



## Upcoming PTO Meetings:

**April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**May 16<sup>th</sup>** (Last Mtg.)

*The meetings begin promptly at 9:30 AM, and are open to all parents of Liberty Middle School. If you have the time, please join us for refreshments prior to the meeting at 9:00 AM.*

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## SCRIP NOTE:

### Delivery

(of April 3<sup>rd</sup>'s order)

**April 17<sup>th</sup>**

### Next Order

**May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Delivery**

**May 15<sup>th</sup>**

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# The President's Corner

Welcome back! We hope everyone is energized and ready to assist our chair people for Staff Appreciation, the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration and the Back-to-School Store.

Thank you to the Book Fair Committee for energizing our school with the new activities during our "Reading Road Trip." The students had a great time participating in the daily contests. Twenty inches of snow and a snow day did not keep our committee from delivering a successful Spring Book Fair. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Let's show the LMS staff, including our dedicated bus drivers, how much we love them! Our Staff Appreciation Event will take place on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please support our Disco themed breakfast and lunch by purchasing a "Disco Ball." Students should be bringing home another flyer shortly. Your donation can be placed in the box in the Attendance office. Donations are due by Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Additional flyers can also be found in the literature racks in the Attendance Office.

During our May meeting, voting on our 2008-2009 officers and chair people will take place. We are grateful to those who have indicated they can assist in next year's events. We do have many opportunities available. Some may be hesitating to get involved because there may be some misconceptions about Liberty Middle School's PTO.

We would like to share some facts and experiences we have learned over the past two years.

- Every parent or guardian is a member of the PTO.
- At our first meeting, Laura shared that we should always be mindful about what the PTO is for: "It's All About the Kids!" This saying became our motto.
- For most members, there is a minimal time commitment; Chair people report their committee progress a few meetings before their event and they provide a follow-up report at the meeting following their event.
- Working with our volunteers is great fun!
- It's inspiring to work with such talented and dedicated individuals.

We would like to get to know more families in our school. The three years of middle school go by quickly. Show your children you care about their education. Get involved today by helping us match your skills and interests to one of our PTO committees. Please complete the volunteer interest form or contact Cheryl Barthel at [cbarthel@columbus.rr.com](mailto:cbarthel@columbus.rr.com) or 614-844-3845. Laura and Mark are also available to discuss PTO opportunities. Volunteer interest forms are also available in the Attendance Office.

Lastly, our April and May meetings will be on Friday mornings, April 25 and May 16. This is a great opportunity for those of you who have a Monday conflict to participate in our last two meetings. Ideas on improving our student's educational experiences are greatly received!

It's difficult to put into words what a rewarding experience it has been to serve on the board of our PTO. We truly hope you can take the opportunity to "Make a Difference in your Child's Middle School Experience" by participating in your Liberty Middle School PTO.

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***IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS!***

**OLMS Celebrates the Arts:** The Liberty Middle School Art Show will be held on **Wednesday, April 23, 2008** from 6:00-8:30 PM. Student art work from all three grade levels will be displayed throughout the building. Wood projects and other structures made by the students in the Industrial Technology classes can also be viewed. As you browse the fair, small ensemble groups from the Music Departments will be performing. Don't miss the short theatrical performances on the stage along with other sample musical concerts. Look for the Student Claymation movies demonstrating the collaboration of Technology and Art, as well as the Life Skills Departments' Global Gourmet student food samples and recipes. Beehive Bread and Mean Bean Coffee House have graciously volunteered to provide refreshments. Please come out and celebrate the Arts!



**Logo Wear** is still available for those cool, blustery, spring evenings on the soccer and lacrosse fields, baseball diamond, and tennis courts. Laura Sams, PTO co-president, will be happy to meet you at Liberty Middle School, during school hours, to take care of your Spirit Wear needs. Contact her at [csams@columbus.rr.com](mailto:csams@columbus.rr.com) or 614-785-0539.

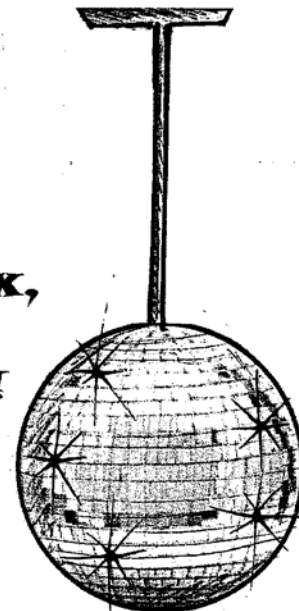


**Perennials Wanted:** If you find you still need to divide some of your perennials, think of donating them to Liberty Middle School for their courtyard. Contact Laura Sams and she will make arrangements with the Green Team to include your plants in the beautification of our school.

**SECOND NOTICE... To be included, please send in your donation by Friday, April 18. Thanks!**

## **Can you dig it?**

**Our LMS staff shines-on to the max, and we're psyched to get down and get funky for Staff Appreciation Day!**



**Groovy!**

**On Friday, May 2, the staff lunchroom will become a DISCO Boogie Wonderland and "John Travolta" will be there scopin' the scene!**

**(Breakfast and lunch will be provided for the staff.)**

**To help us get hip to the groove, we're asking you to purchase a "disco ball" and your family name will be on a ball, posted in the school, as a donor.**

**Fat out!**

## **HELP US LET OUR STAFF KNOW THEY ARE SUPER COOL!**

**Fill out the form below and send in your donation, or drop-off to the office in the decorated box.**

**\* On the day of the luncheon, staff and students are encouraged to wear their disco duds! Don't spaz, think wild prints, bell bottoms, and platform shoes. \***

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**WE WANT TO LET LMS STAFF KNOW THEY SHINE ON!**

**We'd like to donate money to purchase a "Disco Ball"**  
**Family name \_\_\_\_\_**

**(Please make check payable to LMSPTO.)**



**RIGHT ON!**

**IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS!**

# You Can Make a Difference in Your Child's Middle School Experience!



Liberty Middle School PTO is currently organizing officers, committee chairs and event volunteers for the 2008-09 school year.

The PTO provides valuable resources for our teachers and students. It also supports and offers the following worthwhile programs:

- Kroger and SCRIP Gift Card Programs: Fund PTO programs and student DC accounts
- Book Fair
- School Sound System
- Liberty Bell newsletter
- School Beautification
- School Directory
- Author Visits
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration
- Parent Programs Team (PPT)
- Staff Appreciation

**Research shows that a student's success is *directly* related to parental involvement.**

**We count on you. Think about where YOU can use your talents to support this dynamic organization! After all.....**

## IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS!

### OLMS PTO VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM

*(Check areas of interest, descriptions on back)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- Officers:** ( ) President ( ) Assistant Treasurer, SCRIP report  
 ( ) Vice-President ( ) Secretary  
 ( ) Treasurer ( ) Reporter, PTO newsletter

- Committee Chairs:**
- ( ) SCRIP ( ) Back-To-School Store
  - ( ) Logo Wear ( ) School Store
  - ( ) Book Fair ( ) Parent/Teacher Conferences Dinner
  - ( ) Beautification ( ) Directory
  - ( ) Staff Appreciation ( ) 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration
  - ( ) PPT Representative ( ) Web-Page
  - ( ) Volunteer e-mail List ( ) Badges
  - ( ) Nominating Committee

**Please return this flyer to the Attendance Office by Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, or contact Cheryl Barthel at [cbarthel@columbus.rr.com](mailto:cbarthel@columbus.rr.com) or 614-844-3845.**

## *IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS!*

### **Duties of Board Member and Committee Chair Responsibilities**

As stated in the PTO by-laws, "officers shall be elected annually in the Spring Quarter and shall assume their official duties at the end of the school year. This is with exception of the Treasurer, who serves for the fiscal year, August 1 to July 31. The term of office is one year."

"All Committee Chairpersons are responsible for keeping the OLPTO Board informed about the activities of the committee. The chairperson is responsible for getting all pertinent information to the Reporter. A wrap-up report should be submitted to the Board at the conclusion of the committee's activity."

All officers and committee chairpersons are responsible for providing all official material and an updated committee folder at the end of their term.

#### **Officers**

**President:** Presides at OLPTO meetings; appoints chairpersons of standing and special committees and performs other duties when deemed necessary.

**Vice-President:** Performs the duties of the President in the absence of the President. Assists President when deemed necessary.

**Secretary:** Records the minutes of the meetings and handles all official correspondence.

**Treasurer:** Has custody of all funds of the OLPTO; keeps an accurate account of receipts and expenditures; makes disbursements as authorized and presents a financial report at every meeting. An auditor that has been appointed by the Sustaining Committee, as outlined in the By-Laws, will examine the Treasurer's accounts annually.

**Asst. Treasurer:** Responsible for the accounting of all SCRIP funds. Presents a SCRIP financial report at each OLPTO meetings

**Reporter:** Informs membership of upcoming events, meetings and information that pertains to the OLPTO through the news media, district and school publications. Writes and distributes the OLPTO newsletter, "The Liberty Bell," via OLPTO website.

#### **Committee Chairs**

**SCRIP Chair:** Responsible for committee which includes Kroger volunteer and distribution volunteer. Develops plan to sell Kroger and SCRIP cards. Orders gift cards and distributes them. Tracks earnings and reports information to Vice-President. Prepares Summer Packet. Sends Reporter monthly submission with order form.

**Back to School Store:** Contacts principal for team supply requests, coordinates volunteers, prepares order, contacts vendors, sets-up, implements and cleans-up event, and prepares deposits.

**Logo Wear:** Takes inventory, orders and sells logo items at Back-to-School store, school store and school functions.

**School Store:** Coordinates volunteers, orders and maintains inventory, prepares deposits.

**Book Fair:** Contacts vendor, coordinates volunteers, makes deposit, completes orders, works with school librarian for book requests.

**Parent/Teacher Conference Dinner:** Contact Principal for date and staff numbers, coordinate committee and volunteers, plan, set-up and clean up.

**Beautification:** Plans new beautification projects and maintains outdoor gardens with assistance from staff, students and other parent volunteers.

**Directory:** Solicits for advertisements, consults with PTO regarding style, types, edits, obtains printing quotes, shows officers proofs, has directory printed, and distributes the directory.

**Staff Appreciation:** Coordinates volunteers, plans, sets-up, implements and cleans-up event.

**PPT Representative:** Attends monthly meetings, communicates information at PTO meeting and to the Reporter for a newsletter submission.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration:** Contacts principal for teacher contact, coordinates volunteers, plans, executes and cleans-up at event.

**Volunteer E-Mail List:** Develops PTO volunteer list, generates requests for volunteers by Chairs.

**Web Page:** Designs and updates existing OLPTO website. Volunteer with web design skills is helpful.

**Nominating:** Proposes a slate of candidates for New Board.

**Badges:** Creates badges for Officers, Committee Chairs and volunteers that frequently help in the school.



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 <i>SCRIP Orders DUE</i>	4 <i>SCHOOL STORE</i>	5
6	7	8 <i>PPT Parent Forum OLHS 7:00-8:30 PM</i>	9	10	11 <i>SCHOOL STORE</i>	12
13	14	15	16	17 <i>2 HR. Late Arrival  SCRIP Delivery</i>	18 <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	19
20	21	22	23 <i>OLMS Celebrates the Arts 4:00-7:00 PM</i>	24	25 <i>PTO Meeting 9:30 AM  SCHOOL STORE</i>	26
27	28	29	30			



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>SCRIP Orders DUE</i>	2 <i>SCHOOL STORE</i>	3
4	5 <i>Band Concert 7:00 PM</i>	6	7	8 <i>Orchestra Concert 7:00 PM</i>	9 <i>SCHOOL STORE</i>	10
11	12 <i>Choir Concert 7:00 PM</i>	13	14	15 <i>SCRIP Delivery</i>	16 <i>PTO Meeting 9:30 AM  SCHOOL STORE</i>	17 <i>OLMS Music in the Parks Contest</i>
18	19	20 <i>2 HR. Late Arrival</i>	21	22	23 <i>SCHOOL STORE</i>	24
25	26 <i>MEMORIAL DAY NO SCHOOL</i>	27	28	29	30	31