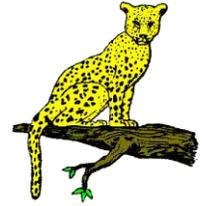


# Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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## Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

As we begin to get close to the holiday season, we will host special events in December. On Thursday, December 6, the PTO will host a Photos with Santa event. On Thursday, December 13, students, parents, and staff members will help to prepare and serve a meal at Tree of Life in Purcellville. On Thursday, December 20, we will host a holiday sing-a-long starting at 10:00 a.m. Loudoun Valley band students will also perform a band concert for us on December 20. Parents are invited to join us for the holiday sing along and band concert! During the week of December 17, we will be working on a project with JK Community Farm. Students will help bag sweet potatoes to help local families in need.

Many of you like to thank our teachers and staff with holiday gifts. It is very kind and generous of you to do so, but please know that there is no expectation that you will. A sincere, heartfelt note of thanks means a lot to teachers and staff. If you do decide to give to a teacher or staff member, please remember that it is illegal to possess alcohol on a public school campus in Virginia, so we respectfully ask that you not make such gifts.

Our next PTO meeting will be held on Monday, December 10 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 .

I wish each Lincoln student and family a safe and relaxing holiday season! I appreciate all of the support and efforts from our families and staff members for the Lincoln students. We have had an outstanding school year and I look forward to continuing to work together during the new year!

Sincerely,

Dave Michener

## Upcoming Events

- 11/30-12/6 Warm Giving Drive for Tree of Life
- 11/30-12/20 Giving Tree Donations
- 12/3 Art Club 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 12/4 Spirit Night at Monk's BBQ and Tipped Cow 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- 12/5 Tennis Club K-2 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 12/6 Tennis Club 3-5 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 12/6 PTO Photos with Santa 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- 12/7 Pajama Day Spirit Day and Bring in Canned Food for Tree of Life
- 12/10-14 Book Fair
- 12/10 Art Club 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 12/10 PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 12/11 Skating Party at the Purcellville Skating Rink 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- 12/11 **School Board Capital Improvement Program Meeting 6:30 p.m.**
- 12/12 Tennis Club K-2 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 12/13 Tennis Club 3-5 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 12/13 Tree of Life Service Project Dinner 5:15 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- 12/13 Spirit Night at Domino's
- 12/17-12/19 Student Project with JK Community Farm
- 12/19 Tennis Club K-2 2:45-3:45
- 12/20 Animal Ambassador Program with Becky Shore 9:00 a.m. K-5
- 12/20 Holiday Sing a Long 10:00 a.m. K-5
- 12/20 Loudoun Valley Band Concert at Lincoln 10:30 a.m.
- 12/20 Tennis Club 3-5 2:45-3:45
- 12/21-1/1 Winter Break
- 1/2 School Resumes
- 1/4 Spirit Day Flannel Day
- 1/7 PTO Meeting 8:00 a.m.
- 1/10 Spirit Night at Domino's

**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 News

Wow, it is chilly and already one snow day! The fundraisers continue to be successful- great job by all! The tennis club, robotics and the ornament class are all going strong and the kids seem to be having a blast. The kids and staff also had a great time at the Fall Festival. The Thriller dance to kick off the festivities was a huge hit. American history week showcased the Veterans Day program as well as the Health Fair the kids worked so hard on.

The Veterans day program was so incredibly special. Thank you to all who shared and served. Lincoln also received a letter of recognition from the American Legion Auxiliary. What a special honor- Lincoln does support veterans, active military and their families.

What is coming up? We have a few more dining fundraiser nights. Who doesn't love a night not to cook and an easy way to benefit the school. Mark your calendars to eat out or do take out these days:

- December 4<sup>th</sup>: Monks and Tipped Cow
- December 13<sup>th</sup>: Dough raising nights with Dominos
- January 10<sup>th</sup>: Dough raising nights with Dominos

A one of a kind ornament is currently available for our families. They can be purchased on the PTO website: <https://lincoln.ptboard.com/formvw?store=847&form=5>. They will also be available for sale at Cookies and Photos with Santa on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Save the date for this fun event!

### **Volunteers Needed and Upcoming Events:**

The Warm Giving coat drive is underway. Please bring any new or gently used outerwear for children ages infant to teen. Collection boxes are in the multipurpose room. All donations benefit the Tree of Life and will be distributed at their annual Christmas for Others outreach event. Items will be collected until December 6<sup>th</sup> (the night of Cookies and Photos with Santa- a good time to bring your donation).

Assistance is needed for setup and cleanup at the Cookies and Photos with Santa event on December 6<sup>th</sup>. If you're able to help out, sign up here:

[https://lincoln.ptboard.com/sgnvw?group=&signup=U51Wnd2FQhayT55Rypzc8nN\\_6a71t\\_8X\\_pis5ap4](https://lincoln.ptboard.com/sgnvw?group=&signup=U51Wnd2FQhayT55Rypzc8nN_6a71t_8X_pis5ap4)

The Giving Tree is setup in the multipurpose room. This year donations will benefit the Mac Brownell Adult Center in Purcellville. Please watch for ornaments to be added to the tree and donate as you can.

If you missed the opportunity to donate food for a meal – or your time – at our last community service event with the Tree of Life, Lincoln Elementary is providing another dinner for our friends there on **December 13<sup>th</sup>**. See the sign up below:

[https://lincoln.ptboard.com/sgnvw?group=&signup=U51Wnd2FQhayT55Rypzc8nN\\_6a71t\\_8X\\_pmkQMol](https://lincoln.ptboard.com/sgnvw?group=&signup=U51Wnd2FQhayT55Rypzc8nN_6a71t_8X_pmkQMol)

On the school board side, Eric Deknipp, who represented Lincoln Elementary and the Catoctin District has resigned. Six candidates were interviewed by the school board during a meeting on Nov 26. Once appointed, the Catoctin Representative will have about a week to review the LCPS Capital Improvement Program before it is adopted by the board. Discussions are taking place on the board as to whether closing Lincoln and Hamilton Elementary Schools should be included as part of that plan. Your opinions matter and can be expressed to the school board by sending email to [lcsb@lcps.org](mailto:lcsb@lcps.org). Please refer to the announcement that Sara Brown (Lincoln PTO's liaison to the school board) wrote for a more detailed background on this issue and guidance for contacting the board. <https://lincoln.ptboard.com/annlist>

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](mailto: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, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**. All are welcome and we hope to see you there.

## December Birthdays

10	Cohen		19	Lily
12	Mrs. Beard		20	Benno
15	Mrs. Kidd		21	Amanda
16	Caroline		21	Jette
			24	Josh

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### Music

#### Mr. Duggan

In music, all classes are getting into the holiday spirit by singing many classic holiday tunes from a variety of celebrations in preparation for our school-wide holiday sing-along. Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker will also be studied in many different ways by all grades. First grade is continuing first steps in music literacy including simple rhythms and high/low notation and will play short melodic phrases on our bells. Second grade will continue to compose using rhythmic building blocks as well as add 'Do' and 'Re' to their singing vocabulary. Third graders will work on improvising in a question-answer style and will also begin reading graphic melodic notation to play short melodies on barred instruments. Fourth and fifth grades will continue to brush up on skills needed for recorder which will begin the week of December 10<sup>th</sup>. Look out for a recorder letter and email me with any questions or concerns.

### P.E.

#### Mrs. Clark

November was such a quick month here at Lincoln! We worked on some nutrition games, as well as short and long jump rope skills. Jump rope is an excellent way to improve your cardiorespiratory endurance in a short amount of time. In December, we will be working on bowling as well as some cooperative games. The younger students will get to bowl and play bowling games like bowling bingo while our older students will be learning how to keep score during games. Have a wonderful month of December spending time with family and friends. Lincoln Students are such a gift to work with!

Mrs. Clark

Elementary Physical Education Teacher

Lincoln Elementary School

Emerick Elementary School

## Library

### Mrs. Dillon

Happy Holliday Season! In the coming weeks K-2 will be introduced to and start 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. Students in third through fifth grade will also be introduced to the program and can choose to read four titles independently if they wish to vote. For more information on this fun program, see: <https://www.vsra.org/virginia-readers-choice-program/> .

Upper grades have been learning about copyright, plagiarism, and citations. With the advent of YouTube channels, students are much more interested in this topic than they used to be!

Our *book fair* will be open December 10-14. 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 after school until 6:30 pm on Monday, December 10.

## Guidance

### Mrs. Walton

From the Counselor's Corner

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

Kindergarten – We will continue talking about our feelings and how to handle different feelings.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – We will be talking about growth mindset and the power of the word “yet.”

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – We will be learning about growth mindset and how to use this way of thinking when things get challenging.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – We will continue our discussion on bullying behavior situations and how to be an upstander.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – We will start working on our program that we will be presenting to the Seniors at the Carver Center in February.

### Student 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 November for showing responsibility at school.

Kindergarten – Matthew Ordaz

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Benny Stanley and Chase Youngman

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Colden Wegmeyer

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Max Camp and Nicole Paddock

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Millie Bennett and Iman Hassan

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Lily Hewatt

## SEARCH

**Mrs. Mayo**

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 creative thinking key based on the book Ten Black Dots by Donald Crews. Kindergarteners will also use their logical reasoning key while playing a game titled Last Shape Wins.

First graders will exercise their Logical Reasoning Skills while playing a game titled Dotty Six. First grade will also have a chance to complete a creative thinking activity based on the book Grandpa Gazillion by Laurie Keller.

In second grade, students will exercise their creative thinking skills with an activity titled Thinking with Shapes. Second graders will also use their logical reasoning key with a game titled Shape Sequence.

Students in third and fourth grade will use their logical reasoning key to complete a math challenge titled The Farm Game and Cycle Shop.

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

### Reminders from the School Health Clinic

**Ms. Oliver**

Every school day I encourage students in practicing healthy habits to promote self-awareness of their and their classmate's well-being and safety – **drinking water** to stay well hydrated, **tying their shoes** to decrease injury from avoidable falls, and **good handwashing** throughout the day and especially before & after meals – these are my daily top three. ☺

December 2 – 8 is **National Handwashing Awareness Week** and all our Lincoln Leopards, students and staff, will be inspired to make good handwashing a daily routine at school and at home. This

healthy habit truly makes a difference in preventing the spread of infections *and* decreasing instances of exposure to allergens for children and adults with severe food allergies.

Have a very happy & healthy December *and* Winter Break!

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.

