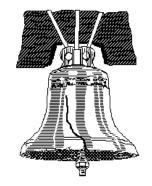
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## Principal's News

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. Our Open House is Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 P.M., so please join us to meet your child's teacher.

Liberty Bell will be welcoming several new staff members to our school this year. Mrs. Greenawald is our new kindergarten teacher as she joins us from Lower Milford. Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Sheats are both also joining the Liberty Bell Family as our new library secretary. We would also like to welcome back Mrs. Collins to first grade as she was out last year on maternity leave. 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 dropoff and pick-up. When dropping off your child in the morning please use the designated dropoff 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 Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 year and see you at Open House!

Samuel G. Hafner Principal

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Deadline for the October newsletter is September 26.

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### **News from the PTA**

Welcome to the 2014-2015 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!

The last two years our primary fundraiser is the "Race for Education" as 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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, weather permitting, the children will walk or jog around a ¼ mile track for one hour and the PTA will track the number of laps each child completes. If you are able to donate directly through your company or receive a company match, please let Patricia Allen know. More 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 have not 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", reshelving 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 cannot make the meetings but would love to help out please reach out to us via email.

Our first PTA meeting is Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 A.M. for a meet & greet breakfast (coffee, juice, bagels, donuts, 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 10:00 A.M.

One more announcement:

Box Tops Add Up!!!Our new sound system has been installed in the gymnasium!! The money for this system came from all of you taking the time to clip those little Box Tops off of your products. Thank you all for taking the time... And know that everyone counts!!

We look forward to meeting you on September 11 or at one of the other meetings held throughout the year:

### PTA Meeting Schedule

October 19<sup>th</sup>
November 13<sup>th</sup>
December (NO MEETING)
January 8<sup>th</sup>
February 12<sup>th</sup>
March 12th
April 9th
May 14th

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