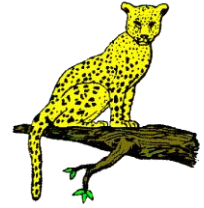


# Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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## Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Thank you to Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Scott, and the Lincoln PTO for organizing our Cookies and Photos with Santa event! This was a special evening and we appreciate the efforts from all of our volunteers to provide an amazing activity for the Lincoln students!

On Wednesday, December 18, students in each grade level helped to bag sweet potatoes with JK Community Farm. The sweet potatoes are for local Loudoun families for the Loudoun Hunger Relief organization. Thank you to the students for making a difference for our community during the holiday season!

On Friday, December 20, we will host a holiday sing a long from 1:00-1:30. We will also have an animal assembly with Becky Shore from Animal Ambassadors from 9:00-9:45. Parents are invited to join us for both of these events!

Many of you like to thank our teachers and staff with holiday gifts and we appreciate your thoughtfulness. If you decide to give a gift to a teacher or staff member, please remember that it is illegal to possess alcohol on a public school campus in Virginia, so we respectfully ask that you not make such gifts.

The holiday season is a fantastic opportunity to continue to read with your child each day. I also encourage each family to play math games during the holidays. It helps your child with their reading and math skills to continue to practice these skills during breaks from school. We wish each Lincoln student and family a safe and relaxing winter break and holiday season!

Sincerely,

Dave Michener

## Upcoming Events

- 12/20 Spirit Day Pajama Day
- 12/20 Wildlife Animal Ambassador Assembly 9:00 a.m.
- 12/20 Holiday Sing a Long 1:00-1:30 p.m.
- 12/21-1/5 Winter Holiday Break
- 1/6 School Resumes
- 1/8 Blanket Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 1/8 Odyssey of the Mind 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 1/13 PTO Meeting 8:00 a.m.
- 1/15 Blanket Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 1/15 Odyssey of the Mind 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 1/17 PTO Atomic Jump Night 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 1/20 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday No School
- 1/21 Teacher Work Day No School
- 1/21 Read a Thon Starts Ends February 28
- 1/22 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Try Night at Blue Ridge 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 1/22 Odyssey of the Mind 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 1/23 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Try Night at Blue Ridge 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 1/23 Moveable Monday
- 1/24 PTO Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo 6:00
- 1/27-1/31 Kindness Week
- 1/28 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Try Night at Blue Ridge 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 1/29 Laser Show Assembly 1:00 p.m.
- 1/29 Lincoln Homework Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 1/29 Odyssey of the Mind 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 1/31 Back up Date for Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo if Needed due to Snow Day

## PTO News

Happy Holidays! We want to wish all the families and staff at Lincoln a happy and safe winter holiday. May your days be filled with love, laughter, and true joy! Wow, Cookies with Santa was such a great time! Thank you Christi Porter and Dan Pendleton for taking and uploading all the pictures. This truly is a magical time of year at Lincoln Elementary and you can see it in those that volunteered to those who came and enjoyed the festivities. A big thanks also to Erica Scott, lead Elf, Katie Speegle, Kate Pendleton, Erin May, Lori Erdman, Harriet Wegmeyer, Deanne Iverson, Julie Reiter, Ali O'Leary, Annie Hewatt, and Sara Brown and so many other elves who worked really hard to make this event extra special for our families. December 20<sup>th</sup> is going to be a day packed full of fun. Class parties, assemblies, and a sing-a-long too are sure to be a great way to kick off the winter holiday.

If you have any pictures that you have taken at any of the events, could you please add them to this link: <https://lincolnelementaryschoolva.shutterfly.com/> Thank you so much. If you have any problems uploading, please contact Deanne Iverson at [Deanneiverson@gmail.com](mailto:Deanneiverson@gmail.com).

### **Volunteers Needed and Upcoming Events:**

So, what is coming up?

- December 21<sup>st</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup> Winter Break- School is back on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.
- January 17<sup>th</sup>: Atomic Jump 6-8 pm
- January 21<sup>st</sup> through February 28<sup>th</sup>: Read-a-thon
- January 24<sup>th</sup> with a backup date of January 31<sup>st</sup>: Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo
- Week of January 27<sup>th</sup> is Kindness Week
- January 29<sup>th</sup>: Laser show at 1 pm

Still looking for holiday gift ideas?

CertifiKid - Have you seen it? Used it? If not, check it out. There are some great deals there (and right in time for the holidays).

- Use it unlimited times at checkout for up to 80% off farms, festivals, holiday events, activities, classes, entertainment, unique gifts, restaurants and MORE!
- With your purchase of \$20 or more, CertifiKID will donate \$5 to Lincoln.
- Our promo code is LINCOLN.

As always, we appreciate all your help!

PTO meetings are monthly on the second Monday of each month except for holidays and will alternate between morning meetings and evening meetings. **The next PTO meeting will be on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 8 am. Everyone is welcome! The meetings are held in the multipurpose room of the school. If for any reason there is a school delay or cancellation the meeting will be moved, and an announcement will be sent out.**

## **Health Clinic**

**Ms. Oliver**

Welcome 2020 and I hope everyone will enjoy 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 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 sneakers to safely participate in all activities. Pack warm mittens or gloves 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!

If your child has completed their annual physical and immunization updates this school year, please provide me a copy of the medical forms and I will update their student health records. Many thanks for your time and attention to provide these updates throughout the school year.

Have a happy and healthy January!

## **Music**

**Mr. Duggan**

Happy New Year from the music room!

Our fourth and fifth graders have begun recorder as you can no doubt hear! Fifth graders are practicing the basics right now and gearing up for recorder karate while fourth graders are exploring the basics in a variety of games. Third graders will continue to practice improvising in a question/answer style and will take new steps in music literacy by learning new rhythms. Second graders will continue practicing a broken bordun on barred instruments and also add "Do" and "Re" to games of "solami." First graders will transition from 'stick notation' to more traditional rhythmic notation and play rhythms on a variety of instruments.

Spencer I Duggan  
@MrDugganMusic

## **Library**

**Mrs. Dillon**

Happy New Year!

Thanks so much to the volunteers who helped with our book fair! Our next book fair will coincide with Read Across America Week in the spring. This month third-fifth grades will finish posting 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 word reference sources and non-fiction text features. Fifth graders will be working on a research project focusing on local plants and trees. When they have completed their research they will create a plant marker design using Tinkercad software and our 3D printer. Our goal is to place the markers along Lincoln's forest nature walk to help people identify the plants and trees along the trail. Younger grades will continue reading the Virginia Readers' Choice nominees.

**P.E.**  
**Mrs. Clark**

Happy New Decade 2020! I hope everyone had a long relaxing break filled with time spent with family and friends. Last month we practiced our bowling skills in our Lincoln Lanes. The students had so much fun! Bowling is such a great activity to do as a family over break. This month, we will be completing our hockey unit, as well as our tumbling unit. Please remember to wear sneakers on PE days instead of boots. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2020!

### January Birthdays

1	Christopher	20	Addison
2	Miles	22	Mrs. Reed
5	Mrs. Dickerson	22	Julia
5	Mrs. Gaither	23	Mr. Waters
6	Campbell	23	Will
6	Tripton	25	Peyton
7	Eli	27	Maia
8	Tina	28	Bradley
16	Cameron	29	Olivia
17	Madden	29	Mr. Thomas

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### Counseling Connection

Ms. Janson, School Counselor

### Counseling Lesson for January

All grade levels will be continuing to focus on Social Skills throughout the month of January.

**The Character Trait Rockstars** program. One student will be picked for each grade level per month, November's character trait was generosity. A new character trait will be announced for the building to focus on each month. A flyer will be sent home sharing the trait for that month. The rockstars will be announced on the morning show at the end of the month, displayed on the character bulletin board, included on the following month's newsletter and notification will be sent home to parents/guardians regarding picking up lawn signs! **Please return the lawn signs at the end of your month.**

## Rockstar Winners for November

Kindergarten-Abby Davis

1st Grade- Amanda Ramey

2nd Grade- Esme Field

3rd Grade- Shane Hamblin

4th Grade- Max Camp

5th Grade- Tina Pyhtila

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 15 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.

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

**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.



# ELEMENTARY gifted information SESSIONS

If you are considering referring your child for gifted services, join us to learn about elementary gifted education services available through Loudoun County Public Schools and the eligibility process for these services. These sessions are tailored for parents of students in grades 3-5 and will contain the same information as the sessions in the fall.

The same information will be presented at each of the meetings, so it is not necessary to attend more than one session. In case of cancellations due to inclement weather, check the gifted education webpage at <https://www.lcps.org/Page/211705>.

**LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
GIFTED EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
(571) 252-1440

**Kenneth Culbert ES**  
Multi-Purpose Room  
Monday, January 13  
7:00-8:00 pm  
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 pm  
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**Rolling Ridge ES**  
Multi-Purpose Room  
Tuesday, January 14  
7:00-8:00 pm  
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM  
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**Discovery Es**  
Multi-purpose room  
Monday, January 27  
7:00-8:00 pm  
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 pm  
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**Creighton's Corner ES**  
Multi-Purpose Room  
Thursday, January 30  
7:00-8:00 pm  
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 pm  
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**Pinebrook ES**  
Multi-Purpose Room  
Monday, February 3  
7:00-8:00 pm  
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 pm  
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## **MoRNING SESSION**

**Evergreen Mill Es**  
Cafeteria  
Tuesday, February 4  
8:30-9:30 AM  
DOORS OPEN AT 8:15 Am  
(please Have ID for check-in)

*If due to a disability, you require assistance to meaningfully participate in this program, please contact the principal of the school five working days prior to the event.*