

# Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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## Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

I hope that everyone enjoyed the snow days playing outside, reading books, and relaxing with family and friends! We appreciate all of the support from the PTO and parent volunteers throughout the year. We have several upcoming events for students, families, and staff members.

Thank you to Mrs. Reiter, the PTO, students, and volunteers for leading the Souper Bowl canned food drive. The students have enjoyed the friendly competition as they have donated canned food items for the Tree of Life organization.

On Thursday, February 25, we will have a family art night with Mrs. Fuller from 6:00-7:00 p.m. This was a very popular event last year and we are looking forward to seeing many families at this event. Another great Lincoln tradition has been our annual PTO Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo event. We will hold this event on Friday, February 19 starting at 6:00 p.m. Thank you to all of our volunteers! Also, please save the date for our annual PTO Auction on Saturday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to the upcoming months of school and thank you for your help. Please call me at (540) 751-2430 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dave Michener  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ 2/4 End of Marking Period
- ◆ 2/5 Teacher Work Day No School
- ◆ 2/5 Drama Club 2:40-4:45 p.m.
- ◆ 2/8 Lego Club 2:40-3:45 p.m.
- ◆ 2/9 Beading Workshop 2:40-3:45 p.m.
- ◆ 2/9 Sports Club 2:40-3:45 p.m.
- ◆ 2/10 PTO Staff Lunch
- ◆ 2/10 Creative Writing 2:40-3:45 p.m.
- ◆ 2/10 Girl Scouts 2:40-4:00 p.m.
- ◆ 2/12 Report Cards Sent Home
- ◆ 2/12 Drama Club 2:40-4:45 p.m.
- ◆ 2/12 Souper Bowl Food Drive Ends
- ◆ 2/15 Presidents' Holiday No School
- ◆ 2/16 Beading Workshop 2:40-3:45 p.m.
- ◆ 2/16 Sports Club 2:40-3:45 p.m.
- ◆ 2/17 Creative Writing 2:40-3:45 p.m.
- ◆ 2/17 PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ 2/18 Moveable Monday Schedule
- ◆ 2/19 Lincoln Green and Yellow Day
- ◆ 2/19 Drama Club 2:40-4:45 p.m.
- ◆ 2/19 PTO Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- ◆ 2/22 Lego Club 2:40-3:45 p.m.
- ◆ 2/23 Sports Club 2:40-3:45 p.m.
- ◆ 2/23 Beading Workshop 2:40-3:45 p.m.
- ◆ 2/24 Creative Writing 2:40-3:45 p.m.
- ◆ 2/25 Domino's Night
- ◆ 2/25 Family Art Night 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- ◆ 2/26 Spirit Day 50's Decade Day
- ◆ 2/26 Drama Club 2:40-4:45 p.m.
- ◆ 2/29 Lego Club 2:40-3:45 p.m.
- ◆ 3/4 Read a Thon Ends
- ◆ 3/9 Science Fair
- ◆ 3/12 PTO Auction at the Barns in Hamilton

## PTO News

### **\*February 2016 PTO NEWS\***

**Big News! Big Events! Heading Your Way! Check This Out!**

#### **Lincoln's NEW Charitable Program Update:**

- What: Souper Bowl
- Where: LES
- When: 2/1/16 - 2/12/16
- What to Expect: As students bring in suggested donated food items, classes will earn points Winner(s) will have a pizza party!
- All donations will go to the Tree of Life.
- A Big Thank-You to Julie Reiter for organizing this project!

#### **Lincoln's Annual Readathon Update:**

- What: R.A.T.
- Where: LES
- When: 2/2/16 - 3/4/16
- What to Expect: Children will read and record their reading minutes online with our secure Read-A-Thon webhost. Parents are asked to forward an email to friends & family that live near and far to help support our young readers in their quest. A user friendly email and support from the website make it very easy to send out a few quick emails asking for donations. Children will only compete on the reading minutes, not on money raised. This is the largest fundraiser of the year for the school. If each child had 3 sponsors for \$25 we could meet our goal - this is an easy way to include friends and family that live out of the area but would like to support your little person! We ask for your support in maintaining the integrity of the event by monitoring what your child officially records on the website for number of minutes read per day. This is critical to success of the campaign.
- New this year-- There will be a winner for each grade level for most minutes read. Children do not compete on funds raised. Class pizza party for class with most minutes averaged out.
- Misc: The read a thon is our major fundraising event and our 2016 goal is to raise \$10,000.00.

#### **Lincoln's Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night Update:**

- What: Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night
- Where: LES
- When: Friday night February 19th
- Time: 6pm - 8pm, Bingo starting at 7pm
- Food: meat (Brown Farm) sauce, plain sauce, spaghetti and hot french bread. Families with last names beginning with A-L, please bring a dessert. Families with last names beginning with M-Z, please bring a salad & dressing.
- Drinks: water, lemonade, and iced-tea
- Admission: Free!
- What to expect: An incredible dinner for your whole family, a fun game of Bingo with prizes, a 50/50 raffle, and new spirit-wear for sale!

#### **Lincoln's Annual Auction Update:**

- What: Lincoln's Annual Auction
- Where: **(New Location!!)** The Barns at Hamilton Station Vineyards
- When: Saturday night March 12th
- Time: 7pm - 10pm
- Heavy Hors D'oeuvres catered by A Piece of Cake
- Admission: \$50.00/person, \$60.00 at the door

- What to Expect: Silent Auction items from Purcellville's community and businesses. Also, our Live Auction of class baskets, class art projects, and teacher experiences. For the First-Time-Ever, the PTO is creating two additional baskets: "American Girl" & "Lincoln Love"
- Look for your Invitations in Friday Folders shortly.

### **A Few More PTO Updates:**

- Feb PTO meeting: Wednesday night 2-17-16 @ 6:30pm @ LES.
- Feb Lincoln Pride Day: Friday, 2/19 (wear all spirit-wear as well as yellows and greens)
- Feb Spirit Day: Friday 2/26 -- 50's dress day
- Feb Teacher Appreciation Lunch hosted by the First Grade, Wednesday 2/10/16.
- After-school Activities: Mrs. Stetz's Drama Club, Lego Club, and a Bead Making Club!
- Feb Dough Raising Night with Domino's: Thursday night 2/25/16.
- Looking Ahead: Annual Science Fair: Wednesday 3/9/16, during the day and evening. AND...some exciting assemblies are heading your way!

Sincerely,  
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PTO Secretary  
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### **Mrs. Fuller Art News**

Come out to Family Art Night, Thursday February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.!

First grade artists finished glazing their pinch pot monsters. They are learning about illustrator Eric Carle and creating their own pictures inspired by his collage style. Second grade artists are creating with clay and making Mexican Amate Bark Paintings (on paper). Third grade artists are learning about Chinese brush stroke painting and creating their own "chops" (stamps with Chinese calligraphy) to sign their artwork. Fourth grade artists created textured clay fish and learn to use acrylic paint. We are going to be using chalk pastels and creating our own still-lives. Fifth grade artists are creating landscapes in watercolor. We will be working in clay soon creating castles. We are getting ready to display fifth grade at the LVHS Art Show in March. Information will come home soon about the art show.

### **P.E. Coach Harris**

January is over and Lincoln students have been extremely active in PE. Students were given the opportunity to perform activities including dynamic warm ups, and volleyball. Fifth grade students will be receiving information about Sportsmanship Day in the near future.

### **Library Mrs. Dillon**

Winter has finally arrived! Snowy days are a great opportunity to cozy up with a good book. Congratulations to the students that wrote letters about what they read over the holidays...don't forget to take your coupons to the grocery store for that free pint of Ben & Jerry's! The upper grades have been using print and online resources to create a short video or PowerPoint presentation, with an emphasis on citing their

sources. The younger grades have been enjoying our Virginia Readers' Choice titles. We also enjoyed the latest Caldecott and Newbury winners. We will be offering valentines in the library again for February. Anyone that reads a book can fill out a "You'll Love This Book" valentine. The cards will be delivered once a week all month. This is a great opportunity for all of the readers to share their favorite book recommendations.

"A book is like a garden, carried in the pocket." — Chinese Proverb

**Music**  
**Mrs. Stetz**

January was a rocking month in music! The first graders learned about the families and instruments of the orchestra. In second grade, we focused on solfege (do re mi so). The third graders were introduced to sixteenth note rhythms while the fourth graders and fifth graders continued rhythm reading practice and prepared for the recorder unit by reviewing note names.

In February, first graders will continue working with steady beat and also be introduced to the solfege syllables so and mi. Second graders will learn about instruments of the orchestra while studying Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*. Third graders will spend time learning about jazz music and improvisation. This will also include reviewing instruments of the orchestra. The fourth and fifth graders will begin their recorder unit. This is always a fun time!

**February Birthdays**

2	Addison Bilek		
5	Logan Balaban		15 Justin Moravek
8	Lyla Kalina		16 Mrs. Fuller
10	Britta Gustavson		18 Timmy Lanigan
13	Cedar Everline		24 Lauren Crease
			27 Tucker Wegmeyer

**Guidance - Mrs. Walton**

From the Counselor's Corner

"Give to every other human being every right that you claim for yourself."  
— Thomas Paine

Our character word of the month for January has been Respect. 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 respectful citizen.

Respect means...

- Treating others the way you want to be treated.
- Accepting others for who they are and to be tolerant of differences.
- Using good manners, not bad language.

- Showing kindness and consideration to others.
- Dealing peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements.
- Listening to what others have to say.

Thank you to these students who were selected Student of the Month for January for showing respectful behavior.

### **January Student of the Month**

#### **Character Trait – Respect**

**Kindergarten** – Sawyer Colio and Isabella Stuart

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade** – Hayden Walker and Solenna Hye

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** – Ayden Iverson and Brady Colio

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** – Grace Kestler and Joshua Kuhni

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Pearl Kelly and Brian Harrell

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Lyla Kalina and Justin Moravek

Looking ahead to February, our character word will be compassion.

### **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 meeting is scheduled for February 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the LCPS 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.