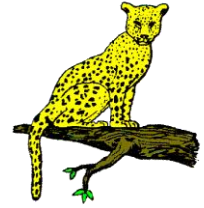


Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the Lincoln PTO, the judges, students and staff from Heritage High School, and Diane Painter for their work with the Science Fair last week! Diane Painter from Maker Smiths in Purcellville taught students soap making skills. The projects were fantastic and the Lincoln students enjoyed sharing their work with students in each grade level. I was impressed with the creative questions that the Science Fair participants selected for their projects!

We are looking forward to many upcoming activities! On Wednesday, March 27, we will host an author assembly with local author Henry Cole. Parents are invited to join us for the assemblies at 12:30 and 1:30 on the 27th. On Tuesday, April 9, we will host a math assembly with Brian Curry. Brian is an amazing magician and we hope parents are able to join us for the show. Thank you to the PTO and volunteers for working on the PTO Auction which will be held on April 6.

Thank you for continuing to support our efforts with unexcused tardies and unexcused absences. A reminder that for the third quarter, we are focusing on unexcused tardies and unexcused absences. We will have a special celebration after the third quarter for students who have 3 or less unexcused tardies **and** unexcused absences combined during the third quarter. For the unexcused tardies during the third quarter, we have 65 unexcused tardies. This is a tremendous improvement from last year and we will continue our efforts during the fourth marking period. Your efforts are helping provide opportunities for your child to socialize with peers before school. Children are also prepared to start the academics in each class which benefits your child and the teachers.

Our next PTO meeting will be held on Monday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. All parents are invited to attend! Please contact me at (540) 751-2430 if you have any questions. I encourage each family to follow Lincoln on Twitter @Lincoln_ES.

Sincerely,
Dave Michener

Upcoming Events

- 3/28 End of Third Marking Period
- 3/29 Student Holiday Teacher Work Day
- 4/1 Special Permission Window Opens 10:00 a.m.
- 4/1 Student Holiday Staff Professional Development
- 4/2 Mr. Duggan's Music Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 4/3 Family Art Night K-5 6:00 p.m.
- 4/3 SOL Clubs 2:40-3:40 p.m.
- 4/4 Moveable Monday
- 4/5 Spirit Day Decades Day
- 4/5 Report Cards Posted in Parent Vue
- 4/6 PTO Auction 6:00 p.m. Loudoun Valley Country Club
- 4/8 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm.
- 4/9 Math Magician Assembly with Brian Curry K-5 9:00 a.m.
- 4/9 Tennis Grades 3-5 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 4/9 Mr. Duggan's Music Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 4/9 Folk Dance Night with Mr. Duggan and Lincoln All Grades K-5 6:00 p.m.
- 4/10 Girl Scouts 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 4/10 SOL Clubs 2:40-3:40 p.m.
- 4/10 Tennis Grades K-2 2:40-4:00 p.m.
- 4/11 Yearbooks Orders Due
- 4/12 Field Trip to JK Community Farm Kindergarten, First, and Second Grades 9:30-1:00 p.m.
- 4/15-4/19 Spring Break
- 4/22 Watercolor Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 4/22 Lemonade Business Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 4/23 Tennis Grades 3-5 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 4/23 Mr. Duggan's Music Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 4/24 Tennis Grades K-2 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 4/24 Girl Scouts 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 4/24 SOL Clubs 2:40-3:40 p.m.
- 4/25 Tree of Life Dinner 5:15 p.m.
- 4/25 Domino's Night 4:00-9:00 p.m.
- 4/26 School Panoramic Picture 10:00 a.m.
- 4/26 PTO Earth Day Activities 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- 4/29 Watercolor Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 4/29 Lemonade Business Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 4/30 Tennis Grades K-2 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 4/30 SOL Clubs 2:40-3:40 p.m.
- 4/30 Mr. Duggan's Music Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 5/1 Tennis Grades K-2 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 5/1 SOL Clubs 2:40-3:40 p.m.
- 5/3 Spirit Day Wacky Hair Day
- 5/3 All County Chorus
- 5/6-5-10 Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/8 SOL Clubs 2:40-3:40
- 5/12 Mother's Day
- 5/13 Muffins for Moms 7:15-7:45 a.m.

PTO News

The much anticipated school auction is just around the corner! This is the PTO's biggest, most anticipated, and most exciting fundraising event of the year! The auction will be on Saturday, April 6th from 6-10 pm at the Loudoun Golf and Country Club. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$45 at the door. And, if you missed it, childcare will be provided for a nominal fee at the school. It's a win-win! We hope to see you there.

Congratulations again to all the students who participated in the read-a-thon! Mr. Michener got slimed and we exceeded our fundraising goal. Well done! Also, a big shout out to all the kids who participated in both the talent show and the science fair- both were amazing! The yearbook orders are here. Please if you have any class pictures that you have and are able to share, please submit by April 11th to Deanne Iverson. **General Photos (all grades)**

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Kindergarten

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1st grade

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5th grade

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At our last PTO meeting, Rob Scheer from Comfort Cases shared his nonprofit with us. This is a great organization that helps local foster kids with essential items (backpack, toothbrush, blankets, books, etc.). This may be a project that Lincoln Elementary can share with another school or the community center to help make some of these kits in the fall. For more information, please see the website: www.comfortcases.org.

So, what is coming up?

- Auction: April 6th from 6-10 pm
- Tree of Life Dinner- 3rd and 5th graders volunteer, please: April 25th
- Dominos night: April 25th
- Earth Day: April 26th

Volunteers Needed and Upcoming Events:

We are looking for volunteer assistance for different events through the end of the year (assistance is always appreciated and needed). Please let the PTO know or sign up on the PT Board if you are interested in helping with any of the upcoming events:


- Earth Day: April 26th
- School garden: planning, planting, and helping in a variety of ways- more info to come!

After school programs: The Chess club, The Wildlife Bunch Club and Tennis had another successful season. Spark: “My First Lemonade Stand”, Mrs. Bright’s watercolor class and tennis will all begin this April. The 4th and 5th grade music ensemble will be wrapping up with a spring evening concert on May 21, 2019. We continue to look into fun and interesting ways to enhance our school. With so many valuable resources in our areas, our school garden should be starting this spring. Mr. Michener is working with a couple of Loudoun Valley students for their Capstone projects and an Eagle Scout will help as well. However, in order to make this a success, we will need the help of so many. Do you have a green thumb? Have you been curious about a school or community garden? Want to get your kids more involved? Now is the time! Pull out those gardening gloves, dust them off and let’s get to work. The planning will be kicking off soon! Thank you in advance for your help!

If you have questions or need help signing in to the **Lincoln PTO website** (sponsored by PT board) please feel free to reach out to any member of our PTO, or by sending an email to ptolincolnes@gmail.com Sign up at <https://lincoln.ptboard.com> and when prompted use the School Code: H6FT7C

The next PTO meeting will be on **Monday, April 8th at 6:30 pm, Monday, May 13th at 8 am (after Muffins with Mom) and the last meeting of the school year will be June 3rd at 6:30 pm.** All are welcome and we hope to see you there. If you cannot make it or want to know more, please reach out. Meeting minutes are posted on PT board.

April Birthdays

2	Bryna		25	Hollyn
14	Mrs. Manuel		30	Mrs. Allen
23	Bryden			



Music Mr. Duggan

In music, students are gearing up for the final quarter of the year! First grade students are continuing developing their music literacy skills through graphic notation as well as evaluate music by significant composers based on their opinions. Second graders will continue learning a simple melody for barred instruments and perform it in two parts. They will also read and perform rhythms with long note values including half note, dotted half note, and whole note. Third graders will add "fa" to their repertoire of solfege singing and will also be introduced to sixteenth note rhythms. Fourth grade is still hard at work with recorder and will experience their first pitch that uses their right hand. Fifth graders are still working on recorder karate, but will also begin practicing a variety of instrumental skills that will prepare them for a larger unit coming up.

Are you ready for our first ever family folk dance night? Third, fourth, and fifth grade students have been hard at work learning a variety of folk dances that they would like to share with you! Please come dance with us on April 9th. No experience required.

Mr. Duggan [@MrDugganMusic](#)

Spencer I. Duggan
[@MrDugganMusic](#)
Music Specialist, Itinerant
Banneker & Lincoln Elementary Schools

P.E. Mrs. Clark

Thank you to our wonderful fourth and fifth graders who came to Lovettsville Elementary to participate in the Western Loudoun Sportsmanship Day Handball Tournament. They played each game with heart and represented Lincoln Elementary with the highest sportsmanship.

In March, we completed our dance and gymnastics units, and we are now leading into our volleying unit, which consists of four square and volleyball. Depending on the weather, we might be outside, so please make sure your children are dressed for cooler weather with jackets.

Our older students will also start their fitness testing during the end of the month while our younger students complete parachute activities and some manipulative play activities.
Thanks for all you do! Have a great April!

Mrs. Clark

Elementary Physical Education Teacher
Lincoln Elementary School
Emerick Elementary School

Art

Mrs. Bright

Art Room News!

Please join me on Wednesday April 3rd 6-7 p.m. for the 1st Annual Family Fun Art Night. You are invited to make and take a zentangle bookmark made with black cardstock paper and neon colored gel pens, a family of finger puppets and an original family crest design finished with colorful markers. I look forward to making art and memories with my leopard families!

Second through fifth grade students will be working on a stitchery unit during the month of April. Second graders are learning to use a running stitch, back stitch, and cross stitch to frame a googly eyed stitched animal. Third graders are making a personal hero cape incorporating their initials. Fourth graders are using their names to convey their identities thru stitchery. They will use a blanket stitch, chain stitch, loop stitch, and french knot stitch as well as previously taught stitches. Fifth graders will plan their own stitched design using graph paper. They will use all stitches previously taught. After reading the book queen bumble bee, first grade will make a paper weaving of a bumble bee. Kindergarten will continue making their butterfly pages for the end of the year butterfly book.

Library

Mrs. Dillon

Welcome spring! April is National Poetry Month, and all grades will be creating a variety of poetry projects in the library. "Poem in Your Pocket Day" is on Thursday, April 18th this year. As usual, everyone will get a poem for his or her pocket. Ask your student to share theirs with you!

Leading up to the SOL's we will also be reviewing reference and literacy skills.
"You will never be alone with a poet in your pocket."

— John Adams, The Letters of John and Abigail Adams

Guidance Mrs. Walton

From the Counselor's Corner

Thank you to the following fourth and fifth graders for working on the Blankets for Veterans project: Noelle Cates, Abbey Davis, Maia Dock, Lily Hewatt, Julia Hoke, Kendall MacMillin, and Tucker Wegmeyer. The students worked well together and were able to complete 10 blankets to be given to veterans who visit Boulder Crest in the coming months.

Here is what we will be doing during our guidance lessons in April:

Kindergarten – We will be talking about being your own unique self.

1st Grade – We will be focusing on our interests.

2nd grade – We will be discussing careers.

3rd Grade – We will be focusing on test readiness.

4th Grade – We will be discussing active listening and "I" messages.

5th Grade – We will be starting our discussion about middle school.

Students of the Month

This year our focus is on Responsibility; what it means, what it looks like and how to be responsible. Each month our word of the month will be Responsibility.

Thank you to these students who were selected Student of the Month for March for showing responsibility at school.

Kindergarten – Riley Dahlen

1st Grade – Olivia Erdman and Eliza Pendleton

2nd Grade – Jack Speegle

3rd Grade – Caroline Rhoad and Tripton Kestler

4th Grade – Abby Davis and Max Havkin

5th Grade – Brady Harrell

Health Clinic

Ms. Oliver

April 22nd – April 26th is national Every Kid Healthy Week, which celebrates school health & wellness programs for students and promotes the link between nutrition, physical activity and learning – because healthy kids learn better! Look for information about Loudoun community events posted on our Lincoln Elementary front entrance bulletin board that highlight healthy living opportunities for all of our students & families.

Springtime seasonal allergies are upon us – if your child requires prescription or over-the-counter medication or lotion to ease their allergy symptoms please fill-out the Authorization for Medication Administration form and bring the form along with the medication or lotion to the health office. Ms. Oliver will provide copies of the form on request and it is available on our Lincoln Elementary website by selecting “Our School” then “Health Office” then “Health Services Forms”

Have a happy, healthy and safe April and spring break!

SEARCH

The Loudoun County SEARCH program is a component of the county’s gifted program and provides services for students in grades K-4. SEARCH focuses on thinking skills and is designed to nurture an excitement for learning and discovery. SEARCH teachers work within the classroom to stimulate curiosity, practice problem solving strategies, and provide additional opportunities for students to use higher level thinking skills.

SEARCH lessons are organized under the learning keys: connecting, reasoning, creating, perceiving, and evaluating. Each grade level learns about each component at increasingly more complex and abstract levels.

This month, students in kindergarten will focus on their perceiving key through a snap cube building workshop to develop visual spatial skills.

First graders will exercise their creative thinking skills while creating an original design with two dimensional shapes focusing on elaboration of details.

In second grade, students will create an original invention with an activity titled Force Fitting focusing on originality through divergent thinking.

Students in third and fourth grade will use their logical reasoning skills to solve puzzles with an activity titled Fences.

Mrs. Mayo

Heidi Mayo
Gifted Resource Teacher
heidi.mayo@lcps.org

Note: If, due to a disability, you need assistance to enable you to participate meaningfully in the activities of Lincoln Elementary School, please contact Dave Michener at 540-751-2430 at least FIVE WORKING DAYS prior to the activity.

The Lincoln Elementary School administration and staff are dedicated to continuous school improvement. A formal school improvement plan is being developed by staff. The plan is reviewed on an ongoing basis. A copy is available in the school office as well as on our school website. You may also call us at 540-751-2430 to have a copy sent home with your child. We welcome your input.