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Fit and Fabulous!




Many thanks to all who came out for Liberty's first ever Family Fit Night on April 19th, especially event organizers Ashleigh Pollard and Teresa Pizzella! For more photos see our Facebook pages: <https://www.facebook.com/LibertyPPS> and <https://www.facebook.com/PghLibertyPTO/>

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May Calendar

 **Monthly School Community-Wide Meetings: Tues, May 14**

These two back-to-back meetings will be held **virtually**.

Zoom link: See email from our principal, Ms. Z (Ms. Louann Zwieryznski)

- 1) **6:00 PM: PSCC (aka Parent School Community Council):** Led by our principal, Louann "Ms. Z" Zwieryznski, 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 agenda & 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: Mon, May 20, 6 p.m.

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>

Cinco de Mayo K-2 Celebration Wed, May 1, 2-3pm

Ms. Cox and Ms. Welsh have organized a performance with the K-2 students to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Families are invited to join us on the Liberty field at 2pm for the performance. Street parking only, please. Suggested clothing to wear for the event:

- Boys: black pants and a white shirt
- Girls grades K-2: have costumes to wear. They may wear shoes they are comfortable dancing in. Dresses are thin so a tank top and shorts are recommended to wear under the dress.

Teacher Appreciation Week: Mon, May 6-Fri, May 10

LEAF will be treating our hard-working faculty and staff to lunch on May 7th, Teacher Appreciation Day!! Please remember to send a note or some other sign of gratitude to your child's teacher that week.

Book Fair Week: Mon, May 6-Fri, May 10

This event gives students and families access to thousands of affordable, popular books from the world's top publishers, inspiring a lifelong love of reading and generating much-needed funds for school and classroom libraries. Liberty students can visit the Book Fair in the library to buy the books they want, know

and love! Parents can also make purchases online. **LEAF is looking for volunteers to fill various slots throughout the week of the book fair: a couple hours in the morning and a couple hours in the afternoon.**

Assistance is needed for help with setup and breakdown as well as student shopping concierge. Students, teachers, and staff would greatly appreciate your help! To sign up, visit <https://pghleaf.org/volunteer-for-leaf>

👑 **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! **To volunteer at the event, visit bit.ly/libertyfun24 or email president@pghleaf.org**

Support the Skiff Family

There is an effort to provide meals and funds for the Skiff family so they can focus on their son, Finley, age 7, who was recently diagnosed with anaplastic large cell lymphoma. He has started chemotherapy and has a long battle ahead of him.

A meal train has been set up to provide nutritious, healthy meals for the family during their weeks home in between treatments. To contribute, visit:

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/y8674k/>

A Go Fund Me has also been set up for donations to help pay for medical bills, food, house cleaning, gas, and countless other expenses the Skiffs will face during their journey. <https://gofund.me/b524b900>

Thank you for your support!

Urgent need for parent/guardian volunteers

Our parent-teacher organization (a.k.a. LEAF) has been run by the same, short list of people for many years. That list has been dwindling. At the end of this school year, most of our remaining volunteers are stepping down.

Your help is needed. If you want Liberty to continue to have a parent-teacher organization, please volunteer.

- For more info: <https://pghleaf.org/>
- Contact: president@pghleaf.org




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.

LEDP board members needed

The Liberty Extended Day Program (a.k.a LEDP) is looking for new members of its Board of Directors! For almost 40 years, LEDP has provided quality before- and after-school programming for students attending Pittsburgh Liberty. The Board of Directors works with the program's executive director to provide direction and community input into the program, and the whole Liberty community (not just parents/guardians of those enrolled in the program) is welcome to take part! We meet monthly on the second Thursday of the month during the school year (usually via Zoom but sometimes in person) and less frequently during the summer.


Please contact the Board President, Liz Dell, by emailing elizabeth.h.dell@gmail.com to learn more.



DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A WEBSITE?

LOG ON TO 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!



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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LEAF PRESENTS

FUN FAIR

@ LIBERTY K-5



Friday, May 31st

6-8PM

Rain Date: June 7th



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ACTIVITIES

Bouncy House

Imagination Playground

Games

Food

Crafts

50/50 Raffle



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

bit.ly/funfairleaf

