



# PTA

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### Spring Into Math

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, the PTA held its first Spring Into Math fundraiser. We raised almost \$5200 which resulted in a profit of \$4600. Thank you very much to all the families that contributed. The Spring Into Math day was a lot of fun and well received by the students and teachers alike. Not many students guessed that we were brave enough to put 1054 bouncy balls into the big estimation jar! The lower grades had it a little easier with their guesses at the 144 bouncy balls in the small estimation jar. The winners were AJ Delgado in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Lea Elsner in 5<sup>th</sup> grade who both received a pogo stick. The jars themselves went to Mrs. Smith's class and Mrs. Fey's class for the highest participation in our fundraiser. We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the volunteers that made this day a success. We couldn't have done it without you!

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom Elementary Spelling Bee

On Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm, Freedom will hold it's annual oral spelling bee for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Children who qualified have been invited to compete. All Freedom Elementary School families are invited to come and watch the Bee and support the students.

### The Science Fair Is Coming to Town

The date of the Science Fair is quickly approaching. On Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm our student scientists will once again face the critical eye of the visiting adult scientists when they present their projects. This is a non-competitive fair, and every student will receive a medal for his or her efforts. Although at print time we don't have a confirmation, we are counting on welcoming the Liberty High School Robot Team, The Robo-Lions, with their newest robot.

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### Raven's Nest fundraiser for the DiVenti Family

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Raven's Nest is hosting a fundraiser in celebration of the DiVenti Family. Joe DiVenti is currently a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader at Freedom and his brother attended Freedom through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Last summer both boys were seriously injured when a tree fell on their car. To make matters worse, shortly after their mother Tara fell and broke her ankle. To show support, Raven's Nest is hosting a Family Fun Day to which the whole community is invited. Please look up details on their website: [www.ravensnest14.com](http://www.ravensnest14.com)

### Town Meeting

Board President Barbara Shreeve and Superintendent Charles Ecker will be hosting a town meeting on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 7:00 pm at Century High School, located at 355 Ronsdale Road in Eldersburg. The purpose of the meeting is to create an open dialogue with parents and the community. Members of the community are invited to attend and address their concerns regarding education topics and issues.

### Teacher Appreciation Week

May 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 7<sup>th</sup> is going to be exciting for our staff! Our theme this year is "Spring." We are asking for you to volunteer and send in food items for your child's grade. A flier went home with the students listing their designated food items. If you have any questions contact BJ Swanson at 410-795-0495 or [mbjswanson@comcast.net](mailto:mbjswanson@comcast.net). We will also be decorating doors for the teachers. There are a few teachers that do not have homerooms but will still be included. If you can help with these doors, please contact Tinka Clancy at 410-552-4867 or [tinkaclancy@comcast.net](mailto:tinkaclancy@comcast.net)

**Join us for the next PTA Meeting on Wed., May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 @ 7 pm**