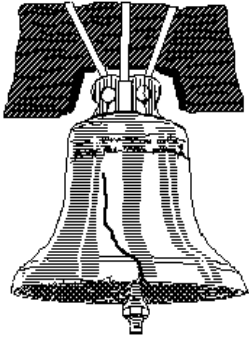


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## December Calendar

- ◆ 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Play Auditions - 12/15 & 12/17 - 3:30 - 5:30 P.M.
- ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Holiday Program - Snowflakes - 2:30 P.M.
- ◆ PJ/STUFFY DAY - December 23<sup>rd</sup>
- ◆ EARLY DISMISSAL - December 23<sup>rd</sup> - 12:50 P.M.
- ◆ A.M. KDG ONLY - December 23<sup>rd</sup>
- ◆ Winter Break - Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Principal's News

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. 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. And...THANK YOU to Mrs. Stauffer and Mrs. Crossken for another successful Scholastic Book Fair!

I would also like to extend a HUGE thank you to our PTA for a wonderful Holiday Shoppe this past Friday evening, and specific shout outs to Mrs. Heiser-Heffner, Mrs. Ast, and Mrs. Hagens for their time and energy! I hope everyone had a great time as we all brought on the festive season with a variety of shopping and activities.

The Liberty Bell Giving Tree is an opportunity for our school community to help out some local families in need. The tree is decorated with ornaments listing various items requested for these families. If you would like to donate, please select an ornament from the tree and purchase the wish list item noted. New **unwrapped** gifts may then be left under the tree in the lobby. We ask that you include the original ornament when dropping off your gift as it helps us to sort the items. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

### \*\*\*HOLIDAY BREAK NEWS!

- Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, will be an EARLY DISMISSAL DAY!
- ONLY A.M. KINDERGARTEN ATTENDS THIS DAY.
- NO P.M. KINDERGARTEN on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 12:50 P.M. DISMISSAL TIME and LUNCHES WILL BE

SERVED!

Our Holiday Break will begin at dismissal on Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, and continue through Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. School will resume on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. 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, just a gentle reminder for those parents who drop off their children each morning:** Please drop off your children **between 8:45 and 9:00 A.M.** We are experiencing too many students being dropped off shortly after 8:30 A.M. and many are coming in late after the school day has begun. Those who are dropping off their children after 9:00 A.M. must park their vehicle and come into the office to sign in their child. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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

Happy Holidays!

Samuel G. Hafner  
Principal

## News from the PTA

### A Big Thank You To:

Erin Stauffer & Rosemarie Crossken for organizing this year's Scholastic Book Fair. Also, to all the Liberty Bell families who helped out with our book fair either in donating their time, or shopping during conference week.

Keri Heiser-Hefner & Angela Ast for a fun night at our annual Holiday Shoppe. Corrie Hagans for putting all the great baskets together. Thank you to all our Liberty Bell families whether staff or parents for helping out with a shift or who stayed the whole night. It was a great night of shopping, eating, guessing, crafting, wrapping, and of course some laughter.

### Giving Tree:

The Giving Tree is a tradition at Liberty Bell that gives us the opportunity to help out local families in need. The tree is in the lobby and is decorated with ornaments listing items wished for by these families. Please select an ornament from the tree, purchase the item requested, and place the unwrapped gift with the ornament under the tree by Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Upcoming Events:

January 8<sup>th</sup> Phantoms Game (Rosemarie Crossken)  
 February 19<sup>th</sup> Family Fitness Night (Michelle Stanten)  
 March 28<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup> Scholastic Book fair  
 April 1<sup>st</sup> Passport to the world/Bingo/ Scholastic

*Just a reminder, there is no PTA meeting in December.*

*Our next meeting will be January 14<sup>th</sup>.*

**Enjoy your Holiday time off with family and see you in 2016!!**

### ***PTA Meeting Schedule***

January 14<sup>th</sup>  
 February 11<sup>th</sup>  
 March 10<sup>th</sup>  
 April 14<sup>th</sup>  
 May 12<sup>th</sup>

All meetings held in the Liberty Bell cafeteria at 9:15 A.M.

National PTA website –  
[www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)

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