



2023-2024 PTO Welcome Packet

From the parent-teacher organization
known as Liberty Elementary Academic Fund (LEAF)
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Hello, from LEAF!

Bienvenidos from LEAF, your friendly parent-teacher organization! LEAF (a.k.a. Liberty Elementary Academic Fund) is a nonprofit/501(c)3 organization. Our mission is to support Pittsburgh Liberty K-5 students, teachers, and families through fundraising, volunteering, and community-building.

Each year, LEAF organizes/supports:

- **fun events**, like Skate Night, Fun Fair, & Dia de los Muertos
- **enrichment for our kids**, like field trips, extracurriculars, classroom books/supplies, & scholarships for advanced learning opportunities
- **teacher appreciation**, like meals, gifts, & professional development
- **communications**, like our school newsletter & PTO website, www.pghleaf.org
- **summer playdates & uniform swaps** at Liberty's school playground

Looking forward to another great year together!

Sincerely,

The LEAF Leadership Team

Co-Presidents: Teresa Pizzella & Elaine Vitone

Vice President: *Position open—for info, visit pghleaf.org/volunteer-for-leaf*

Communications: Jessa Darwin

Treasurer: Sarah Starr

Meetings

Dates & Times:

In 2023-24, we'll meet on the **second Tuesday of each month**, from Sept. through May:

- Sept. 12, 2023 (in person @ the Liberty school library—dinner & childcare provided)
- Oct. 10, 2023 (in person @ the Liberty school library—dinner & childcare provided)
- Nov. 14, 2023 (virtual, via Zoom)
- Dec. 12, 2023 (virtual, via Zoom)
- Jan. 9, 2024 (virtual, via Zoom)
- Feb. 9, 2024 (virtual, via Zoom)
- March 12, 2024 (in person @ the Liberty school library—dinner & childcare provided)
- April 9, 2024 (in person @ the Liberty school library—dinner & childcare provided)
- May 14, 2024 (in person @ the Liberty school library—dinner & childcare provided)

Each of our meetings is back-to-back with another monthly, school community-wide meeting:

- 6–7 PM: Parent School Community Council (PSCC), led by our principal, Louann “Ms. Z” Zwierynski.
- 7–8 PM: Liberty Elementary Academic Fund (that’s us!), led by parents and guardians.

Agendas & Minutes: <https://pghleaf.org/meetings>

And if you can’t make a meeting... Your voice is still welcome and needed! Write us at president@pghleaf.org. Our ears are open for ways we can best help our school thrive—all of our students, teachers, staff, and families at Liberty K-5!

Save the dates!

Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Potluck & Party

Friday, Nov. 3, 6-8PM (Rain date Nov. 10, 6-8PM)

As a Spanish language magnet, Liberty celebrates this delightful Mexican holiday, a lively and joyous celebration of deceased loved ones. The kids build *ofrendas* (altars) with photos and mementos at school and, LEAF hosts a big, school-wide event, with food, crafts, and a display of our kids' creations on our giant, school-wide *ofrenda*.

Volunteers are appreciated!

Fun Fair

May 31, 6-8PM (Rain date June 7, 6-8PM)

At the end of each school year, LEAF invites Liberty family, friends, and neighbors for an evening of food, games, and fun! Step right up for a bouncy house/obstacle course, face painting, lawn games, and a 50/50 raffle.

Volunteers are appreciated!

Volunteer for LEAF!

Calling all Liberty parents, grandparents, guardians—all are welcome to participate in LEAF. Many hands make light work, and any amount of time you can pitch in is appreciated! Visit pghleaf.org/volunteer-for-leaf for details. We especially need:


- Note takers for LEAF's monthly meetings
- Fundraising chair
- LEAF Vice President
- Teacher appreciation chair
- Fun Fair event planning chair
- *Dia de los Muertos* event planning committee members
- Skate Night event coordinator
- LEAF information table at events throughout the year

Give to LEAF

At pghleaf.org/give, you can make a tax-deductible donation via Square or Facebook. ... And by the way, on Facebook, you can opt for either a one-time donation *or* a recurring donation—or encourage your friends to post their own fundraisers by sharing this link: <https://www.facebook.com/fund/PghLibertyPTO/>

Liberty spirit wear & Black history tees

Wear your pride on your sleeve—or on the front of your shirt! Liberty school-spirit hoodies and sweats may be worn as part of the school uniform. (And BTW, we carry hats, too!) Also available year-round: Liberty's Black History shirts. The front reads, *Because They Did, We Can*; the back: *Black History Matters at Liberty*.) Both kids' and adults' sizes are available! Orders may be placed online and paid via paypal or credit card. Visit: bit.ly/LibertySpiritWear



DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A WEBSITE?

LOG ON TO [PGHLEAF.ORG](https://pghleaf.org) FOR:

- Extracurriculars
- "Gifted" Services (a.k.a. "Greenway")
- Back issues of our newsletter
- Childcare (extended day, summer camps, etc.)
- Kindergarten families' section (orientation video)
- 5th grade families' section (middle-school magnet application processes)
- Making sure you're receiving all announcements from the district, the school, your teachers, & LEAF—your friendly parent-teacher organization!

