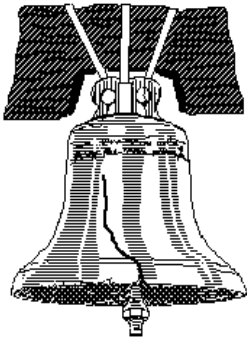


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February Calendar

- ◆ School Spirit Day! Wear Red and Pink! - February 12th
- ◆ School Store - February 12th
- ◆ PTA Meeting - February 12th - 9:15 A.M.
- ◆ FULL DAY of SCHOOL! - February 12th
- ◆ Make-up Day of School! - February 13th - EARLY DISMISSAL - 12:30 P.M. - P.M. KDG in attendance
- ◆ NO SCHOOL - February 16th - Presidents' Day!
- ◆ Family Fitness Night - February 20th - 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Principal's News

Dear Liberty Bell Families,

It is hard to believe, but February is already here and Punxsutawney Phil has told us winter will be staying with us just a bit longer. We can only hope he is wrong for I am sure all of us are ready for warmer days! Please continue to communicate with both your child and his/her teacher what to do in case of an early dismissal due to inclement weather because we are not out of the woods yet for some of our worst storms come in February and March.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Thursday, February 12th - **NOW A FULL DAY OF SCHOOL!**
- Friday, February 13th - **SCHOOL IS NOW IN SESSION AS A MAKE-UP DAY! IT WILL BE AN EARLY DISMISSAL DAY. 12:30 P.M. DISMISSAL - P.M. KDG in attendance only!**
- 3rd Grade PSSA English Language Arts/Mathematics Assessment - April 13th through April 24th

*****Please remember it is important your child be in school during the PSSA testing dates.**

TWO-HOUR DELAYS! Please remember on these days, everything is pushed back two hours. This includes student drop-off time. Our normal student drop-off time begins at 8:45 A.M. Thus, on a two-hour delay, this would be moved to 10:45 A.M. We have found more and more students being dropped off earlier and earlier on our two-hour delay starts. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parents, please remember most days our children go out for recess and fresh air, even if they are just confined to the blacktop area. Thus, be sure the necessary accessories (jackets,

glove/mittens/hats, etc.) are sent to school so everyone can be warm and enjoy themselves. Boots and snowsuits/snow pants are not necessary since we do not go into the snow, even if properly equipped.

Please know that Hopewell, Lower Milford, Liberty Bell, and the Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School follow the same guidelines relative to winter recess decisions. These guidelines come directly from research conducted by the district's wellness committee in consultation with the district physician. A "real feel" temperature value is used when making decisions for outdoor vs. indoor recess.

"Real Feel" Guidelines in Degrees Fahrenheit

- 15 and above = Full recess
- 5 to 14 = 15 minute recess
- 4 and below = Possible 5 minute brisk walk

Other local site factors that may be taken into consideration when determining the appropriateness for outdoor recess include wind gusts in the play-yard area, sun, and current blacktop / play yard conditions.

The annual reading challenge is coming to Liberty Bell! Details will be coming home later this month, so stay tuned and get ready to READ, READ, and READ!

Finally, remember we are off Monday, February 16th, to celebrate President's Day. Have a wonderful February and let's hope Punxsutawney Phil is wrong!

Samuel G. Hafner
Principal

News from the PTA

Thank you to all the families that donated their time to make cupcakes for our Movie Night. It was nice to see so many families come out to our first ever Movie Night. We donated a total of 150 items to Betty Lou's Pantry. Your donations were much appreciated!

February:

- February marks the half way mark for a school year with two quarters in the books as this Tuesday, Feb. 3rd, marks the 100th day of school (If no more snow days).
- Yearbook Sales will be the month of February.....we will be unable to fulfill late orders. You will have an opportunity to submit a personal message of congratulations and encouragement for your 3rd grader moving up that will be included in the yearbook. Watch for more information in your child's backpack.
- Family Fitness Night Friday February 20th, 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. Come out and exercise your mind and body with some Karate, Zumba, Agility, and Yoga. We will also be holding a Used Book Sale to benefit the library. Water and healthy snacks will be available.

March:

- March 3rd – Get those BOX TOPS in...its free money for our school!
- Friday March 6th – 7:00 P.M. Come out to support the 3rd grade play "We are MONSTERS"
- Friday March 27th – Art Show/Bingo Night

We still have lots to plan for this year including: Passport to the World, Outdoor Classroom, Teacher Appreciation Week, Spirit Nights, and the Spring Festival. Please consider getting involved and helping out with one or more of these events. We hope to see you there!

Reminder School store is held the morning of the PTA meetings.

Please join us for our monthly PTA meeting held in the cafeteria at 9:15 A.M.

PTA Meeting Schedule

February 12th
 March 12th
 April 9th
 May 14th

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

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