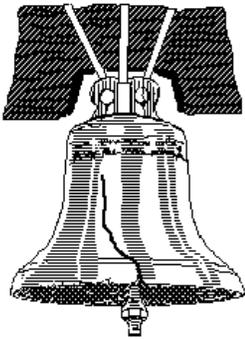


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January Calendar

- ◆ School Store - January 8th
- ◆ PTA Meeting - January 8th - 9:15 A.M.
- ◆ Jump Rope for Heart - Week of January 12th
- ◆ PTA Movie Night - "FROZEN" - January 16th - 6:00 P.M.
- ◆ NO SCHOOL - January 19th - Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- ◆ REPORT CARDS COME HOME - January 23rd
- ◆ Spirit Day - Wear your favorite football team jersey/shirt - January 30th

Principal's News

Dear Liberty Bell Families,

Happy New Year! As we start a new year I wanted to give you some important dates that are on the horizon:

- **January 19th – NO SCHOOL in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Day.**
- **2nd Marking Period Report Cards Come Home! Friday, January 23rd**
- **3rd Grade PSSA English Language Arts/Mathematics Assessment – April 13th – April 24th**

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

I want to take a moment to thank all of our families and staff for giving back to our families in need last month. Our Giving Tree was a huge success and many of our teachers and parents kept inquiring on how they could help even after all the ornaments were gone. So, thank you very much...you all helped to make a difference!

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 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.

Have a wonderful first month in 2015 and remember if you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Happy 2015!

Samuel G. Hafner
Principal

News from the PTA

Happy New Year Liberty Bell Families!

A Big Thank you to:

- Gina DeNave, Angela Ast and committee for all their hard work in planning and organizing our annual Holiday Shoppe. The special night was a great kick off to the holiday season whether it was telling Santa all the things you hoped to get, getting nice holiday pictures, wearing that Ugly sweater, making that awesome gingerbread house, or coming out to support Liberty Bell. It was a great night! Thank you also to our Girl Scouts for their wonderful baked goods.
- Families who graciously donated to the Giving Tree. Thank you for making the holidays so much happier for several Liberty Bell families...you are appreciated!

We still have lots more to look forward to this year, including: Spirit Nights, Go for the Greens, Art Show Bingo Night, Earth Day, Passport to the World, Spring Festival and new this year...Two free movie events. Please consider getting involved with one or more of these events. Contact Patti Spitzer or Kyle Gangewere if you are interested in helping out.

January 16th our first ever Free Movie Night:

- We are asking for a small donation to Betty Lou's Pantry. Items needed most:
 - Jelly (plastic containers), Canned Tuna or Chicken, Spaghetti noodles, Cereal, tissues
- Come out and enjoy popcorn, or a cupcake. We will also have some water.
- It will be held in our cafeteria and will be picnic style, so bring a blanket!

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

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Deadline for the
February newsletter
is January 26th.

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PTA Meeting Schedule

January 8th
February 12th
March 12th
April 9th
May 14th

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