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A Night To Remember



Thank you to the Liberty community and especially Mrs. Cox for making our Amorcito y Yo dance a night to remember! See video at <https://www.facebook.com/LibertyPPS>

March Calendar

Monthly School Community–Wide Meetings: **March 19—NEW DATE!!!**

*These two back-to-back meetings will be held **virtually for the rest of the school year.***

Zoom link: See email from Ms. Garcia

- 1) **6:00 PM: PSCC (aka Parent School Community Council):** Led by our acting principal, Ms. Garcia, and our Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Coordinator, Ms. Gehring, this meeting serves as our school district's primary way to engage families at the school level. **See agendas & minutes at bit.ly/LibertyPSCC23**

- 2) 7:00 PM: LEAF (our parent-teacher organization): Led by parents and guardians, LEAF supports our students, teachers, and families through fundraising, volunteering, and community events. **See agendas & minutes at 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!

PPS Public Hearings (Virtual): Pittsburgh Board of Public Education

Monthly opportunity for citizens' comments on district matters.

DATE: March 18

TO TESTIFY: Write and submit your comments in advance, and then read them aloud at the Zoom meeting. Comments can be no longer than three minutes/about 400 words. First, you MUST 1) register (deadline is noon, the day of the hearing) by calling 412-529-3868; then 2) email your testimony to Laura Getty at lgetty1@pghschools.org. OR, If you are unable to read your own testimony, you may submit it to Laura Getty, and it will be forwarded to the Board of Directors.

MORE ON REGISTRATION: <https://www.pghschools.org/Page/4043>

SPEAKERS' TECH INSTRUCTIONS: bit.ly/hearingzoom

WATCH: <https://vimeo.com/event/2843465>

Family Fridays: March 15

(* These will only occur if the COVID level is low.) Several times each school year, on half-days, Liberty invites students to bring a family member or other beloved adult to school! It's a chance to see the great work our kids are doing, meet the faculty and your fellow Liberty families, and join our children for activities in the classroom.

Teacher appreciation

On February 16th, LEAF bought lunch for the teachers. Thank you for all that you do for our students every day!

Liberty spirit wear and Black history tees

Support Liberty's parent organization, LEAF, and show you Liberty spirit by purchasing some Liberty gear--which is considered part of our school uniform! (And BTW, we carry hats, too!) Also available year-round: Liberty's Black History gear. The front reads, Because They Did, We Can; the back: Black History Matters at Liberty.) Sizes are

available for both kids and adults! Orders may be placed online and paid via paypal or credit card. bit.ly/LibertySpiritWear



Help Support Our
ONLINE ORDERING
Fundraiser

We are fundraising with **Sarris CANDIES** to raise money for our organization! If you would like to help support our sale, you can go online to:

SarrisCandiesFundraising.com

*All orders must be placed by 11:59 PM EST on March 22nd.

Our Organization's Name	Our Group ID#
Liberty Elementary Academic Fund	10-1476

Our Easter Candy Fundraiser Is LIVE!

Visit the Sarris Candies Fundraising website using the link below or the QR code to the right.

www.sarriscandiesfundraising.com/

Use LEAF's Group Code: **10-1476**

Order Deadline: Mar. 22nd, 2024 @ 11:59pm

Help us continue to host events, provide classroom resources, and show teacher appreciation for the Liberty Community!

HOW TO ORDER

- 1** Access the Sarris fundraising website on your computer or mobile phone.
- 2** From the home page, click **I Am Supporting a Fundraiser** or click **Shop Now** in the navigation bar to access our available products.
- 3** Enter our Group ID# and your family member or friend's name and select **Shop Now**.



TIP: Use the drop-down categories under **Shop Now** in the navigation bar tab to look for specific types of products.

TIP: Use the search bar to look for specific products.

Fundraiser: Minted (year-round!)

LEAF is partnering with Minted, an online source for independent design (holiday cards, gifts, stationery, art, home decor, and more). When you shop on their site, you'll receive a 20% discount, and Mint will donate 15% of your order back to LEAF!

Visit <https://www.minted.com/>

and use our code,
FUNDRAISEPGHLEAF.

MINTED'S FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

Show your love for our cause & save 20%

Shop Minted's unique Valentine's Day assortment of luxe photo cards, classroom valentines, and personalized gifts, and they'll donate 15% of the proceeds from every purchase back to our organization.

Use Code: **FUNDRAISEPGHLEAF**

[minted.com/valentines-day](https://www.minted.com/valentines-day)

FULL HEART by Pragyaa Goenka Khaitan

Fun Fair

Can you believe we are almost halfway through the school year?!? We are already thinking ahead, and planning for our annual Fun Fair. At the end of each school year, LEAF invites Liberty family, friends, and neighbors for an evening of food, games, and fun! (It's right in the name!) Can you help us plan this awesome evening? It will be May 31, with a rain date of June 7. Sign up here to volunteer at: <https://pghleaf.org/volunteer-for-leaf>

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 this 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!

Attention, Liberty Teachers!

Does your classroom need a facelift that doesn't fit in the budget? Is there a special training you need? Or special equipment, supplies, or costumes for Liberty events? Please fill out the form at bit.ly/pghleaf-teachers, send it (along with your receipt) to

president@pghleaf.org, and get reimbursed by LEAF, our parent organization. The check will then be delivered to you shortly after the monthly LEAF meeting.

Women's History Month

The first Woman's History Day was on February 28, 1909 in New York City. It commemorated the one year anniversary of the garment workers' strikes when 15,000 women marched through lower Manhattan. An education task force in Sonoma County, California kicked off Women's History Week in 1978 on March 8th, International Women's Day, according to the National Women's History Alliance. They wanted to draw attention that women's history wasn't included in K-12 curriculums at the time. Women's organizations campaigned yearly to recognize Women's History Week.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter declared the week of March 8th Women's History Week across the country. The U.S. Congress followed suit the next year, passing a resolution establishing a national celebration. Six years later, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March. Since 1995, every president has issued a proclamation declaring March Women's History Month, usually with a statement about its importance. Every Women's History Month has a theme. The 2023 theme is Celebrating Women Who Tell Their Stories. This theme honors the role of women as storytellers in all forms of media—film, TV, journalism, radio, and more recently, social media.

Here is a list of some extraordinary women:

Marie Curie * Rosa Parks * Amelia Earhart * Susan B. Anthony * Clara Barton * Harriet Tubman * Oprah Winfrey * Eleanor Roosevelt * Florence Nightingale * Mother Teresa * Sojourner Truth * Indira Gandhi * Cleopatra * Joan of Arc * Sacagawea * Katherine Johnson * Shirley Chisholm * Junko Tabai * Benazir Bhutto * Sandra Day O'Connor * Dr. Mae Jemison

A Book List for Elementary students:

- *RAD American Women A-Z* by Kate Schatz
- *Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors?* by Tanya Lee Stone
- *Women in Science: 50 fearless pioneers who changed the world* by Rachel Ignotofsky
- *Here Comes the Girl Scouts!* by Shana Corey
- *Shaking Things Up: 14 young women who changed the world* by Susan Hood
- *The Youngest Marcher* by Cynthia Levinson
- *Frida Kahlo* by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara
- *Shark Lady* by Jess Keatling
- *Brave Girl by Michelle Markel* (This book was reads by our fourth grade this year)

Leccion de Español

Months of the Year: *Mesas del año*

January: *Enero*

February: *Febrero*

March: *Marzo*

April: *Abril*

May: *Mayo*

June: *Junio*

July: *Julio*

August: *Agosto*

September: *Septiembre*

October: *Octubre*

November: *Noviembre*

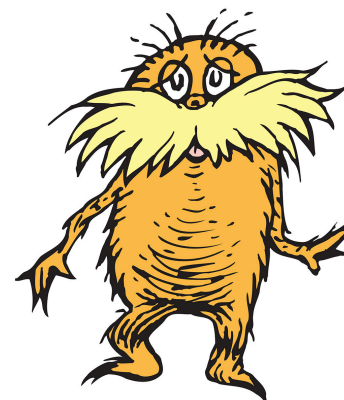
December: *Diciembre*

Craft corner

March is National Craft Month, so there are plenty of wonderful crafts for this month. Dr. Seuss' birthday was celebrated on March 2nd, which is also annual Read Across America Day. St. Patrick's Day is March 17th, which always inspires rainbows, pots of gold, and leprechaun crafts. Finally, March 20th is the first day of Spring. Many colorful Spring pictures with flowers or rain and umbrellas too.

The first craft is a St. Patrick's Day craft, but can also be a Spring craft. It is a paper plate cloud with a rainbow. You will need a paper plate, cotton balls, rainbow colored paper, streamers, or tissue paper, and glue or a glue stick. Take the paper plate and cut it in half. Put glue on the paper plate half, and glue on the cotton balls. They can be put on whole or spread out thin. Turn the plate over, and glue on the rainbow colored paper, streamers, or tissue paper. If using paper or tissue paper, fold them accordian style to give them the wavy effect.

The second craft is truffula trees from *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss. You will need white construction or computer paper, crayons or markers, pipe cleaners, straws or any bright colored stem like object, bright colored tissue paper and glue or a glue stick. Take the white paper and color the sky blue and make green grass with crayons or markers. Glue on the pipe cleaners or whatever you chose to use. Take the tissue paper and slightly ball it up, but don't make the ball too tight. Glue that on top of the pipe cleaner tree. You can draw *The Lorax* near the trees using a crayon or marker.



Many crafts and recipes are inspired by Dr. Seuss. His stories are used across America to teach children the importance of literacy and gives them plenty of opportunities to do various crafts, classroom activities, and make different recipes based on his books. One easy recipe is easy enough for kids to use. There is no cooking involved, and is a great snack. You will need any flavor Teddy Grahams, but chocolate is preferred due to the story. It is the Barbaloot snack mix. The Barbaloot are bear-like creatures that live in the forest filled with truffula trees. This is also from *The Lorax*. In the movie, the Barbaloot bear bites the bag of marshmallows and causes them to rain down on all the other bears. They are happy, because they get to eat them. You will also need marshmallows. Mix together and enjoy.

Dr. Seuss

Happy birthday, Dr. Seuss! He was born Theodor Geisel in Springfield, Massachusetts on March 2, 1904. His first children's book, "And To Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street," hit the market in 1937. He won the Pulitzer Prize in 1984 and 3 Academy Awards. He is the author and illustrator of 44 children's books, some of which have been made into audiocassettes, animated television specials, and videos for children of all ages. In addition to Dr. Seuss, Theodor Geisel also used the pen name Theo Lesieg (Geisel spelled backwards) for books that were written by him, but illustrated by others. Even after his death in 1991, Dr. Seuss continues to be the best selling author of children's books in the world. Here are a few of his most popular books and the years that they were published: *The Cat In The Hat* (1957), *Cat in the Hat Comes Back* (1958), *The Foot Book* (1968), *Fox in Socks* (1965), *Green Eggs and Ham* (1960), *Hop on Pop* (1963), *Horton Hears A Who* (1954), *How The Grinch Stole Christmas* (1957), *The Lorax* (1971), and *Oh, The Places You'll Go* (1990).

Are you receiving school communications?

Are you wondering if you're missing important announcements? Visit <https://pghleaf.org/school-communications> for a go-to list of the communication channels used by 1) the PPS school district, 2) our school, 3) the parent-teacher organization (that's us—LEAF), and 4) your child's teachers!

Submit to This Newsletter!

Article deadlines for this year are March 21 (April issue), April 18 (May issue), and May 21 (June issue). Send stories to president@pghleaf.org

This newsletter is produced by the parent-teacher organization known as LEAF (Liberty Elementary Academic Fund), a nonprofit organization. LEAF's mission is to support the students, teachers and families at Pittsburgh Liberty K-5 through fundraising, volunteering, and community events.

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