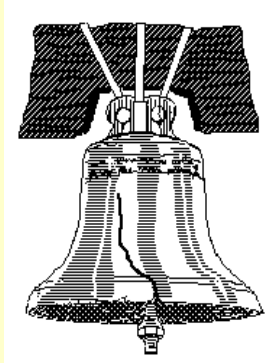


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September Calendar

- ◆ VIRTUAL OCTOBER PTA Meeting - VIRTUAL - Thursday, October 8th - 7:00 P.M.
- ◆ NO SCHOOL - Monday, October 12th - Teacher Inservice Day - NO ASYNCHRONOUS WORK TODAY!
- ◆ School Board Meeting - Oct. 12th - 7:30 P.M.
- ◆ School Board Meeting - Oct. 26th - 7:30 P.M.
- ◆ Annual Fall Parade - Oct. 28th & Oct. 29th - **DETAILS COMING!!!**

Principal's News

Dear Liberty Bell Families,

On behalf of the faculty here at Liberty Bell, I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful opening of school. We are always appreciative of everything parents do to help us start off a new year...and this year especially!

***PLEASE NOTE:

NO SCHOOL ON:

- MONDAY, OCTOBER 12th

The students will be off on this Monday as it will be just our faculty here for a day of inservice.

NO ASYNCHRONOUS ASSIGNMENTS OR WORK THIS DAY

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING at Liberty Bell? Though we are not using parent volunteers at this time...now might be a good time to update those clearances so you are ready when schools fully open up and our days and life return to normalcy.

If you have any interest in working with our students (POST COVID), chaperoning, working in the library, Play Day, and more...you need to get your state-mandated clearances into our office. Simply go our school district's website: www.slsd.org and click on the VOLUNTEER INFORMATION tab on the leftside. This page will tell you everything you need to know as well as provide the links for all your clearances.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to call our front office as well.

ANNUAL FALL PARADE

We are hopeful we will still be holding our annual fall parade this year. No parents and visitors will be allowed and all social distancing and health/safety recommendations will be followed...and we plan to either LIVESTREAM or YOUTUBE the parade for all family members and students to view. This is still a work in progress and IF we do hold it...there of course will be TWO PARADES...Wednesday, October 28th, and Thursday, October 29th. Please know this is still a work in progress and details are currently being ironed out.

FREE SCHOOL LUNCH

Just a reminder from the district's food services...

All children in the SLSD community (ages 18 and younger) are eligible to receive a free lunch each school day. The change in programming is the result of the USDA announcing an extension to the national waivers, which allow all children to receive free meals during the pandemic.

All children completing hybrid instruction are eligible. All children completing full remote instruction can pick meals up at Southern Lehigh High School from 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Additional details and more information about pick up can be found using the following link:

rb.gy/opya4t

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Greg Martin, Coordinator of Food Services, at MartinG@slsd.org or 610-282-3121 X7330.

Finally, as the weather begins to change, please remember 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 some of our students are running around in short sleeves in cool weather during recess.

Have a great month and enjoy the beautiful colors of the season!

Samuel G. Hafner
Principal

News from the PTA

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PTA News for October 2020

The PTA would like to thank all of the parents, staff and students for working so hard at the start of the school year! We have been endlessly impressed with everyone and hope that while the circumstances might not be ideal, that we all continue doing our best to “make the best of it”. As members of the PTA, we hope to add a bit of fun to the fall wherever we can within the safety guidelines! Many of our events are not able to occur or look very different this year. Here are some items to take note of for October:

PTA Virtual Meetings – Our first PTA Meeting of the year will be held virtually on **Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 7pm**. We invite you to join us to hear what we have in the works and welcome questions and suggestions at that time. We will be discussing upcoming events as well as voting in the new pta board member positions. Anyone may attend a meeting, but only current PTA members will have the ability to vote. A google sign-up sheet will be sent out for those wishing to attend the zoom meeting.

PTA Membership – Membership forms have been sent out. Please consider joining the PTA as a member! Each membership costs \$7.00 for the year. The membership dues help pay for our state and national PTA membership dues, as well as assemblies, field trips, special classroom purchases and many other important things for the students.

Spirit Wear – We will be offering a selection of Liberty Bell spirit wear to purchase this year through an online order form. Students are encouraged to show their Liberty Bell pride on Liberty Bell spirit days held throughout the month. The online link to order will be distributed soon.

Amazing Autumn Relay – The annual Amazing Autumn Relay event is PTA run fundraiser where students are encouraged to raise money for the school and in turn get to participate in an afternoon of fun stations and autumn-themed activities competing against other classes. This is typically our main fundraiser of the school year. This year, we unfortunately will not be able to host families at the event or host a large school-wide competition, as we have in the past. Instead, starting the week of October 19, Mrs. Hoff will run a special obstacle course during the hybrid students scheduled gym classes. Those students learning virtually will be sent online opportunities to participate from home. Packets will be coming home in early October with information regarding your child’s fundraising page and additional details on how to participate both in school and from home. We encourage all to participate as this fundraiser helps us host additional events year long.

PURSE-A-PALOOZA – You read that right – purse-a-palooza! Mark your calendars for **November 12, 2020** for our much-anticipated designer purse fundraiser and raffle night – NOW being held virtually!!

We have a selection of amazing prizes ready and waiting for YOU to win! Tickets, as well as a look at some of the designer bags and items we will be putting up for grabs will be announced soon. We will invite you to sit back with a beverage of your choice from the comfort of your own home for a potentially prize-winning evening! Stay tuned information will be sent out soon!

Amazon Smile – Please consider selecting “Liberty Bell PTA” as a recipient of Amazon Smile rewards in your Amazon account! Your Amazon spending can help earn rewards for Liberty Bell!

Box Tops – Keep scanning your receipts for boxtops!
Visit <https://www.boxtops4education.com> for more information and to set up Liberty Bell Elementary as your school.

Directory – A link to join the Liberty Bell directory was emailed to all parents and guardians in September. If you would like to be listed in the directory, please fill out the google form as soon as possible.

Please join us on the “Liberty Bell PTA” Facebook page to stay in the loop with communications, reminders and important information.

Deadline for the November newsletter is October 26th.

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