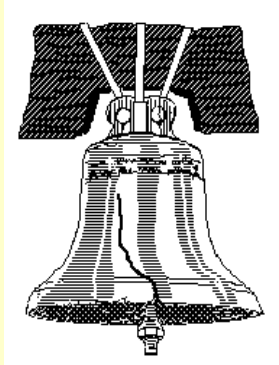


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September Calendar

- ◆ Labor Day Weekend - NO SCHOOL - 09/04 - 09/07
- ◆ VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE - Tuesday, Sept. 8th - 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
- ◆ SPIRIT DAY! - Sept. 9th & 10th - PATRIOTS' DAY - Wear Red, White & Blue!
- ◆ School Board Meeting - Sept. 14th - 7:30 P.M.
- ◆ PICTURE DAY! Sept. 23rd AND 24th!!!
- ◆ School Board Meeting - Sept. 28th - 7:30 P.M.

Principal's News

Dear Liberty Bell Families,

Welcome Back! I hope you enjoyed your summer break. We have been very busy this summer getting ready for a most unusual start to school. We would like to take this time to welcome all our new families to Liberty Bell!

Liberty Bell also will be welcoming four new staff members to our school this year:

- Amaris Recker - 3rd Grade Spanish Immersion
- Margaret Brock - MTSS Instructional Aide
- Megan Malicki - MTSS Instructional Aide
- Tara Tobin - Long-term substitute 2nd Grade

Please take time to welcome them to our Liberty Bell family!

Safety is a priority here at Liberty Bell, so please remember to abide by the NEW procedures for student drop-off and pick-up.

As you have noticed, DROP-OFF and PICK-UP are different this year for several reasons.

STUDENT DROP-OFF:

Student DROP-OFF begins at 8:45 A.M. each day. You may come early to get in line if you choose to do so. Please follow the signs and cones and pull all the way up to the end of the parking lot and wait at the sign that reads: **WAIT HERE FOR STUDENT DROP-OFF**

We have plenty of personnel out, so please just be attentive to our staff as they prompt you to move ahead...unload your vehicle...and to stop and wait.

STUDENT PICK-UP:

Student PICK-UP begins at 3:00 P.M. sharp! Just like drop-off, if you would like to come early and get in line, you may do so.

Student DROP-OFF is taking place in the bus lane this year. Please pull your car forward and follow the signage and personnel as they direct you when to move and stop.

ALSOSigns on fluorescent card stock with your child's last name were sent home. Please place this sign in the front windshield during student PICK-UP so we can radio into the school for your child.

NOTEIf you are picking up your child, you must send a note into school so we have notification, otherwise your child will not be down in the gymnasium ready for you when you come through the bus lane, so please write a note for your child to hand into the office so we are all on the same page.

We are only one week in and DROP-OFF and PICK-UP have gone pretty well considering the circumstances. Thank you!!!

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE:

Next Tuesday, September 8th, 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Zoom invitations will be sent out by your child's teacher.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns at any time during the school year please do not hesitate to contact me by email and/or phone. Remember, we pride ourselves in being a community school and living by our motto, "*Liberty Bell...a place of learning, caring, and sharing with one another.*"

Let's have a great school year!

Samuel G. Hafner
Principal

News from the PTA

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PTA News for September 2020

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year at Liberty Bell Elementary School! It is certainly a unique start to the year. The Liberty Bell PTA is doing our best, given the circumstances, to help parents, teachers, staff and students navigate the year. We hope to provide communication and enrichment opportunities throughout the year, however possible. While we do not know what our full event schedule will look like at this time, we will continue to provide updates whenever they become available. Here are some items to note:

PTA Membership – Please consider joining the PTA as a member! Each membership costs \$7.00 for the year. The membership dues help pay for our state and national PTA membership dues, as well as assemblies, field trips, special classroom purchases and many other important things for the students. A form will be emailed shortly with additional information regarding how to join.

PTA Virtual Meetings – Given the current circumstances, we will not be able to host in person PTA meeting right now. Therefore, we will be hosting virtual PTA meetings until further notice via zoom. Our first virtual meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 7pm. Log in information will be provided at a later date. Please mark your calendars. We invite you to join us to hear what we have in the works and welcome questions and suggestions at that time.

Spirit Wear – We will be offering a selection of Liberty Bell spirit wear to purchase this year through an online order form. Students are encouraged to show their Liberty Bell pride on Liberty Bell spirit days held throughout the month. Details on how to order will be distributed soon.

Amazon Smile – Amazon’s AmazonSmile program is a great way for us to earn money for the school from something you already might be doing – making purchases on Amazon! To participate, simply log into [AmazonSmile.com](https://www.amazon.com/amazonsmile) when you shop and select “Liberty Bell PTA INC” as the charity of your choice. OR if you have the Amazon app, open the app and find ‘Settings’ in the main menu (☰). Tap on ‘AmazonSmile’ and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone. EASY!

Box Tops – We ask you to help us in collecting electronic box tops through the Box Tops for Education program. This program no longer requires clipping but instead scanning via the website or app. Please visit <https://www.boxtops4education.com> for more information and to set up Liberty Bell Elementary as your school. This is an important fundraiser for us each year.

Directory – Each year the PTA provides an optional student directory to parents at Liberty Bell. Parent/guardians can opt in for their child(ren) to be included in the directory and what information will be shared. A google form will be sent over the next few weeks requesting information. This year, we will also be asking about your interest in volunteering (when possible) and receiving direct communications from the PTA. Please join us on the “Liberty Bell PTA” Facebook page to stay in the loop with communications, reminders and important information.

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