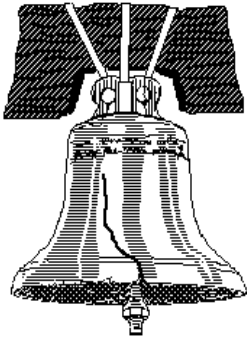


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March Calendar

- ◆ BINGO Night and Scholastic Book Fair - March 4th - 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.
- ◆ PTA SCHOOL STORE - March 10th
- ◆ PTA MEETING - March 10th - 9:15 A.M.
- ◆ March 11th - FULL DAY OF SCHOOL
- ◆ SPIRIT DAY - Wear your favorite GREEN - March 17th
- ◆ SPACE PIRATES - 3rd Grade Play - March 18th - 7:00 P.M.
- ◆ March 24th - FULL DAY OF SCHOOL
- ◆ March 25th - March 28th - SPRING BREAK! NO SCHOOL!
- ◆ March 31st - 2016 - 2017 1st Grade Spanish Immersion Registration DUE!

Principal's News

Dear Liberty Bell Families,

As we find ourselves already turning the calendar from February to March, Liberty Bell, as usual, finds itself a very busy place. Hopefully, Punxsutawney Phil is right and we will have an early spring! I think we can all agree we are ready for some sun-filled warmer days!

We celebrated *Read Across America Day* on Wednesday of this week as we participated in various reading activities over the course of the day to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss. We will also be kicking off our Annual Spring Reading Program in early spring. This year's theme will be tied to the upcoming Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

Please mark Friday, March 18th, on your calendar for we are very excited to see our 3rd Grade musical production, *Space Pirates*. Mr. Markley and several of our staff members have been working very hard with many of our third grade students over the winter to bring us this special production. The show is set to begin at 7:00 P.M. sharp in Liberty Bell's gymnasium...hope to see you there!

TWO SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. SPANISH IMMERSION REGISTRATION:**
Registration for the 2016 – 2017 1st Grade Spanish Immersion Class is currently underway. With the revised school board policy, the process involves an orientation class that is online. If you are interested, please contact our office so you can begin the process.
ALL COURSE REQUIRMENTS and DOCUMENTS are DUE BY: THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2016. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY.
- 2. SCHOOL IS NOW IN SESSION FRIDAY, MARCH 11th. This was originally a DAY OFF for students and**

an inservice day for teachers. Due to all the inclement weather, we are now in SCHOOL ALL DAY WITH STUDENTS. Please plan accordingly.

Please join us this Friday, March 4th, for our Annual PTA BINGO Night! The evening will run from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in Liberty Bell's gymnasium. We will have celebrity teacher BINGO callers and winners will have a variety of books to choose from for prizes! Also, do not forget THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR will also be open for business this evening. Hope to see you all here Friday evening!

Also, please keep in mind that our state assessments are coming up next month. Currently, this only applies to our third grade students. The dates are:

- **April 11th through April 22nd – 3rd Grade Reading and Math**

I ask that you please schedule any educational field trips around our PSSA testing window if your child is in third grade. Also, please ensure your child gets plenty of sleep each night as well as a healthy breakfast each morning so all our students are wide awake and focused on the section being tested for that day. We are very proud of our educational programming here at Liberty Bell, and we want our students at their best so they can showcase their learning to the state.

Finally, Spring Break will be Friday, March 25th, through Monday, March 28th. **We do have school on Thursday, March 24th, as a make-up day from one of our snow days.** Enjoy the four-day weekend with your loved ones and we'll see you back here on Tuesday, March 29th!

Samuel G. Hafner
Principal

News from the PTA

March Newsletter

A big Thank You to Anne Venturelli who chaired the Used Book Sale, we made over \$575.00. We sold all books for .50.....that means we sold over 1150 books, way to go!! This will go toward new books for our Library! Great job Liberty Bell Students, Parents, and Staff for the donations and purchases that helped make this happen!

Family Fitness Night was AWESOME! Kids got to learn some new ways to exercise their body and have a lot of fun in the process. A huge Thank you to Michele Stanten and Karen Beard for their donated time in making this a big success, also to the instructors who took time out to donate their time to teach our kids a few moves: Pound Class with Courtney Krampasky, Coopersburg Karate Academy, Zumba, Agility- Junior high football coach Michael Gurdineer and a few varsity football team members. Also to Chef Ian Beard for donating healthy snacks to keep your body happy, healthy, and energized!

March:

- Our annual BJs Membership drive. It doesn't matter when you last renewed, 15 months will be added to your expiration date. The school earns \$5.00 for every New or Renewal of a BJ's Membership. **Any questions contact Melinda Behrens at mbehrens@ptd.net**
- March 4th Bingo Night & Scholastic Book Fair happening this week.
- March 14th- April 1st - Yearbook sales, 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.
- March 18th -7pm Come out to support the 3rd grade play "Space Pirates"
- Box Tops ~ Keep cutting out and collecting those BoxTops it is free money for our school. And who doesn't go shopping or like free money?
- Spring Break Friday March 25th-Monday March 28th

April look ahead:

- Science Fair (Day D) April 1st
- PSSA 11th-22

We still have lots to plan for this year including: Outdoor classroom, teacher appreciation, spirit nights, and spring festival! Please consider getting involved and helping out, we hope to see you there!

PTA Meeting Schedule

March 10th

April 14th

May 12th

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

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