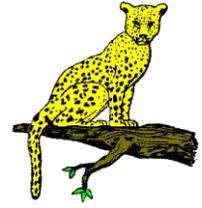


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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

I hope that each student and family enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday last week! During the break, I read the latest book, Wishtree, by Katherine Applegate. This is an excellent book for fourth and fifth grade students. Thank you to many parents for attending and supporting our American Education Week activities! It was wonderful to see many families working together to paint the kindness rocks and decorate the donation bags. Our donation drive for the supplies to help Loudoun families will end on Wednesday, December 13. Thank you for supporting this program.

We continue to participate in many opportunities to show kindness and to make a difference for our local community. The students are collecting items for families in need. We also have a giving tree in the multipurpose room and the giving tree donations will help local families. Thank you for supporting these programs.

On Friday, December 15, we will have an animal assembly with Becky Shore from Wildlife Ambassadors at 10:00 a.m. We will also have a holiday sing a long for all grades at 1:45 p.m. Parents are invited to attend the assembly and holiday sing a long!

Our next PTO meeting is Monday, December 11 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 with your family and friends!

Sincerely,

Dave Michener

Upcoming Events

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| 12/3 | PTO Fundraiser at Sweet Frog
12:00-9:00 p.m. |
| 12/4 | <u>Pirates</u> Musical Grades 3-5 6:00 p.m. |
| 12/5 | Odyssey of the Mind |
| 12/6 | Girl Scouts 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 12/7 | PTO Photos, Cookies, and Crafts with
Santa 6:30-8:00 p.m. |
| 12/11-14 | Book Fair |
| 12/11 | Book Fair Open 2:40-6:30 p.m. |
| 12/11 | PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m. |
| 12/12 | Odyssey of the Mind |
| 12/12 | Third Grade Field Trip to Ballentine Farm |
| 12/13 | Supply Drive Ends |
| 12/13 | Giving Tree Donations End |
| 12/13 | Interims Sent Home |
| 12/13 | Boy Scouts 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 12/14 | Boy Scout Pack Meeting 6:00-8:00 p.m. |
| 12/15 | Pajama Day Spirit Day |
| 12/15 | Wildlife Ambassador Animal Assembly
for Grades K-5 10:00 a.m. |
| 12/15 | Holiday Sing a Long K-5 1:45 p.m. |
| 12/16-1/1 | Winter Break |
| 1/2 | 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 Notes

Fundraising

Families enjoyed a lively Spirit Night at Delirium Café earlier this month, enjoying food in support of school events. Participating in Spirit Nights is a great way to get out and mingle with fellow Lincoln families and help fund school events. Keep your eye out for more scheduled events! The TREX plastic recycling program continues! Please send in your soft plastics to be used towards earning a new bench for the school.

Events

The PTO is hard at work preparing for the Cookies & Photos with Santa Night. Get a family picture with Santa, decorate cookies, enjoy hot chocolate, and do a fun holiday craft. Join us on Dec. 7 from 6:30-8 pm for this festive event!

Reminders

Our next PTO meeting is December 11, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Lincoln Elementary School. Please participate. Your ideas, your feedback, your involvement makes us a stronger organization! Notes from previous meetings are posted to the Lincoln PTO Facebook page.

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 Wednesday, January 17 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.

Ms. Bright-Blazek The Lincoln Art Room

All students are beginning a clay unit. Fifth graders will make clay mug faces. An empty toilet paper roll will be the form used to get this project started. They will add details to make their faces unique. Fourth grade students are completing a silk hoop stain glass mandala. They began with a sketch of their design and used wax to trace their lines on the silk. Color schemes will be bright and colorful. Tropical clay t-shirts will begin after the winter holiday. The third graders will make a texturized decorative clay dish which will be a keepsake for many years to come. Second graders will make clay owls after reading the book Owl Moon. The owls will be colored with oil pastel and then dipped in india ink. A wire will be fastened for hanging so that they may adorn your walls. First grade students will learn many facts about penguins, then form their own. Black, white, and orange glaze will complete these adorable pieces of art. Kindergarten students will have their first clay experience by making a pinch pot.

Happy December Birthdays to

5	Jordan		16	Caroline
8	Zachary		19	Lily
10	Cohen		20	Benno
12	Mrs. Beard		24	Josh

Health Clinic Specialist Ms. Oliver

Every school day, I encourage students in practicing healthy habits to promote self-awareness of their and their classmate’s well-being & 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 and after meals – these are my daily top three. ☺

December 3 – 9 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 infection *and* decreasing instances of exposure to allergens for children and adults with severe food allergies.

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

P.E. **Mrs. Clark**

Happy December Lincoln Families! Students have been learning about the bones in our bodies as well as the risk factors for heart disease this past November in PE. We also started to practice jump rope skills. Jump rope is an excellent way to improve your Cardiorespiratory Endurance in a short amount of time. In December, we will continue with jump ropes, and then end the month with bowling.

Have a wonderful month of December spending time with family and friends. Getting the chance to work with your students here at Lincoln is such a gift to me!

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 continued practicing for their show, *Pirates the Musical*, which will take place on Monday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. Looking ahead to 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, fourth, and fifth grade students will be singing partner songs which is a nice introduction to 2 part harmony. I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday season!

Mrs. Walton

From the Counselor's Corner

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

Kindergarten – We will be talking about how we can use our hands for helping.

1st Grade – We will be discussing our uniqueness.

2nd Grade – We will be focusing on how our words can affect others.

3rd Grade – We will be talking about spreading kindness to our community.

4th Grade – We will be discussing how to spread kindness to our school.

5th Grade – We will be focusing on spreading kindness to each other.

Student of the Month

Since November and December are short months, we will be combining the two months and announcing the Nov/Dec Students of the Month in the next newsletter.

Mrs. Mayo

SEARCH

The Loudoun County SEARCH lessons are organized under the learning keys listed below and are aligned with the *Virginia Standards of Learning*. Each grade level learns about each component at increasingly more complex and abstract levels.

MAIN TOPICS (The Thinking Keys):

Connecting
Reasoning
Creating
Perceiving
Evaluating

As we progress throughout the school year, many parents ask how they can help their child at home. Encouraging and assisting your child gives him or her the message that learning does not stop at the school door. One method for linking school and home is to ask a few simple questions about their day. For example, what is one thing that happened today that you enjoyed? What is one thing that you could have made better and why? What is one thing that made you think hard at school today? Such inquiry helps to support concepts covered in the classroom.

For more information about the LCPS Gifted Program, please visit the website. <https://www.lcps.org/Page/617>

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Mrs. Dillon
Library

Happy holidays! Younger grades have been reading books that have to do with the past, as well as Thanksgiving. Second grade students have been exploring non-fiction text features. In coming weeks, K-2 students will 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. 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. Fifth graders have been designing their own video game character, and are working towards printing them out on our new 3D printer.

Lincoln recently had the good fortune to receive a "Little Free Library" from a local Girl Scout Troop. It is currently in our multi-purpose room, but we hope to place it outside near our playground area for the entire community to enjoy. See www.littlefreelibrary.org for more information. Thank you to Girl Scout Troop 70003!

Our *book fair* will be open December 11-14. 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 11.

The Lincoln Elementary School administration and staff are dedicated to continuous school improvement. A formal school improvement plan has been 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.

