Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued support and we are excited to announce that our Souper Bowl food drive will be held this year from February 2-14! Thank you to Mrs. Reiter and Mrs. Clark for organizing this event and students may bring in canned food items during these two weeks. We will have signs for the two teams and students will place their items in a container by the team sign for which team they want to win the Super Bowl. The food items will be donated to the Tree of Life in Purcellville. In February, students in each grade level will also help with a community service project for the Carver Center. They will create Valentine's Day cards for the senior citizens. We thank Ms. Silver for this wonderful idea and we are looking forward to this project!

In Ms. Oliver's updates, she has reminded families that if you have any updated medical information, please share it with her. This includes if your child has received the vaccination for Covid. We appreciate your support with this information.

Thank you to Mrs. Wegmeyer, the Lincoln PTO, parents, and Lincoln teachers for organizing our after school clubs! The students have enjoyed the art, math, Odyssey of the Mind, tennis, and other clubs. We also have an opportunity for students in all grade levels to join an after school chess club that will meet on Mondays. More information about the chess club is on the PTboard site.

Thank you to Mrs. Erdman for organizing our PTO Read a Thon! The students have enjoyed participating in the Read a Thon and it has been great to hear their enthusiasm for the program! We encourage additional students to sign up to participate in the Read a Thon! This has been a successful fundraiser for the PTO and it also helps to encourage each student to develop their love of reading. We have read for almost 19,000 minutes and our goal is to read for 50,000 minutes. I will be selecting one participating student at random in each grade level to have a snowball toss with me at the end of the Read a Thon!

Our next PTO meeting will be held online on Monday, February 14 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

PTO Read a Thon January - February 25
January 28 Second Marking Period Ends
January 31 No School for Students Teacher Work Day
February 1 No School for Students and Staff Holiday
February 2 Odyssey of the Mind K-2 2:35-3:35 p.m.
February 2-14 Souper Bowl Food Drive for the Tree of Life
February 3 Tennis Club 2:35-3:35 p.m.
February 8 Report Cards are Viewable in Parent Vue
February 8 Math Olympiads 2:35-3:35 p.m.
February 9 Odyssey of the Mind K-2 2:35-3:35 p.m.
February 10 Tennis Club 2:35-3:35 p.m.
February 14 Chess Club K-5 2:35-3:35 p.m.
February 14 PTO Meeting Online 7:00 p.m. Google Meet Code is LincolnPTO
February 15 Math Olympiads 2:35-3:35 p.m.
February 16 Odyssey of the Mind K-2 2:35-3:35 p.m.
February 17 Tennis Club 2:35-3:35 p.m.
February 21 No School Holiday
February 22 Math Olympiads 2:35-3:35 p.m.
February 23 Odyssey of the Mind 2:35-3:35 p.m.
February 24 Tennis Club 2:35-3:35 p.m.
February 25 PTO Read a Thon Ends
February 28 Chess Club K-5 2:35-3:35 p.m.

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

Happy Valentines Everyone: Remember to spread love (from afar) not germs!

Many of our families will be moving on from Lincoln and leaving behind several PTO vacancies including: Volunteer coordinator, After school Coordinator, PR & Social Media and LCL Liaison. 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.

PTO Elections will soon be upon us. Remember in order to vote you must attend a minimum of three meetings.

The holiday decorations were fantastic! Thank you to Janelle Junk, Megan and Zach Calvert, Ali O'Leary, Christi Porter, Krista Ramey, Erica Scott, and Michelle Stephan for making the school festive!

To date we are still planning on offering several in-person assemblies and tweaking some of our favorites like Donuts with Dads and Field Day to make them more covid friendly.

Get the word out! The Read-A-Thon pledges have started pouring in. What better way to encourage students who might not be eager about reading than to WIN! Prizes are awarded for both minutes read and funds raised so everyone has a fair chance to win. This friendly competition will go until February 25th.

As for after school activities, we are excited to announce a new family will be joining us in the very near future and even better: they will be bringing Chess Camp to Lincoln! Details to come. Also, Math Olympiads has moved to Tuesdays after school. Tennis will be starting on Thursdays starting on January 20th. The class will be inside while the weather is a little temperamental.

Save the date:
January 14- February 25: Read-A-Thon scheduled
January 31: NO School Teacher Work Day
February 1: NO School Holiday
February 14: February PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.
February 21: NO School Holiday

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 PTO meetings have been moved to the second Monday of every month unless otherwise stated. All meetings are virtual and meet at 7:00pm. Our next meeting will be held on February 14th. 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. Google Meet: Lincoln PTO. Looking forward to new faces and fresh ideas!

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

Happy Heart Month!  
Last month in PE we worked on different line dances with even some student created dances. We also spent a little time working on cooperation with a student favorite, the parachute! For the month of February, we will be playing hockey as well as working on some more jump rope skills. On the health aspect, we will be talking all about our heart and how to keep it healthy. I hope everyone has a wonderful February and stays warm!

**Art**  
*Ms. Bright*

Hello Leopards! There are many exciting lessons happening in the art room this month. Fifth graders have begun making northern light paper plate weavings. Students painted their plates in warm or cool color schemes. Then they set up their looms with yarn in preparation for weaving with various colors. Fourth graders are completing cardboard llamas with a woven seat cover.

Third graders are completing a dog wearing a woven sweater. They made a texture for the woven part on the sweater with bubble wrap. They set up their loom in paper and completed the sweater by using the over and under pattern. Second graders have just completed cardboard birds and made a yarn wrap design for the belly of the bird. The rest of the month will focus on a heart kindness lesson. First graders completed woven bumble bees. They will begin making model magic sculpture reliefs. Kindergarten students completed a model magic sculpture and a pinch pot.

**Counseling Connection**  
*Mrs. Smith, School Counselor*  

Through our snow days, we are slowly getting back into our groove after break! I hope you have been enjoying you snow days with family and school days being filled with knowledge and friends! We talked about our brain and emotions in January in our guidance lessons. Be sure to ask students to show you the approximate size of their brain and you can show them yours (their fists)! In Kindergarten, we worked on knowing our personal boundaries with our hula hoops...they can show you their comfy "bubble" space! Moving on with our February lessons, we will discuss school success and social skills, achieving goals and maintaining those goals! We have some fun, interactive things planned that I am hoping your students are going to love! Wishing all families a fabulous February!
Health Clinic
Ms. Oliver

Thank you to our Lincoln parents & guardians who’ve provided me the documentation for your child’s Covid-19 Vaccination Record – it is very much appreciated – and I encourage you to please continue providing documentation of Covid-19 Vaccination if your child completes the series in the new year 2022.

February is National Children’s Dental Health Month- the American Dental Association (ADA) sponsors this annual month-long event to raise awareness and promote the development of good dental habits that help our children begin a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums. February is also American Heart Month and Lincoln Elementary encourages participation in daily healthy lifestyle choices throughout your child’s school day- recess activities, PE class, and our school breakfast and lunch programs- that promote the importance of staying active and eating healthy. Developing healthy nutrition and physical activity habits early will last a lifetime and it is never too late to start.

Have a happy, healthy and safe February!

Music
Mr. Duggan

Greetings from music and welcome to the third quarter! Students will all continue working with our larger instruments in various ways including steady beat, composition, and improvisation. Students in fifth grade will focus particularly on improvising using limited pitch range. These students will also register for middle school music, so please be sure you have had a conversation with your child about that. Fourth graders will also practice improvisation and will work towards playing short pentatonic melodies. Third graders will continue practicing music in canon (two or more groups do the same thing but start at different times) and will also continue working towards understanding certain types of ensembles. They will also be introduced to sixteenth notes for their rhythm repertoire. Second graders will review dynamics (loud/quiet) and apply this to instrument technique. These students will also continue building their rhythm reading skills using quarter notes, eighth notes, half notes, and rests. First graders continue their introduction to Sol/Mi and basic rhythmic notation including playing short simple melodies with bells.

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

Library
Mrs. Dillon
Happy February!

This month in library K-2 will be practicing literacy skills and making connections with some Virginia Readers Choice selections. Grades 3-5 will have finished writing their book reviews on Biblionasium and move into exploring different fiction genres.

I am impressed with some of the reading that I am seeing on the Read-a-Thon site! Lots of fun titles and friends liking each other's posts. Keep up the good work!

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Mrs. Cornell
SEARCH

"Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try!" — Dr. Seuss

What makes children want to learn? According to research, it’s the joy of exploration -- a hidden force that drives learning, critical thinking, and reasoning. We call this ability curiosity, and we recognize it in children when we see them exploring their environment, devouring books and information, asking questions, investigating concepts, manipulating data, searching for meaning, connecting with people and nature, and seeking new learning experiences. Children are naturally curious and seem to want to know everything about the world around them. Giving children the opportunity to be curious and explore their environment is important for their development and well-being. Curious children are more likely to learn and retain information, and stay involved and do better in school.

By allowing your children to be curious and explore, you teach them confidence and appreciation. You also show them the world and teach them the value of experiences over things. Explore with your children, get outdoors, and learn about the world around you. Curiosity will always open doors, and lead down new and exciting paths full of adventure and learning.

February Birthdays
January 29 Mr. Estridge
February 3 Alex
February 3 Liam
February 6 Taryn
February 7 Mrs. Clark
February 9 Liana
February 12 Mrs. Smith
February 14 Jackson
February 16 Mr. Duggan
February 18 Dylan R.
February 20 Lawson

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