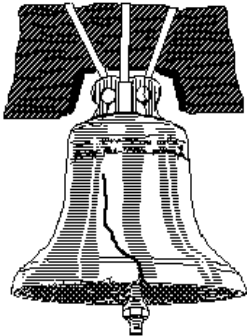


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June Calendar

- ◆ June 4th - Volunteer Breakfast - 8:30 A.M.
- ◆ June 4th - INSIDE SCOOP NIGHT - 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.
- ◆ June 5th - 4th QTR Pride of LB Celebration - 9:30 A.M.
- ◆ P.M. KDG Last Day of School - Tuesday, June 9th
- ◆ Spirit Day - June 10th - Summer/Hawaiian SHIRTS!
- ◆ LAST DAY of SCHOOL! Wednesday, June 10th - A.M. KDG ONLY - NO LUNCH - 12:15 P.M. Dismissal

Principal's News

Dear Liberty Bell Families,

Can you believe it? Yes, it's true! Another school year is just about in the books! It seems like Open House and Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences were just a few months ago, yet here we are getting ready to embark on another summer vacation. We all hope you had a wonderful and enjoyable school year. But before we let you go for the summer, please be sure to mark down a couple important dates for the rest of this year as well as next school year:

- **P.M. KDG's LAST DAY is Tuesday, June 9th.**
- **Wednesday, June 10th - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! 12:15 P.M. Dismissal-NO LUNCH! A.M. KDG attends!**
- August 31st is the first day of school for students (YES, AUGUST!)
- April 11th - 22nd, 2016 - 3rd Grade PSSA Testing window for English/Language Arts and Mathematics

NOTE: Please remember to avoid scheduling vacations during these state testing dates because they will not be counted as excused.

Have you heard the great news? One of our very own has been nominated for Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Kelly Dougherty, our 1st Grade teacher, is one of 12 finalists in the entire state. She is the only representative from Lehigh County. Mrs. Dougherty is most deserving for the difference she makes here at Liberty Bell on a daily basis. We're behind you Kelly...best of luck and bring home the title!

Also as the summer days approach, please consider what activities you can do with your children over the summer so that they are not watching too much television or spending too much time in front of the computer or Wii. There are many places for you and your children that are free or very inexpensive to visit. Please consider your public library for it tends to offer many free/inexpensive programs over the summer. Another idea is to frequent any of our local borough and state parks, both of which are free to visit. Keep your eyes peeled to the local news and newspapers as they often advertise free/inexpensive fun and educational activities for our children during the summer months. If at the very least, make sure you and your child are reading every day, both independently as well as together. We want our young minds sharpened and ready to go come late August!

Here are two programs our district offers at a low cost:

- **Camp Invention-CREATIVE KIDS**

WANTED! Camp Invention[®] at Hopewell Elementary School needs your help in designing a magnet-powered city this summer. Build roads, a shipyard, a mag-lev train, and more! You'll also get to use real tools to take things apart, like old VCRs, and see what's inside! Then, you'll get to travel through time in the CI6000 Space Modulator, and create wacky, mashed inventions! You'll find lots more fun things to do at Camp Invention. Camp will be held July 20th - 24th, from 9:00 am - 3:30 P.M. for girls and boys entering grades 2nd - 6th. For more information, go to www.campinvention.org, or call 800-968-4332.

- **Liberty Trail-Southern Lehigh's** summer program in environmental education will again be offered this year. This program is offered to all students currently in grades 2 through 6. It operates from Lower Milford Elementary School. Dates are June 15th through July 2nd. On each of the fourteen days, children will board buses at Lower Milford for an interactive trip. The program includes a 2 night/3 day stay at the Pocono Environmental Education Center. Although the major costs for this program are covered by the School District, tuition of \$400.00 per child will be required to help defray admissions, camp-out and other costs. Information is available on the SLSD website or through Lower Milford's office.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to say good-bye to two of the pillars of Liberty Bell Elementary School. Our beloved 2nd Grade teacher, Mr. Markley, is retiring after 42 years here at Liberty Bell! Mrs. Sterrett is also retiring after 22 strong years at the elementary level. Please take a moment next time you are in the building to wish Mr. Markley and Mrs. Sterrett well. We wish the two of them the best of luck as they head into retirement and know there will always be a little of both that remain here at Liberty Bell Elementary!

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Liberty Bell, I would like to wish you a summer filled with long sun-filled days enjoying family and friends. Enjoy the last few days of school and we will see you in August!

Samuel G. Hafner
Principal

News from the PTA

A Big Thank you to:

- As we say good-bye to 2014-2015 school year, the PTA wants to say Thank You to everyone who volunteered and took time out of their busy lives to help our children have lasting memories. Whether you helped with our yearbook and took pictures throughout the year, helped with festivals, Race for Education, making endless copies for the teachers and staff, helped the library with restocking the many books ours kids borrow, helping the kids make purchases at the school store, used book sale, Passport to the World, helping with the Art Show, Scholastic Book Fair, new things like Family Fit Night, science fair and not to mention all the people that stay behind the scenes! We could NOT have had such a successful year without the help of our Liberty Bell families! You are all appreciated!
- Thank you to this year's PTA board members for your dedication – Angela Ast, Katherine Sarnoski, Melinda Behrens, Laura Rush, and Kyle Gangewere

June

- Hope to see most of you at our Volunteer Breakfast. If you helped out at school or for PTA and didn't receive an invitation please contact Patti Spitzer pickle573@aol.com
- Inside Scoop Spirit Night Thurs. June 4th 6-9pm
 - Come celebrate the end of the school year and check out WHO is behind the counter scooping?? A portion of the night's sales will be donated to the PTA.

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Have a Great Summer!

Keep Reading!

Deadline for the
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