

# THE EAGLE'S NEST

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## IT'S A FALL FUNDRAISER PARTY!

It's time to *celebrate* with the fall fundraiser. Our students will be selling products from the Innisbrook catalog to raise money for PTA-sponsored programs. These programs will include: Prairie Fire Theatre, Battle of the Books, Science Fair, COMPAS artists & authors, and school-wide assemblies. Liberty Ridge receives 50% of the proceeds from all sales. Our goal is to raise \$20,000. Orders can also be placed online at [www.innisbrook.com](http://www.innisbrook.com).

Innisbrook Sales packets will be sent home with all students on Friday, September 22 and are due back on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 2**. We encourage you to return your sales packet whether you place an order or not. All

students who return their packet, with or without an order, will be entered into a drawing for a Handheld Color TV or a Miniature Personal Vending Machine. All students who return their packet *with* an order will be entered in a drawing for a Karaoke Machine or a Digital Video Camera.

Ordered items will be available for pick up on Friday, November 17 after school and during the PTA Fall Social event. If you have any questions concerning this fundraiser, call Karla Ethier at 702-9540.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Welcome to the 2006-2007 school year at Liberty Ridge Elementary. A new school year holds great promise and opportunity for each child to continue to grow academically, socially, physically and emotionally. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended Back to School Night. We hope the event assisted in a successful start to the school year for your family. Liberty Ridge continues to grow, this year K-5<sup>th</sup> will house 817 students.

Important dates to remember are conferences on Oct. 12 and 17 from 4-8 p.m. School pictures are on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Students can enter the building at 9 a.m. If your child walks to school you need to be aware that patrols will

leave their posts at 9 a.m. to make it to school on time. There will be no patrols out if there is lightning or it is below zero.

Your efforts in establishing homework routines and communicating the importance of positive study habits, plus the love of learning, are greatly appreciated by our staff. We look forward to a tremendous year of learning for your child. Office hours are from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. every day. Please feel free to stop by anytime with any concerns or just to say "Hi!" You can also reach me by phone at 768-5901. Thank you for your continuing support.

Sincerely,  
Kari Lopez

## Events Calendar

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Sept 18     | Curriculum Night (Kindergarten) 4:30-5 p.m. |
| Sept 19     | School Pictures                             |
| Sept 21     | PTA Meeting, 4 p.m.                         |
| Sept. 22    | Fall Fundraiser begins                      |
| Sept 29     | Twins Night, 7:05 p.m.                      |
| Oct. 2      | Fundraiser packets due                      |
| Oct 9-18    | Book Fair                                   |
| Oct 12 & 17 | Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4-8 p.m.        |
| Oct 19-20   | No School, Teacher's Convention             |
| Oct 23      | Picture Retake Day                          |
| Nov 2       | PTA Meeting, 4 p.m.                         |
| Nov 9       | Vision & Hearing Screenings                 |
| Nov 10      | No School                                   |
| Nov 17      | PTA Fall Social, 5-8 p.m.                   |
| Nov 23-24   | Thanksgiving Holiday                        |
| Dec 4       | No School, Teacher Workshop                 |

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## CAMPBELL'S LABELS

New this year, Campbell's will *no longer* be accepting labels. They are now requesting only *UPC codes* from eligible products and only *lids* from V8 and Prego products. We appreciate those of you who have always cut your labels before sending them in, but please make a note of this change. If you still have any cut labels at home, please

send them into school by the end of the month as Campbell's is allowing us one special label submission. We will have more information coming soon about all participating product UPCs and lids that will help our school. Watch for information to be sent home in your Thursday Folder. Thank you for all your help with this important fundraiser.

## ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS: PLEASE SIGN IN

It is very important that volunteers remember to sign in at the school office. This is for security reasons as well as a way to measure the importance of our school programs.

Every year, the number of volunteers and volunteer hours are reported to the School Board. These reports can show the district how much money they are saving and which programs the volunteers feel are important enough to put their

time into.

Your time is a gift to your child's class, to the school, and to the district. Many of our programs would not exist if we had to pay someone to do what you are doing through your volunteer efforts.

Volunteers do so much for our students. Most of the tutoring and enrichment programs are volunteer run. Your time is very important. Please help us measure it by signing in and out.

## WENDY'S AND TINUCCI'S NIGHTS RETURN

Wendy's night will be held again this year on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 5-8 p.m. Wendy's donates 10% of their restaurant and drive-thru sales to Liberty Ridge. These proceeds go to the hosting teachers for their classrooms. Please mark your calendars for the following Wednesdays: **September 27** (hosted by 4th grade), **October 25** (hosted by 2nd grade), and **November 22**.

Tinucci's night is also returning

this year on the first Monday of each month from 5-8 p.m. They will donate 10% of their restaurant sales during those hours to Liberty Ridge. Please mark your calendars for Tinucci's night on the following Mondays: **October 2**, **November 6**, and **December 4**. The money earned during this event will go to the PTA for enrichment activities. **We look forward to seeing you there!**

*Want to contact the PTA?*

Email us at [libertyridgepta@yahoo.com](mailto:libertyridgepta@yahoo.com)

## Thank you volunteers

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped make our Back to School Open House a success:

Elizabeth Anderson  
Maricel Bieszk  
Leslee Boyd  
Anjie Cayot  
Dawn Collodora  
Terry Condon  
Amy Crouch  
Cathy Donovan  
Erin Donovan  
Julie Duncan  
Karla Ethier  
Sara Finn  
Alberder Gillespie  
Amy Greenlay  
Kathy Griffith  
Madeline Hanson  
Pam Hanson  
Jodie Heylmun  
Betsy Hickey  
Julie Int Veld  
Mary Jane Jallen  
Renée Johnson  
Delia Kavanaugh  
Mary Kieffer  
Miquie Mchair  
Isbely McKeen  
Kerry Minarik  
Trina Murray  
Terri New Kirk  
Beth Petersen  
Christie Schellenbach  
Helen Schilling  
Ron Simon  
Paula Stearns  
Carrie Wood

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are currently looking for volunteers for the following projects. Please contact Call Mary Jane Jallen at 714-9593 or Mary Kieffer at 702-9946 if you would like to help. Thank you!

- I Love to Read Month Coordinator (Late Jan-Feb)
- School Supply Kit Coordinator (for the next school year)

## IMPORTANT HEALTH NOTICE

Our kitchen no longer serves peanut butter sandwiches in school. A number of students in school have peanut allergies. A severe allergic reaction to peanuts could be life threatening. Please consider the above need if you send peanut butter to school with your child.

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE PTA!

Thank you for your support of Liberty Ridge PTA! We have over 320 memberships from parents and teachers. Your PTA membership allows you to vote on important PTA decisions concerning Liberty Ridge students such as educational programs, classroom materials, fundraising, and budgeting. Joining the PTA also helps members get involved and connect with other Liberty Ridge families and staff. If you wish to become a member, dues are \$8 for one person and \$15 for both parents. You can make your membership dues checks payable to "Liberty Ridge PTA" and return it to your student's teacher in a marked envelope.

The PTA Board meets monthly. Anyone interested in attending these meetings may do so. Check the Liberty Ridge website for meeting dates.

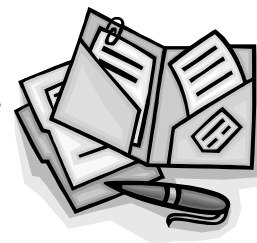
## LIBERTY RIDGE PTA WEBSITE

Want to know what goes on in the PTA, when the next PTA meeting is scheduled, or when the next school event is happening? Check out the 'PTA News' web page on the Liberty Ridge website. Go to [www.sowashco.k12.mn.us/lre](http://www.sowashco.k12.mn.us/lre) and click on 'PTA News' in the left-hand column. There you'll find detailed information about the Liberty Ridge PTA. The PTA web page is the primary source of information on the PTA's organization, volunteer opportunities, and upcoming meetings. You will also find copies of recent newsletters and PTA meeting minutes. Soon you will be able to directly link to an executive summary of PTA financial activities for the past year, pictures of available sportswear, and the Parent Handbook.

## THURSDAY FOLDER FAQs

### What are Thursday Folders for?

The school district, Liberty Ridge teachers and staff, and the PTA use the folders as the main source of communication to Liberty Ridge families. Typical items sent home in the Thursday Folders may include information on after-school activities, school policies, school newsletters, classroom newsletters, book orders, field trip permission slips, social event information, etc.



### When should my children bring their Thursday Folders home?

Every Thursday. If your child's folder has not been coming home, give them a gentle reminder to bring it home every Thursday. (If there is no school on Thursday, the folders will be sent home on Wednesday.)

### When are the Thursday Folders supposed to be sent back to school?

The next school day, usually Friday. The Thursday Folders are kept in a special container in every classroom. Check with your child to see if they have been taking their Folder out of their locker, backpack, or desk and putting it in the container when they bring it back to school on Friday.

### Sometimes my child brings home an empty Thursday Folder? Should I be concerned?

In an effort to reduce paper, some communications are usually stuffed only in the folders of the students who are either the youngest child in the family attending Liberty Ridge or who are the only child in the family attending Liberty Ridge. These folders are highlighted in yellow on the folder's label. It is still a good idea for your child to get in the habit of bringing their folder home regularly, even if it is empty.

### What happens if my child does not return their folder to school?

It creates additional work for our volunteers, who are stuffing approximately 850 folders each week.

### What should I do if my child has lost her/his folder?

Send \$1 in a marked envelope to school for a new one.

### WELCOME NEW STAFF & TEACHERS

|                      |                                  |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Kristine Schaefer    | Assistant Principal              |
| Tina VanErp          | Discretionary/Enrichment Teacher |
| Hillary Hippen       | School Psychologist              |
| Gloria Guinee        | Social Worker                    |
| Annette Controneo    | Resource Room Para               |
| Marcy Burch-Courtney | Resource Teacher                 |
| Marcia Bierman       | Resource Teacher                 |
| Kristi Nathe         | Kindergarten                     |
| Amy Meyers           | Kindergarten                     |
| Sara Anderson        | Kindergarten                     |
| Kari Lentz           | 1 <sup>st</sup> grade            |
| Marcia Patchett      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade            |
| Pamela Dunphy        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade            |
| Kyle Latch           | 5 <sup>th</sup> grade            |
| Kris Weber           | 5 <sup>th</sup> grade            |
| Kristin Sampson      | Autism Para                      |
| Judy Thayer          | Autism Para                      |
| Becky Max            | Speech                           |
| Jennifer Fiedor      | Music                            |
| Pam Burke            | Band                             |
| Mike Sloane          | Orchestra                        |

### LIBERTY RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

**Address:**

11395 Eagle View Blvd.  
Woodbury, MN 55129

**Web:**

[www.sowashco.k12.mn.us/lre](http://www.sowashco.k12.mn.us/lre)

**Hours:**

9:10 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.  
9:10-11:50 a.m./12:55-3:40 p.m. (Kindergarten)

**Telephone Numbers:**

Main Office: 768-5900 or 768-5901  
Attendance Line: 768-5941  
Health Aide: 768-5903  
Transportation: 768-5303  
Lunch Information: 458-6361

### What's Cool in School

by Lizzy Ehren

What I think is cool in school are all the new things. A new music teacher, principal, vice principal, and the 6<sup>th</sup> graders going to the Jr. High. This means the 5<sup>th</sup> graders rule the school! Next year, I'm excited to leave for the Jr. High, but I am going to miss elementary school.

I am glad they are offering so many programs. Some programs for 5<sup>th</sup> graders are media helpers, bus patrols, and walking patrols. Also, we can join band and choir. For all you 4<sup>th</sup> graders, I highly recommend choir. But, I really cannot pick out my true favorite thing about school. I like everything from teachers to gym. The things I am looking forward to the most are the programs. Personally I love school. School is all cool to ME!!!

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In last month's issue of *The Eagle's Nest*, we asked you what the best part of going back to school was. Here are some of your responses:

*Getting to see all my friends again!*  
– Cameron Ethier, 4th grade

*Meeting new friends, learning, science*  
– Erin Crouch, 2nd grade

*Not being bored at home, meeting new teachers, seeing old friends*  
– Connor Crouch, 4th grade

**Next issue:** What's the one thing you'd like to ask our new principal, Ms. Lopez? Students, parents, and teachers, email your questions to [libertyridgepta@yahoo.com](mailto:libertyridgepta@yahoo.com).

## MEDIA CENTER NEWS

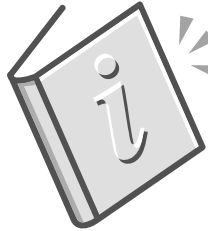
These first few days of school students have been reviewing the library and computer lab procedures as well as how to take care of their library books at home. Last year we had about \$400 of lost or damaged books that Liberty Ridge families were responsible for replacing. Please discuss with your family the proper way to take care of library books:

- Place library books in a special place, so little ones, or animals do not get a hold of them. It is important that they come back each week.
- Try to keep them in the same place each week so they do not get lost.
- Don't eat or drink when reading these books.
- Don't try to mend the books at home, we use special book tape at school, scotch tape should not be used.

### Book Return Days

The following are days students must return their library books. (Please note that some grade levels have

changed this year).



**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders:** Monday  
**Kindergartener Plus:** Thursday  
**½ Day Kindergartners:** Friday  
**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders:** Thursday

Thank you for your cooperation with this procedure.

### Check out the LRE Website [www.sowashco.k12.mn.us/lre](http://www.sowashco.k12.mn.us/lre)

It is important that your children use the Virtual Media Center listed on the LRE home page. These are great educational Web pages our district has compiled for use at school and at home. Enjoy them!

### Join the Liberty Ridge Listserv

If you have not already signed up for the *Liberty Ridge Listserv*, we invite you to do so. We would like to work our way to more electronic communication with families. Once you are at the LRE webpage, the left side menu has "Join our Listserv." Please fill in the appropriate information. You may sign up for other schools in the district, and even *District News* itself.

### Volunteers Needed in the Library

We are looking for volunteers to come one day a week and help put books back on the shelves. This

volunteer opportunity only takes about an hour a week. Please call the library at 768-5916 if you would like more information or are willing to help! No experience is needed!

### Finally, Book Fair time again!

The Book Fair will run from October 9-18. We will be sponsoring our third annual "Read and Feed" Event during the week of October 9-14. A separate form will be in your child's Thursday folder explaining this event at a later date. We are looking for volunteers to help with the Book Fair and the Read and Feed Event. If you would be interested in volunteering, please let the library know at 768-5916.

This year we will again be involved in a program entitled: "One for Books!" If you donate a **dollar** to our school's Book Fair, that dollar will be used to purchase reference materials for our school and the best part is that Scholastic Books will match this donation to give to the *National Center for Family Literacy*. It is their way to give back to the community and to increase literacy in Minnesota. Be sure to look for all the colored books in the commons area. Donations will start October 9.

