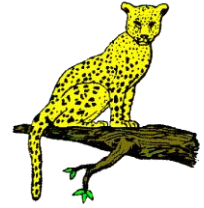


# Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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## Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

I hope that each child and family had a fantastic holiday break! During the break, I read two great books, Wonder by R.J. Palacio and Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai. I recommend these books for fourth and fifth grade students.

On Thursday, February 1, our PTO will host a PTO Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo event starting at 6:00 p.m. Our fifth grade students need to arrive at 5:15 p.m. to help with setting up and organizing for this event. After the dinner, we will play bingo games for prizes. This has been a special tradition at Lincoln and we are looking forward to this event!

If your child arrives after the bell at 7:50 a.m., please park your car and walk your child into the office to sign in. Also, please do not drop off your child before 7:30 a.m. We do not have staff on duty in the mornings before 7:30 a.m. in the multipurpose room. Our next PTO meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 17 at 8:30 a.m. Please contact me at (540) 751-2430 if you have any questions or concerns. I encourage each family to continue to follow Lincoln on Twitter @Lincoln\_ES. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Dave Michener

## Upcoming Events

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| 1/12 | Spirit Day Flannel Day  |
| 1/15 | Martin Luther King Holiday No School                                  |
| 1/16 | Moveable Monday Monday Schedule                                       |
| 1/16 | 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Music Try Night at Blue Ridge<br>5:00-7:00 p.m. |
| 1/16 | Odyssey of the Mind   |
| 1/17 | PTO Meeting 8:30 a.m.   |
| 1/17 | Boy Scouts 2:45-3:45 p.m.   |
| 1/18 | 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Music Try Night at Blue Ridge<br>5:00-7:00 p.m. |
| 1/22 | Souper Bowl Food Drive Starts   |
| 1/23 | 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Music Try Night at Blue Ridge<br>5:00-7:00 p.m. |
| 1/24 | Lock Down Drill 10:00 a.m.  |
| 1/24 | Girl Scouts 2:45-3:45 p.m.  |
| 1/24 | Lincoln Leopard Dads Pizza and<br>Information Session 6:00 p.m.       |
| 1/24 | School Board Budget Public Hearing and<br>Work Session 6:30 p.m.      |
| 1/29 | Teacher Workday No School   |
| 1/30 | Odyssey of the Mind   |
| 1/30 | Young Rembrandts Art Class 2:45-3:45                                  |
| 1/31 | Moveable Monday Monday Schedule                                       |
| 2/1  | PTO Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night<br>6:00 p.m.                     |
| 2/2  | Souper Bowl Food Drive Ends   |

**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

## Cookies & Cocoa with Santa

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual evening with Santa & Mrs. Claus was a hit with close to 50 families joining in the fun. Special thanks goes to Andrea Hallett who organized so many of the logistics of this event and offered her time & talent to capturing wonderful photos with. The hot cocoa bar was a hit as children got to “glam” their cups of hot cocoa. Cookie decorating, paper tree making, and overall holiday festivity accompanied by lovely live music was enjoyed by everyone, all under the watchful eye of Frosty himself. Thank you to all of the volunteers who planned the night, set up the room, and assisted our guests. It was a very successful night for the school.

## Upcoming Activities & Events

We are launching a program in January giving dads an opportunity to volunteer at school & in the classroom. A flyer will be sent home about this program in the Friday folders this week.

Save the date for the PTO Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo on Thursday, February 1. Come and support the school while playing your lucky bingo card and a chance to win a raffle prize!

More after-school activities are being planned for a late January start. Keep an eye out for more information on the following programs: Young Rembrandts (drawing skills development); PlayWell (engineering with Legos); Drama Club (and play); and Spanish Club.

## Reminders

Please participate in the next PTO meeting on Wednesday, January 17 at 8:30 a.m. Your ideas, your feedback, and 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

Currently, fourth and fifth grade students are completing their clay artwork. Fifth grade students will work on the cover design for the school's yearbook as their next lesson. Fourth grade students will begin a painted winter landscape demonstrating the use of value within artwork. They will mix paints to show tints and shades. Third grade students are painting snowflakes in the winter air by using hexagons. They will plan their snowflakes using rulers and snowflake handouts to make symmetrical designs. They will trace over them with a white oil pastel and complete with watercolors to make a resist. Second grade students will be making intricate winter snow globes showing the understanding of depth within their artwork. They will complete with a snow glitter covered finish and a gold name tag. First grade students are making a mitten design picture and joining the mittens with neon color pipe cleaners. Kindergarten students are also doing a one lost mitten art lesson inspired by the book The Missing Mitten Mystery by Steven Kellogg.

## Happy January Birthdays to

1	Christopher		17	Madden
4	Teresa		22	Julia
6	Campbell		22	Mrs. Reed
6	Tripton		25	Peyton
7	Eli		28	Bradley
			29	Olivia

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### Health Clinic Specialist Ms. Oliver

Welcome 2018 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.**

#### **Mrs. Clark**

I hope everyone had a wonderful extended holiday break! In December, we opened up our Lincoln Bowling lanes and got a chance to bowl with our friends! Bowling is such a great family activity when the weather is cold outside. For the month of January, we are going finish up bowling and then move into our dance unit. Dance is such a great cardiorespiratory activity to do at home or social events. While the younger students will be mainly dancing to teacher led dances, our older students will get the chance to be creative and make up their own group dances. Be sure to ask your children all about them! Towards the end of the month, we will be working on our hockey skills with floor hockey and some pool noodle hockey as well. Floor hockey is a great lead-in to the Winter Olympics that will be held in less than a month.

When the weather gets cold, students frequently wear boots to school. If you can help your child remember to either wear sneakers on PE days or to bring a pair to put on before PE that would be great! Thank you!

## **Music**

### **Mrs. Stetz**

December was a joyful month in music! The first graders learned about melodic direction and continued working with quarter note and beamed eighth note rhythms. The second graders practiced rhythms that included the half note and also listened to and discussed music from Tchaikovsky's ballet *The Nutcracker*. Third, fourth, and fifth graders did a fabulous job on their musical *Pirates*. 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). Third grade students will begin learning the treble clef note names and will be introduced to sixteenth note rhythms. In fourth grade, the students will review orchestral instruments and their families and will also review treble clef note names. The fifth graders will review treble clef note names and learn the bass clef note names. Also 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students, please see below for information regarding 6<sup>th</sup> grade music at Blue Ridge Middle School.

### **Music Try Sessions**

All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will sign up for a music class (Band, Strings, Chorus, Music Lab). If your child is interested in one of the **band or strings** instruments, he/she must attend one of the Music Try Sessions at Blue Ridge Middle School (dates below). The Music Try Sessions will help students determine which musical instrument is the best choice for them. Students selecting **Chorus are not required to attend**. We suggest all students participate in a performance-based music class vs. music lab. Music lab is not a requirement for guitar in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. If you are unsure or undecided, please attend one of the music nights.

**Music Try Session Dates:**  
**5:00–7:00 p.m., BRMS Cafeteria**  
**Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

### **Mrs. Walton**

#### **From the Counselor's Corner**

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

Kindergarten – We will be talking about ways to handle big and small problems.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – We will be discussing the power of yet– when something is difficult, reminding ourselves that we can't do it yet and keep trying.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – We will be focusing on how mistakes help us learn and grow.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – We will be talking about how to have a growth mindset.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – We will be discussing fixed vs. growth mindset.

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

### **Student of the Month**

Thank you to these students who were selected Student of the Month for November and December for showing kindness to others.

Kindergarten – Maizie Berry and Dylan Ramey

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Stella Scott and Shane Hamblin

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Harper Ostrander and Tripton Kestler

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Ruby Edwards and Patrick Scott

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Emme Hallett and Tucker Wegmeyer

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Hannah Henriquez and Grace Kestler

### **Mrs. Mayo**

#### **SEARCH**

As we welcome the New Year in SEARCH class, our Lincoln Leopards will continue to focus on the Thinking Keys: Connecting, Reasoning, Creating, Perceiving, and Evaluating. SEARCH lessons help students learn to solve problems and think about learning in creative and flexible ways.

If you would like to learn more about LCPS Gifted Programs, please attend an upcoming Gifted Information Night Session. There is a session at Culbert Elementary on Monday, February 12 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. and a morning session at Evergreen Elementary on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

### **Mrs. Dillon**

#### **Library**

Happy New Year!

Thanks so much to the volunteers that helped with our book fair! Our next book fair will coincide with Read Across America Week. 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](http://Biblionasium.com). We will also be reviewing reference sources and the difference between primary and secondary sources. Younger grades will continue reading the Virginia Readers' Choice nominees. Classes will vote for their favorites in the spring.

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.

