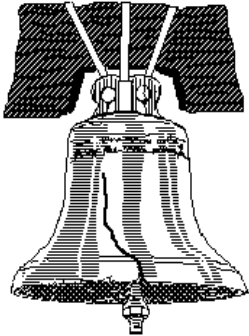


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February Calendar

- ◆ 2nd Qtr. Pride of LB Celebration - Friday, Feb. 5th
- ◆ SPIRIT DAY!
Favorite Football Jersey/Shirt Day - Friday, Feb. 5th
- ◆ 100th Day of School! Tuesday, February 9th
- ◆ February 11th - FULL DAY of SCHOOL
- ◆ February 12th - EARLY DISMISSAL - 12:50 P.M. - NO A.M. KDG
- ◆ NO SCHOOL - February 15th - PRESIDENT'S DAY
- ◆ Spanish Immersion Info. Night - Tuesday, February 16th - 6:00 P.M.
- ◆ PTA Meeting - Thursday, Feb. 18th - 9:15 A.M.

Principal's News

Dear Liberty Bell Families,

It is hard to believe, but January has come and gone and February is already upon us! Let's hope Punxsutawney Phil DOES NOT see his shadow and spring arrives early! We can only hope this will be the case 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 11th - NOW A FULL DAY OF SCHOOL!
- Friday, February 12th - SCHOOL IS NOW IN SESSION AS A MAKE-UP DAY! IT WILL BE AN EARLY DISMISSAL DAY. 12:50 P.M. DISMISSAL - P.M. KDG in attendance only!
- 3rd Grade PSSA English Language Arts/Mathematics Assessment - April 11th through April 22nd

***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.

Finally, remember we are off Monday, February 15th, to celebrate President's Day. Have a wonderful February and let's hope Punxsutawney Phil does not see his shadow!

Samuel G. Hafner
Principal

News from the PTA

February News:

We had a great turn out for the Phantoms Game on Jan. 8th, with Liberty Bell selling 98 tickets, Hopewell at 97, and Lower Milford at 64. Thank you Rosemarie Crossken for heading this up!

We also had our first TWO snow days...Our supercharged snow storm Jonas left us more family time, and possibly some cabin fever!

February:

- Starts out with the Super Bowl! Dress in your favorite jersey on Friday February 5th.
- February marks the half way mark for a school year with two quarters in the books as this Tuesday, Feb. 9th, marks the 100th day of school (If no more snow days).
- Family Fitness Night Friday, February 19th - Come out and exercise your mind and body with some Karate, Zumba, Agility, and L.V. Pound. We will also be holding a Used Book Sale to benefit the library.

March:

- Yearbook Sales will be the month of March.....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 3rd - Get those BOX TOPS in...its free money for our school!
- Friday, March 4th - Bingo Night, Scholastic, Passport
- Friday, March 18th – 7:00 pm Come out to support the 3rd grade play "Space Pirates"

We still have lots to plan for this year including: 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.

PTA Meeting Schedule

National PTA website –
www.pta.org

Pennsylvania PTA website
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Deadline for the
March newsletter is
February 26.

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February 18th (**NOTICE DATE CHANGE**)

March 10th

April 14th

May 12th

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