope you will consider joining us - the zoom sign up form will be sent out via email in January and on our facebook page. If there is something you would like to discuss at the meeting, please email Jessica Schwartz at jessicaschwartz12@yahoo.com. In the meantime, don’t hesitate to reach out with any questions or comments to any board member.

Virtual Scholastic Book Fair – NOW OPEN - Our much-anticipated annual book fair is virtual this year from Nov. 18 through December 1st! Flyers have been sent home and the shopping link is live. Scholastic will give back 25% in rewards to Liberty Bell Elementary when you shop the book fair link. Spend $25 in books and receive free shipping. Visit the Liberty Bell Facebook page for the direct link to shop. Books make terrific gifts – reach out to your child’s teacher to see if he/she has any books they might like for their classroom library or even an e-gift card!

Star Staff Nominations – We are accepting Star Staff nominations for November. If a staff member at Liberty Bell has impressed you, please fill out the nomination form via the google form link telling us about it! Each nomination puts that staff member into a monthly drawing for a prize!

Liberty Bell Yearbook – We need your pictures! The yearbook committee is already hard at work collecting and organizing pictures for this year’s book. This year poses a lot of challenges, so we are looking for your help. We would love to see pictures of your students’ first day of school, working from home during their virtual classes, at the bus stop, home spirit days, etc. Please send any and all photos to libertybellyearbook@gmail.com now or at any time throughout the year. Please include your child’s teacher’s name in your e-mail so we sort into the correct folders. Thank you in advance for all your help!

Amazon Smile – With all that holiday shopping going online this year, please consider selecting “Liberty Bell PTA” as a recipient of Amazon Smile rewards in your Amazon account! Your Amazon spending can help earn rewards for Liberty Bell!

Box Tops – Keep scanning your receipts for box tops! Visit https://www.boxtops4education.com for more information and to set up Liberty Bell Elementary as your school. We have made the difficult decision not to hold the Breakfast with Santa or Candy Cane Lane holiday events this year. We sincerely hope that 2021 brings the opportunity to host these events once again!

Please join us on the “Liberty Bell PTA” Facebook page to stay in the loop with communications, reminders and important information.

We wish you and your family a safe, healthy and happy Thanksgiving holiday.

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