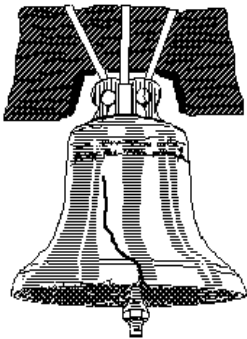


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September Calendar

- ◆ Labor Day Weekend - NO SCHOOL - 09/04 - 09/07
- ◆ PTA Meeting Sept. 10, 9:15 Cafeteria
- ◆ Coopersburg Community Day - Sept. 19th
- ◆ Crazy Hair Day! Sept. 25th
- ◆ PICTURE DAY! Sept. 28th
- ◆ Race for Education Labels DUE! Monday, September 28

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 the new year. We would also like to take this time to welcome all our new families to Liberty Bell. Also, we had a great turnout at Open House last night...thank you all for taking a vested interest in our school and your child's education!

Liberty Bell will be welcoming several new staff members to our school this year. Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Rice are returning to their home of Liberty Bell after stints at Lower Milford and Hopewell Elementary Schools. Mrs. Cossman is new to the district as our new K - 3 Gifted Teacher. She will be traveling between the three elementary schools. We would also like to welcome Mrs. Conrad and Mrs. Ruch back to Liberty Bell after being out on maternity leave. Finally, Mrs. Philipp (music), Mrs. Olinik (Tech Smarts), and Mrs. Lambert (Tech Facilitator) will be sharing time in our school as well. We are very lucky to have such wonderful people joining and returning to the Liberty Bell Family. Please take time to welcome them when visiting our school.

Safety is a priority here at Liberty Bell, so please remember to abide by the following procedures during parent drop-off and pick-up. When dropping off your child in the morning please use the designated drop-off area. There will be at least one staff member posted there from 8:45 A.M. until 9:00 A.M. most mornings. This staff member may be helping with the buses at the same time so if no one is specifically available to

open car doors but is at the crosswalk with the buses, you may have the students walk within the designated white crosswalks in the parking lot to the island with the flag pole and they will be able to cross with the person on bus duty. At the end of the day if you are picking your child up please enter through the cafeteria entrance and sign him/her out in the cafeteria and exit to the outside using the exterior cafeteria doors. Please do not cross to the parking lot or the far sidewalk unless you are in a designated white crosswalk. This is a safety issue due to the fact that buses utilize this area and the drivers cannot always see when people walk around them. We thank you in advance for helping us keep your child safe.

I encourage you to get involved here at Liberty Bell. There are many ways to be involved with our family here and the best way to get started is through attending a PTA meeting. Our first meeting is next Thursday, September 10th, at 9:15 A.M. I hope to see many new and returning faces!

If you have any questions or concerns at any time during the school year please do not hesitate to contact me by email, phone, or in person. 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

National PTA website –
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Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year here at Liberty Bell! We are looking forward to another great year filled with family events, field trips, spirit nights, fundraisers and lots of fun!

I want to start out by saying Thank You to Mr. Kerry Snyder for all your stage prep help and building a set for the play! Also, I would like to say Thank You to all of you that came out to help with folder prep the week before school....I know how hard it is to come into school on a warm summer day, the last few days of summer we had left with our kiddos. BUT with all your help it makes things go faster, you are all appreciated!

The last three years our primary fundraiser is the "Race for Education" it is a huge success, bringing an average of \$17-20,000 into the PTA. Students will be responsible for providing names and addresses of friends and relatives who are potential donors. These labels are due on September 28th. We will take care of the letters and mailing. These names are **not** shared with any other company and are **not** used for any other purpose. Then on October 21st weather permitting, the children will walk or jog around a ¼ mile track for one hour and the PTA will track the number of times they complete the lap. If you are able to donate directly through your company or receive a company match, please contact Patricia Allen patricia.allen4@outlook.com Information will be sent home regarding this event over the next few weeks.

We also invite you to get involved in the PTA. If you haven't already, take a look at our volunteer opportunities and sign-up to participate. We are sure you will find something that interests you, whether it's helping with the "Race for Education", re-shelving books for the library, helping plan events, or helping in our garden. We need volunteers both to be in the school and working behind the scenes at home. Come to a meeting to learn more! If you can't make the meetings but would love to help out please reach out to us via email.

Our first PTA meeting is Thursday, September 10th at 9am is for a meet & greets breakfast (coffee, juice, bagels, donuts, and fruit) Come out to meet us, as we would love to meet you! Younger siblings are welcome. We know your time is valuable and will do our best to adjourn by 10am.

Deadline for the
October newsletter is
September 25.

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PTA Meeting Schedule

October 8th
November 12th
December (NO MEETING)
January 14th
February 11th (Student ½ day)
March 10th
April 14th
May 12th

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