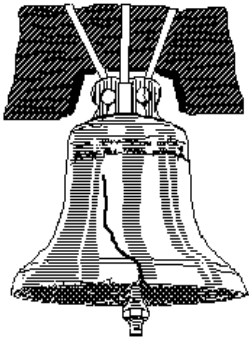


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## January Calendar

- ◆ PTA Phantoms Game - Friday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ PTA Meeting - Thursday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> - 9:15 A.M.
- ◆ NO SCHOOL - Monday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King Day
- ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Ends - Friday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>
- ◆ Report Cards Come Home! Friday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Day.**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Report Cards Come Home! Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade PSSA English Language Arts/Mathematics Assessment – April 11th – April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**\*\*\*\*Please remember that is it 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 2016 and remember if you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Happy 2016!

Samuel G. Hafner  
Principal

## News from the PTA

Happy New Year Liberty Bell Families!

A Big Thank You to all the families who graciously donated to the Giving Tree. YOU all made the holidays so much happier for several Liberty Bell families...you are appreciated!

We have a Peep diorama Winner!

What a great turn out with all the great diorama displays. Samantha from our second grade class won the regional contest! Way to Go! Thank for all the parents and children for their participation!

### Upcoming Events for 2016:

~January 8<sup>th</sup> – Phantoms Game (Rosemarie Crossken)

~February 19<sup>th</sup> – Family Fitness Night (Michelle Stanten)

~March 28<sup>th</sup> - April 1<sup>st</sup> – Scholastic Book Fair

~April 1<sup>st</sup> – Bingo/Scholastic/Passport to the World

*Happy New Year 2016*

### **PTA Meeting Schedule**

National PTA website –  
[www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)

Pennsylvania PTA website  
– [www.papta.org](http://www.papta.org)

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January 14<sup>th</sup>  
February 11<sup>th</sup>  
March 10<sup>th</sup>  
April 14<sup>th</sup>  
May 12<sup>th</sup>

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