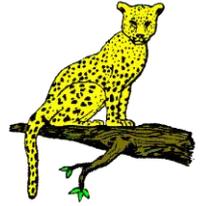


Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Thank you for supporting our American Education Week activities! We also appreciate the work from the students, Mrs. Stetz, Dr. Farrell, the Lincoln staff, and the Lincoln PTO to organize a very special Veterans Day program.

During the month of December, we have some additional special activities for students and families. Our book fair is continuing this week and it will end on December 2. On Friday, December 2, we will have a science assembly at 10:00 a.m. On Thursday, December 8, our PTO is hosting a family photo with Santa event. All families are invited to attend and we will also have cookie decorating and hot chocolate. On Tuesday, December 20, we will have a holiday sing-a-long from 2:00-2:30. Kindergarten students are invited back to school for this event with a parent. Our next PTO meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. and all parents are welcome to attend this meeting.

A reminder to all parents to please continue to show your identification when you enter Lincoln Elementary. Please do not hold the door open for other parents or visitors. We appreciate your help and support with this request.

I wish each Lincoln student and family a relaxing and safe holiday season. Enjoy the holidays with your friends and families!

Sincerely,

Dave Michener

Upcoming Events

- 11/28-12/2 Book Fair
- 12/2 Science Assembly 10:00 a.m.
- 12/5 Spanish Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 12/6 Boy Scouts 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 12/7 PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 12/8 PTO Photos with Santa 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 12/9 Lincoln Pride Day
Students Wear Green and Yellow
- 12/12 Spanish Club 2:45-3:45
- 12/13 Winter Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.
- 12/14 Girl Scouts 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 12/14 Domino's Night
- 12/19 Spanish Club 2:45-3:45
- 12/20 Holiday Sing-a-Long 2:00-2:30 p.m.
- 12/20 Boy Scouts 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 12/21 Spirit Day Pajama Day
- 12/22-1/2 Winter Break
- 1/3 School Resumes

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.

PTO

Trex Bench Recycling Project

As of end of October, Lincoln Elementary has recorded 170 lbs of soft plastics for the Trex Bags-To-Benches program. We are on our way to our goal of 500 lbs for a Trex bench. Keep sending in your soft plastics and a big thank you to Heidi Hoke for coordinating this program.

Monarchs and Native Nectar Gardens

This fall, both kindergarten and second grade classes took advantage of Lincoln's natural bounty to bring their lessons to life. While studying life cycles, habitats and the interdependence of living and nonliving things, the second grade students had the opportunity to watch first-hand the life cycle of a monarch butterfly. Several of the caterpillars came from our own butterfly garden here at Lincoln! Kindergarten also released 12 monarch butterflies that were raised from eggs. Between the two classes, they released over 30 butterflies including monarchs and painted ladies!

Last year, the second graders added several nectar and butterfly weed plants to the garden. When school resumed, students discovered that the milkweed had been the food source for many monarchs. The class harvested the seeds and will plant them in the spring. This year's class will add additional plants to the garden in the late spring. Also taking advantage of the school's setting, the kindergarten class is currently working-on growing trees from seeds that they have gathered from around the school grounds including oak, chestnut, walnut, and hazelnut trees.

Santa is Coming to Lincoln

The Lincoln PTO will be hosting a cozy evening with Santa on 12/8 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. For \$20 per family, kids will get to enjoy cookie decorating, a hot cocoa bar, and a photo with Santa. Andrea Hallett will be providing a professional photo and the digital file is yours to keep. Avoid the traffic and the lines at the mall – have your photos with Santa taken right here in Lincoln!

100's Chart and Four Square

Check out the black top for the newest additions to the school! The PTO sponsored the addition of a 100's Chart and Four Square court for student use.

Volunteers Needed

The PTO is planning many exciting and enriching activities for the spring. The Science Fair, Art Fair, and Auction are all in the works. Helping with a committee is fun and rewarding, so please consider volunteering. Everyone is welcome and this is a great way to give back to the school and community. If you are interested in helping, please contact Caraorenzuk@gmail.com.

Dough Raising and Box Tops

Thursday, 12/14, is Domino's Dough Raising Night. Also, please continue to collect and send in Box Tops - collection sheets will be coming out or you can send them in Ziplocs.

Counselor Corner

Mrs. Walton

"We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives."

— John F. Kennedy

Our character word of the month for November has been gratitude. Here are some things that were shared with the students during class and guidance lessons to help them understand what it means to be a grateful citizen.

Gratitude means...

- Being thankful for what you have
- Showing appreciation for others and what they do

What Gratitude Looks like:

- Saying "thank you"
- Helping someone who has helped you
- Sending a note to someone who has helped you

Thank you to these students who were selected Student of the Month for November for showing gratitude.

Kindergarten – Trinity Ludtke and Nathaniel Leiden

1st Grade – Jeremy Johnson and Tripton Kestler

2nd Grade – Cedar Everline and Brooke Mitchell

3rd Grade – Ayden Iverson and Julia Mendez

4th Grade – Grace Kestler and Torsten Wegmeyer

5th Grade – Anna Orenzuk and Ethan Galletta

Looking ahead to December, our character word will be generosity.

MSACC Seeks Delegates

The Loudoun County School Board is seeking one parent delegate from each school for the Minority Student Achievement Advisory Committee (MSAAC). **The next MSAAC meeting is planned for Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Loudoun County Public School administration building.** For information about how to become a delegate from your school, call the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction at 571- 252-1300 or the Office of Instructional Services at 571-252-1060.

P.E.
Mrs. Clark

Happy December Lincoln Families! It is hard to believe we are already into the second quarter this school year. Students have been learning about the macro-nutrients during the month of November and how fat, protein, and carbohydrates are important for our healthy bodies. The students really enjoyed using the food cards to see the calories in the foods we eat every day!

As some of you may know, I will be on leave until sometime in February. Mrs. Terry Sue Bowman will be my long term substitute while I am away. She has worked around Loudoun at many schools and is excited to spend time with our Lincoln Leopards. I look forward to seeing everyone again in a few months.

Art

Ms. Schiavo

We have some new projects cooking in the art room. **First graders** are making “*Kandinsky Circle Quilts*” with contrasting colors cut out of paper in the abstract style of Russian artist Wassily Kandinsky.

Second graders are drawing and painting “*Bald Eagle Portraits*” as we talk about patriotic symbols and honor community members on Veteran’s Day.

Third Graders are drawing and painting “*The White House*” using shapes, scale and repetition to make their drawings stand out.

Fourth Graders are making an expressionistic “*Hairy-Scary Portrait*” using paper folding techniques to bring their wacky hair to life. Think *The Scream* meets *The Simpsons*.

Fifth Graders are creating covers for the yearbook cover contest. Who will the finalists be?

Ms. Schiavo is looking for donations of baby food jars. Thank you!

**Health Clinic Assistant
Mrs. Oliver**

December is upon us and, along with colder weather and more time spent indoors, children and families may begin to experience symptoms of a Cold or the Flu. The most important daily activity to prevent Colds and Flu is practicing good and frequent **handwashing**- that means rubbing your hands with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds or more- just hum the *birthday song*!

An important reminder to Parents:

Medications, prescription and over-the-counter, must be brought to our school’s health office by a parent or guardian. Without authorized parent or physician documentation a student cannot carry any medication to use at school including: cough drops, antibiotic/anti-itch creams, inhalers, cough syrups, eye drops, cold medicines and nasal sprays. Please contact Ms. Oliver for assistance to arrange storage of medications for your child’s use during the school day.

Have a happy & healthy December *and* winter break!

Music
Mrs. Stetz

November has been a busy month in the music room! The first graders began reading rhythms including quarter notes and beamed eighth notes. The second graders learned several Native American songs and played ostinatos on mallet instruments. The third, fourth, and fifth graders put on a great performance with their show Broadway Beat. Looking ahead in December, the first graders will be learning about melodic direction and continuing to learn about AB form. The second graders will learn more about their composer for this quarter, Peter Tchaikovsky, and his famous ballet, The Nutcracker, and continue their work with rhythm reading. Third graders will begin learning the notes of the treble clef and singing partner songs. Fourth graders will be reviewing instrument families. Fifth grade students will review rhythms and treble clef and bass clef note names. Please also mark your calendars for the Lincoln chorus concert which will take place on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. Happy holidays to all!

December Birthdays

2	Brian	
2	Owen	
5	Jordan	
5	Pearl	
8	Zachary H.	
10	Cohen	
12	Mrs. Beard	
15	Zachary M.	
16	Caroline	
17	Chase	
17	Emory	
19	Lily	
24	Josh	
26	Isabella	

Library
Mrs. Dillon

Happy holidays! Younger grades have been reading books that have to do with the past as well as Thanksgiving. They have also started reading the Virginia Readers' Choice selections for this year. In the spring they will get to vote (along with many other classes in Virginia) on

their favorite. Older classes have taken a break after their digital literacy lessons to enjoy some Thanksgiving themed stories, and have been checking out and exploring different types of non-fiction texts.

Our book fair will be open November 28-December 2. Students may purchase from the fair before school (7:30-7:50 am), after they have eaten lunch, or after school (2:30-3:00 pm). The fair will also be open from 3:30-7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 30th. Thanks to everyone that has signed up to help. I truly appreciate how fortunate we are to have such a supportive group of parents! The kids get so excited about the books, and it will allow us to make some nice purchases for the library.

