Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support during the school year and a special Lincoln thank you to all of the parent and student volunteers who worked to clean up our school gardens last Sunday! It was fantastic to have a team of volunteers and we appreciate your efforts.

A reminder that the special permission process starts on Friday, April 1 at 10:00 a.m. If your family attends Lincoln on special permission, this request must be renewed each year. This is an online process and the link is below.

https://www.lcps.org/SpecialPermission

On Monday, March 28, each Lincoln family received an email from the LCPS research office regarding a family survey. We appreciate each family’s input and please complete this survey by April 11. Lincoln Elementary uses the results from the survey to plan for the next school year. The school will receive the survey results in June, so if there is something we can do to help your child during the last few months of school, please call me at (540) 751-2430.

Thank you for supporting our community service projects throughout the year. In April, we have a volunteer opportunity with JK Community Farms on Wednesday, April 20. Families will need to meet at the farm at 3:30 and we will be helping to plant seeds and move lettuce and kale plants. Parents need to stay with their child and complete the waiver form. On Thursday, April 21, we will have a Tree of Life community service dinner. We appreciate the help with these projects!

I thank the Lincoln PTO for all of their work throughout the year. We are excited about our PTO Bingo and Silent Auction event on Friday, April 29! We hope many students and families are able to attend this event. Our next PTO meeting will be held online on Monday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. I welcome all Lincoln parents to attend and I hope to see you during this meeting! The Google meet code is LincolnPTO. If you have any questions, please call me at (540) 751-2430 or email me at Dave.Michener@lcps.org.

Sincerely,
Dave Michener
Calendar

April 1 Special Permission Opens at 10:00 a.m. Online Process
April 4 Spring Class Picture Day with Lifetouch
April 4 Chess Club Will Not Meet Today
April 4 PTO Meeting Online 7:00 p.m. LincolnPTO Google Meet Code
April 5 After School SOL Clubs Grades 3-5 2:35-3:35 p.m.
April 7 Tennis Club 2:25-3:35 p.m.
April 11-17 Spring Break No School
April 18 Teacher Work Day No School for Students
April 19 School Resumes
April 19 After School SOL Clubs Grades 3-5 2:35-3:35 p.m.
April 20 Families Invited to Volunteer at JK Community Farms 3:30-4:30 p.m.
April 21 Tree of Life Community Service Dinner 5:00 p.m.
April 21 Tennis Club 2:35-3:35 p.m.
April 22 Lincoln PTO Earth Day 12:00 -2:30 p.m.
April 25 Last Chess Club Session 2:35-3:35 p.m.
April 26 After School SOL Clubs Grades 3-5 2:35-3:35 p.m.
April 28 Tennis Club 2:35-3:35 p.m.
April 29 Lincoln PTO Bingo Night and Silent Auction 5:30-8:00 p.m.
May 2-6 Staff Appreciation Week
May 3 No School Holiday

PTO News

Here is what’s hot this month for the Lincoln PTO! For more information and access to all things PTO please reach out to one of your officers directly or click the link below to access PT board: https://lincoln.ptboard.com

ATTENTION K-2 PARENTS: WE NEED YOU! This is your chance to finally be a part of your child’s school life. We are an older PTO Family and many of our members will be moving on from Lincoln and leaving behind several PTO vacancies including the following (however, truly any role is open and can be voted on if we have more than one person interested):

- Volunteer coordinator
  - Coordination of volunteers from the general membership to support PTO sponsored events and activities.
  - Issue a sign-up at the beginning of the school year seeking volunteers for events, fundraisers and ongoing programs.
- Maintain the list of volunteers and connect committee leads with volunteers and make sure that there is enough help for each event and fundraiser.
- Survey the teachers and staff to determine the need for volunteer help and correlate these needs with the interest and abilities of volunteers.
- Ensure that all volunteers understand the volunteer policies and procedures of the school.
- Effort: varies per month.

- After school Coordinator
  - Works with PTO Executive Board to coordinate all after school programs
  - Creating, distributing and collecting sign-up forms/payments and overseeing that the activities are running smoothly
  - Communicate with the Principal and School Secretary to ensure after school activities are on the calendar and approved for use and space planning
  - Work with providers to secure a portion of activity fees will be paid to the PTO
  - Responsible for creating fliers, maintaining attendance lists and ensuring pickup procedures are as followed
  - Effort: varies. Some months will require several hours, others just a couple if any. Reports to the VP.

- PR & Social Media and LCL Liaison
  - Ensures we are close to our Lincoln community - perhaps pairing for community service activities like Holiday giving or provide updates & identify opportunities to work jointly on an activity/event. Provide updates at PTO General meetings as needed.
  - Effort: 1-2 hours per month

- Spirit Wear
  - Coordinate the selection, design, ordering, inventory, and sales of new school T-shirts and any related products.
  - Identify the committee who will evaluate and select the vendor and act as the liaison with the vendor.
  - Effort: varies, with peak sales in August/September. New design in late Spring/Summer with ability to coordinate an initial order if needed to be ready for Back-to-School Night in late August. Reports to the Director of Fundraising

If you have any questions or interest regarding these positions or any other please let the PTO know. Even if there's a role already filled please speak up, some people will happily shift roles as needed. You may also find this information on PTBoard: [PTO Information](#)

Big thanks to Melanie Pawluk for the awesome Spirit Wear collection on sale now. I personally love the new choices and new colors - especially the purple tie dye and LES decals. Spirit Wear orders must be in by April 3rd. Don't forget to get your order in! [Spirit Wear Order](#)

The turnaround time for the spirit wear is about 3 weeks, pending supply issues.

We will be seeking parent volunteers to help chaperone our Earth Day Festival on April 22nd from 12:00 - 2:30 pm. Stay tuned for volunteer information or if you have any questions, please reach out to Krista Ramey or Tiffany Fleming Woodcheke.
Christi Porter has so graciously offered to take our Spring school portrait. Dates: April 21 or 22nd weather dependent - wear your Spirit Wear!

In lieu of our annual country club auction we will be hosting a bingo & silent auction night. This is our big event of the year and we hope to see everyone in attendance. There will be food, prizes, bingo and student lead class keepsake art and themed baskets for auction. Bring cash and be prepared to have a blast!

Save the date:
- March 16-April 3: Pending Spirit Wear Sales Dates
- April 1: Grade 3-5 Staff appreciation luncheon
- April 4: Lifetouch Spring pictures and class pictures
- April 4: PTO meeting
- April 8: Deadline to order yearbook
- April 11-18: Spring Break
- April 20: JK Community Farm Volunteer
- April 21: Spring School Picture by Christi Porter
- April 22: Rain date for School Picture
- April 22: Earth Day
- April 29: Bingo Auction Night
- May 2-6: Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week (TAW)
- May 3: No school
- May 6: PTO Ruby Sunset Spirit Night at Hillsborough Winery
- May 9: LAST PTO meeting of the 2021-2022 year
- May 13: Pastries for Parents
- May 20: Talent Show
- May 30: Memorial Day
- June 10: Field Day
- June 14: Kona Ice Truck, in lieu of class parties
- June 15: Last day of school

If ever you have a brilliant idea or need assistance beyond PT Board please feel free to reach out to our board members: Krista Ramey, President | Sara Brown, Vice President & School Board Liaison | Megan Calvert, Treasurer | Tiffany Fleming Woodcheke, Secretary | Erica Scott, Volunteer Coordinator | Lori Erdman, Director of Fundraising | Harriet Wegmeyer, After School Enrichment Activities | Christi Porter, PR & Social Media and LCL Liaison | Dania Hye, Yearbook Coordinator | Julie Reiter, Parent-Teacher Liaison | Melanie Pawluk, Spirit Wear Coordinator

Save the date: Our next PTO meeting will be held on Monday, April 4th at 7:00pm. This is the second to last meeting of the school year! As always it will be held virtually through your child's chromebook or through your personal device if you have their account linked with your gmail. As some parents are having trouble logging on with the child's log on, we will likely send out a new link- stand by for that. Looking forward to new faces and fresh ideas!

Let’s keep healthy, happy and going to school!
Mrs. Clark
Physical Education

Happy Spring from PE!
I hope with the warmer days and later sunsets you and your family are finding time to get outdoors and exercise. This past month in PE we practiced our hockey and volleyball skills and talked about macronutrients like fat, carbohydrates, and protein. In the coming weeks we will be working on our gymnastics skills as well as a hand dribbling and basketball skills. We will also be talking about some of the over 600 muscles in our body! With the spring weather, we will try to go outside more during PE time. Please help your child remember to be dressed for PE with sneakers and a coat if needed. Thank you for all your help!
Have an amazing April!
Mrs. Clark

Counseling Connection
Mrs. Smith, School Counselor

April showers will bring lots of great information as we head into Spring! To recap our March guidance activities, we dove into career exploration in all grades! In Kindergarten we also explored our feelings with Happy Spray! In first and second grade, we explored careers through goal setting and students were artists for a day creating what they would look like doing their job in pictures! In third grade, we moved onto organizational and time management skills through looking at our schedules after completing our career exploration lessons. Perhaps they can show you the weekly schedule they completed! In fourth and fifth grades, we explored careers via websites and completing our artifact. The career artifact for grades 3-5 can be found in their google drive. Moving on in April, we will continue to look at school success as we continue our spring path!

Health Clinic
Ms. Oliver

April 25th – April 29th is national Every Kid Healthy Week, which celebrates school health and wellness programs for students and promotes the link between nutrition, physical activity, and learning – because healthy kids learn better! Look for information about Lincoln Elementary community events posted on our Lincoln Elementary school website and PTO board website that highlight healthy living activities and volunteering opportunities for all our students and 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. I’ll provide copies of the form on request and it is available on our Lincoln Elementary website by selecting “About” then “Health Office” then “Health Services Forms.”
Have a happy, healthy, and safe April and spring break!

Music
Mr. Duggan

In music, fifth graders are practicing their singing with full major scales and exploring concepts of theme and variation using familiar hand games. They will also read notation on the full treble staff. Fourth graders are also reading music on the treble staff using their singing voices and instruments. Those students are also going to practice music in two parts including a variety of instruments. Third graders are singing hexatonic music, continuing to read rhythms, and will soon begin layered instrument music on barred percussion. Second graders are singing and reading short melodies consistent of Do, Re, Mi and/or Mi, Sol, La respectively. They, along with first graders, will also learn about specific instruments in depth including violin and guitar. First graders will also continue working on singing Sol, La, and Mi as well as playing steady beat on large instruments.

Spencer I. Duggan
@MrDugganMusic
Music Specialist, Itinerant
Banneker & Lincoln Elementary Schools

Library
Mrs. Dillon

Welcome Spring! April is National Poetry Month, and all grades will be experiencing some poetry in the library. “Poem in Your Pocket Day” is on Friday, April 29th this year. As usual, everyone will get a poem for his or her pocket. Ask your student to share theirs with you! The younger grades will also be voting for their favorite Virginia Readers Choice title, older grades will be reviewing research skills, and all of us will be enjoying our Spring Break. Our next book fair will be an in-person fair the week of May 16-20. We will share more information with you as the time gets closer.

“Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words.”

~Robert Frost

SEARCH
Mrs. Cornell

April is National Poetry Month! Use this as an opportunity to celebrate the importance of poets and poetry in our lives. Some people think they don't enjoy poetry, but perhaps they haven't found the right poem yet. Challenge your family to read a poem a day during the month of April to celebrate and explore the expressiveness and delight that poetry can bring. Here are 6 reasons why kids need poetry:
1. Poetry helps build early literacy skills. Rhyme, rhythm, and sound are emphasized in poems.
2. Poetry helps kids develop their memory and brain power -- nursery rhymes and songs, especially! Music is a wonderful way to help children learn to love poetry.
3. Poetry encourages kids to play with language and words. When reading poetry, they hear how words can be moved and stretched to rhyme, and when they write poetry, they’re doing the same.
4. Poetry helps emerging readers and readers of all levels. Often, readers are not as intimidated when reading poetry because many poems are short and sweet. The rhyme helps with figuring out words, as does the rhythm. Choose an anthology of poems and let your child select one to read. Practice reading and re-reading the poem in different ways and voices or emphasize different words. Play around with it!
5. Poetry gives all kids an outlet for sharing their thoughts, ideas, and feelings -- especially tweens and teens.
6. Poetry is fun! Poetry is funny! Poetry makes kids laugh. Take a look at some of Shel Silverstein's books or grab one written by Jack Prelutsky. Kids love these hilarious poems.

Don't forget - poems are meant to be heard. The Library of Congress has a huge database of poets reading their poems aloud. Check it out by clicking HERE. I hope you find at least one poem that makes your heart sing - happy poetry month!

**HOW NOT TO HAVE TO DRY THE DISHES** BY SHEL SILVERSTEIN

If you have to dry the dishes
(Such an awful, boring chore)
If you have to dry the dishes
('Stead of going to the store)
If you have to dry the dishes
And you drop one on the floor—
Maybe they won't let you

Dry the dishes any more.

**Art**

**Ms. Bright**

Students in each grade level have enjoyed the March art lessons! Fourth and fifth grade students are working with model magic and glass cabochons to make colorful dragon eyes. Third grade students are using watercolors to complete beautiful Kimonos. Second grade students are making a photobomb llama picture with a surprised look on their faces. First grade students have been painting and collaging funny dancing giraffes. Kindergarten students are making paper bag bird nests and model magic birds for their nests.

**April Birthdays**

April 18 Mrs. Voce
April 20 Corwin
April 30 Mrs. Allen