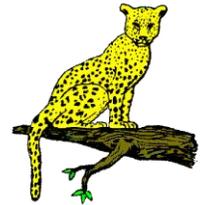


Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

I hope that each family enjoyed the holiday season! During the holiday season, I read an excellent book, I am Lucille Ball, by Brad Meltzer.

We are excited to offer some new after school clubs for Lincoln students. Mrs. Dillon is leading an after school scratch camp for learning coding skills. Mrs. Kelly is leading two after school yoga classes for students to join. We hope that students will participate in these activities! Please return the sign-up sheets to the office this week if you want to sign up your child for either or both classes.

A reminder for Lincoln families that if we have a one-hour delay due to weather, students may be dropped off starting at 8:30 a.m. If we have a two-hour delay, the drop off time will start at 9:30 a.m. For two-hour delays, kindergarten students would be in school from 9:30-11:50 a.m. and the kindergarten dismissal would be at **11:50 a.m.** For a one-hour delay, the kindergarten students would be in school from 8:30-10:50 and dismiss at their regular **10:50** a.m. time.

Thank you for your support throughout the year and I wish each family the best for the new year! All parents are invited to join our next PTO meeting on Thursday, January 12 at 8:00 a.m. Please save the date for our PTO Spaghetti Dinner on February 10 and also for our PTO Auction on Friday, March 31 at Otium Cellars!

Sincerely,

Dave Michener

Upcoming Events

- 1/9 Scratch Camp with Mrs. Dillon
Grades 3-5 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 1/10 Yoga K-2 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 1/11 Third Grade Trip to Ballentine Farm
- 1/12 PTO Meeting 8:00 a.m.
- 1/12 Lock Down Drill 10:00 a.m.
- 1/12 Yoga 3-5 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 1/13 Lincoln Pride Day
- 1/16 Martin Luther King Holiday No School
- 1/17 Yoga K-2 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 1/17 Music Try Night for Fifth Grade
Students at Blue Ridge 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 1/19 Yoga 3-5 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 1/19 Domino's Night Pizza Fundraising
- 1/19 PTO Read-a-Thon Starts
- 1/19 Music Try Night for Fifth Grade
Students at Blue Ridge 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 1/20 Spirit Day Crazy Socks Day
- 1/20 Planetarium Assembly 9:00 a.m. K-5
- 1/23 PTO Souper Bowl Starts Food Drive
- 1/23 Scratch Camp 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 1/24 Yoga K-2 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 1/24 Music Try Night for Fifth Grade
Students at Blue Ridge 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 1/26 Marking Period Ends
- 1/26 Yoga 3-5 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 1/26 Budget Meeting at LCPS Administration
6:30 p.m.
- 1/27 Teacher Work Day No School
- 1/30 Scratch Camp 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 1/31 Yoga K-2 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 1/31 Budget Meeting at LCPS Administration
6:30 p.m.
- 2/10 PTO Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo
6:00 p.m.

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

Evening with Santa

Our first Evening with Santa was a huge success! The kids received generous amounts of sugar and then were able to spend a moment with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Frosty while listening to live music. Such an enjoyable treat for everyone who attended! A big thank you to all the volunteers, but most especially two people. Andrea Hallett graciously donated her time and creativity by capturing on her camera the precious moments of the students with Santa. Penny Ahalt showed much patience and humor while setting-up, providing supplies, and generally keeping us organized and tidy as we worked our way through the small obstacles of hosting Santa and so many excited children. The photos are lovely and we know that many families will cherish these memories for years to come. It was a fantastic way to spend the holiday season with our community.

Calling All Volunteers!

- * The Science Fair will be held on **Tuesday, March 7, 2017**. We have secured 3 Science Fair judges and are looking for about 5 more. We cannot have parents or grandparents, so please reach out to folks you may know to see if they are interested. We will need judges from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm, approximately.
- * We would like to launch a program called Watch Dogs, which celebrates the Dads volunteering in the school. Please let us know if you would like to learn more about the program.
- * We would also like to launch a community-focused service program that would partner with a local organization and offer service opportunities for our Lincoln children. We are looking for two additional parents to help with this project. Please let us know if you would be interested.

Thank You

The PTO would like to thank everyone for their time and support. Without our active parent community, we wouldn't be able to offer Lincoln students the enriching opportunities that make our school so special. We wish everyone a safe, festive, and relaxing holiday season. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year where we have many more fun activities planned to support both our school and students including the Read-a-Thon, Auction, and more!

PTO Reminders

- * The next Dough Raising night is **Thursday, January 19th**.
- * Please continue to send in your Box Tops and make sure your reward cards are linked to Lincoln. They really do add up, and it is "free" money from the stores.
- * The School Board budget sessions will begin in January. Notices will be posted to the PTO FB page in an effort to provide timely information. Any parent is welcome to attend the sessions which are held in Ashburn in the evening. Typically, we have a PTO representative present at the meetings.
- * Please save the date for the annual Auction to be held on **Friday, March 31st** at Otium Cellars Winery in Purcellville. This is an adult only evening out and a good time is always had by all.

Ms. Schiavo

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.

Here's the latest from the art room:

First graders are making "*Winter Cardinals*" with textured painted backgrounds and paper collage.

Second graders are assembling "*Winter Birch Trees*" as we talk about texture, space and composition.

Third Graders are painting and assembling a three-part landscape called "*Over and Under the Snow*" using collage of painted paper to depict hibernating animals.

Fourth Graders are painting a "*Winter Tree Silhouette*" using watercolors.

Fifth Graders are creating a 3D paper collage to show how they are unique called "*Shining Star*."

Health Clinic Assistant Mrs. Oliver

Welcome 2017 and welcome back to school- I hope *everyone* enjoyed the winter break and time spent with your family and friends.

January brings colder weather and opportunities for fun winter sports and activities. It's time to plan ahead for time spent inside and outside during the school day for recess and PE class. Dress in layers to stay comfortable whether you're inside or outside. Wear tennis shoes to safely participate in all activities. Pack warm mittens and a hat in your backpack for days you might forget them when leaving for school in the morning. And remember to stay hydrated- bring your water bottle to school every day! Have a happy and healthy January!

P.E.

Hi, my name is Terry Sue Bowman and I am the long term substitute for Mrs. Clark. I am looking forward to getting to know your children and having a lot of fun here at Lincoln ES.

What a great December we have had in Lincoln PE! It has been so wonderful getting to know the Lincoln Elementary kids. In PE this month, our first through fifth graders have been learning the game of bowling. We all have learned the terminology: strike, spare, and gutter. The first and second graders played Bowling Bingo, grades 3-5 learned how to score a game.

Just a few reminders for PE days: if your child decides to wear boots to school on PE days, please help remind them to bring sneakers along so they can actively participate!

Mrs. Stetz

December was a joyful month in music! The fourth and fifth grade chorus students put on a beautiful winter performance. The first graders learned about melodic direction and continued working with quarter note and beamed eighth note rhythms. The second graders practice rhythms that included the half note and also listened to and discussed music from Tchaikovsky’s ballet *The Nutcracker*. Third grade students learned the treble clef note names and created harmony by singing partner songs. In fourth grade, the students reviewed orchestral instruments and their families and learned new note values. The fifth graders reviewed treble clef note names and learned the bass clef note names. In January, the first graders will be introduced to the families and instruments of the orchestra. In second grade, we will be focusing on solfege (do re mi so). The third graders will be introduced to sixteenth note rhythms while the fourth graders and fifth graders continue rhythm reading practice and prepare for the recorder unit by reviewing note names.

January Birthdays

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| 1 | Christopher |  |
| 6 | Campbell | |
| 6 | Tripton | |
| 7 | Eli | |
| 12 | Madison | |
| 22 | Julia | |
| 22 | Mrs. Reed | |
| 25 | Peyton | |
| 28 | Ms. Penny | |
| 29 | Emma | |

**Library
Mrs. Dillon**

Happy New Year! Thanks so much to the volunteers that helped with our book fair! It was a great success that couldn’t have been done without you. This month the older grades will be creating book reviews and recommendations on Biblionasium, which is an online social reading community for kids. Students at Lincoln will be able to interact with students from their grade level at Hillsboro Charter Academy and vice versa (with Mrs. Dillon’s supervision). Check it out at Biblionasium.com. Younger grades will continue reading the Virginia Readers’ Choice nominees. Classes will vote for their favorites in the spring.

"To read a poem in January is as lovely as to go for a walk in June."
- Jean-Paul Sartre