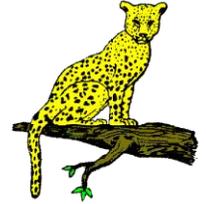


Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Thank you to Mrs. Allen, Mrs. English, all of our student performers, and the families for an amazing Lincoln Talent Show last Friday! Thank you also to Mrs. Leach and our parent volunteers for a delicious ice cream social after the show!

Lincoln Elementary is an excellent school and our outstanding teachers and staff are dedicated to working with each child. A reminder that if you have a classroom concern, please contact the classroom teacher to work together on the issue. If you have a school concern, please contact me directly at (540) 751-2430 or by email at Dave.Michener@lcps.org. By contacting a teacher or me directly, we can better work together to help your child and the school.

During the rest of the school year, please also make every effort to schedule trips and appointments on days and times when school is not in session. Thank you for your support with this issue.

We look forward to seeing parents at the PTO Auction on Friday, March 31 at Otium Cellars! Thank you to the PTO and volunteers for all of their efforts for this special event! I encourage everyone to follow Lincoln Elementary on Twitter @Lincoln_ES. I am using Twitter to post photos of school activities throughout the year!

Sincerely,

Dave Michener

Upcoming Events

- 3/29 Kindergarten Registration 8:30 a.m.
- 3/30 Domino's Dough Raising Night
- 3/31 Tim Lanigan Participates in the State Geography Bee
- 3/31 Pokemon Club
- 3/31 Spirit Day Favorite College Day
- 3/31 PTO Auction at Otium 6:00 p.m.
- 4/1 Special Permission Window Opens
- 4/3 Drama Club Meets 2:45-4:30 p.m.
- 4/4 PTO Meeting 8:00 a.m.
- 4/4 Tennis Club Grades 1-3
- 4/4 Drama Club Evening Show 6:00 p.m.
- 4/4 Arbor Day Posters Due to Mr. Michener Grades 1-5
- 4/5 Girl Scouts
- 4/6 Tennis Club Grades 4-5
- 4/6 Yearbook Orders Due
- 4/6 Marking Period Ends
- 4/7 No School Teacher Work Day
- 4/10-4/14 No School Spring Break
- 4/17 School Resumes
- 4/17 Keep Loudoun Beautiful Posters Due to Mr. Michener Grades 1-5
- 4/18 Tennis Club Grades 1-3
- 4/19 Wildlife Bunch Club
- 4/20 Tennis Club Grades 4-5
- 4/21 PTO Earth Day Activities 12:00-2:30
- 4/21 Pokemon Club
- 4/25 Tennis Club Grades 1-3
- 4/26 Report Cards Sent Home
- 4/26 Girl Scouts
- 4/27 Domino's Dough Raising
- 4/27 Tennis Club Grades 4-5
- 4/28 Rain Date for Earth Day
- 4/28 Spirit Day Favorite Book Day
- 4/28 Pokemon Club
- 5/1 Music Program First and Second Grades 7:00 p.m.
- 5/2 Tennis Club Grades 1-3
- 5/12 PTO Muffins for Moms 7:10-7:45

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

Calling All Volunteers!

Spring has arrived, and our Leopard families will be juggling spring sports and the exciting business that is associated with the end of the school year. No particular skill or time commitment is necessary to be a hero at school – you can choose your level of involvement. The PTO wishes to encourage a sense of community and belonging in Lincoln by promoting enriching experiences for our students, but this simply is not possible without help. Often, fantastic ideas and programs do not come to fruition because there are not enough parent volunteers to run them. The PTO is delighted to support new ideas and activities as long as the programs align with the school's mission and there are volunteer resources to support them. Serving food at the Spaghetti Dinner, setting-up tables, making flyers, organizing an after-school program, room parent, or running a station during Field Day or Earth Day. These are just examples of ways people help-out at school. The list is lengthy and the level of involvement varies to accommodate the busy schedules of families. Please consider volunteering at school.

Similarly, if you have ever considered wanting to make a more consistent commitment and having a direct role in shaping the programs being offered, please consider joining the PTO. The 2017-2018 Board Members will be voted on in May. Look for the nomination form in your child's take home folder. If you are interested in any role on next year's PTO Board please contact Cara Orenzuk.

Talent Show

Our talented Lincoln Leopards did it again-- thank you to all the volunteers who helped out!

Trex Recycling Program

We have collected 1,560 lbs in soft plastics so far! The program ends April 15th, so please submit your last bundle of bags by then and help Lincoln to win our bench!

Get Your Yearbooks!

Yearbooks are on sale now! Early bird special if you buy before March 31st. Final deadline to preserve your child's memories is April 6th. ALL 5th graders MUST submit their 2 photos requested along with the "favorites" sheet that was sent home. Drop dead date on this is 3/31/17. The yearbook staff of two will not be able to chase these down from you. This is your last chance to share your pictures to be included in the yearbook. Please submit by March 31st. Preferred method is to upload them directly to the drop-box accounts that were shared with each class. You may also submit them directly to Deanne Iverson at deanneiverson@gmail.com.

Mark your Calendars for Muffins with Mom! May 12 from 7:10-7:45 am LES

Spring Activities

- Tennis Club will be returning to Lincoln this spring. Tuesday for graders 1/2/3 and Thursday for grades 4 and 5.
- Wild Bunch will be held on Wednesdays after Spring Break.
- The drama club play is looking awesome and everyone is invited to the performance on April 4, 2017.
- A STEM based program run by Nextide Academy will be offered to Lincoln students. Look for more information in your student's take home folder.

Reminders

Earth Day celebration 4/21, rain date 4/28
Domino's Dough Raising Thursday, 4/27
April PTO meeting Tuesday, 4/4, at 8:00AM
May PTO meeting Monday, 5/15, at 8:00AM
Please continue sending in Box Tops!

P.E. Mrs. Clark

Happy April Lincoln Leopards! The month of March was full of volleyball, circuit training, and gymnastics at Lincoln. We also spent the month learning some of our muscles. Ask your child to name a few for you!

Congratulations to our fifth grade Team Handball team for their excellent participation in the annual western Loudoun Sportsmanship day handball tournament. The fifth graders got to spend the day playing against other school teams from throughout western Loudoun. To top off a great day, we were also undefeated!

In April, we will continue to learn muscles, as well as work on golf skills and the five components of fitness. Get outside and enjoy the spring weather!

Art Ms. Schiavo

Third, fourth, and fifth grade students continue to work with clay in the art room. Their projects will be glazed in beautiful colors and re-fired in the next weeks. Clay is an amazing experience that everyone enjoys. "Art-ready" clothes are a must this month when visiting the Art Room! Upcoming Art Show: Selected student artists will have their work displayed in the Loudoun Valley High School Cluster Art Show on **April 22**. More information will follow.

Also, Mr. Michener has challenged all Lincoln students in grades 1-5 to participate in the Loudoun Arbor Day contest, sponsored by the Loudoun Soil & Water Conservation District. I have introduced the contest theme: WE ALL NEED TREES and sent home the required 11 x 14" poster paper. As an introduction, we discussed the many benefits of trees in our community.

Poster contest prizes will be awarded to the top 50 posters in our county. Participation is optional.

All posters are due to Mr. Michener by **April 4th**.

**Health Clinic Specialist
Mrs. Oliver**

April 24th – April 28th is national *Every Kid Healthy Week*, which celebrates school health & wellness programs for students and promotes the link between nutrition, physical activity and learning – *because healthy kids learn better!* Look for information about Loudoun community events posted on our Lincoln Elementary front entrance bulletin board that highlight healthy living opportunities for all of our students & families.

Springtime seasonal allergies are upon us – if your child requires prescription or over-the-counter medication or lotion to ease their allergy symptoms please fill-out the Authorization for Medication Administration form and bring the form along with the medication or lotion to the health office. Ms. Oliver will provide copies of the form on request and it is available on our Lincoln Elementary website by selecting “Our School” then “Health Office” then “Health Services Forms”

Have a Happy, Healthy and Safe April & Spring Break!

**Guidance
Mrs. Walton**

From the Counselor’s Corner

“Perseverance is failing 19 times and succeeding the 20th.”

~Julie Andrews

Our character word of the month for March has been Perseverance. Here are some things that were shared with the students during class and guidance lessons to help them understand what it means to persevere.

Perseverance means...

- To not give up, even if something is difficult.
- To "hang in there" and to keep trying, even if you make mistakes.
- Being patient when the work or task becomes challenging.
- Trying harder!
- You keep practicing.
- Sticking with the team, even if they are losing.
- Trying something new and not saying, “I Can’t.”

What Perseverance looks like:

- Working hard under pressure.
- Not making excuses.
- Completing assignments, even if they are difficult.
- Saying, “I can.”
- Believing that if something is hard, you should try harder.
- Not giving up easily.

Thank you to these students who were selected Student of the Month for March for showing the qualities of perseverance.

Kindergarten – Eli Everline and Avery Mendez

1st Grade – Campbell Hewatt and Isabella Stuart

2nd Grade – Julia Hoke and Evan Leiden

3rd Grade – Olivia Creese and Tucker Wegmeyer

4th Grade – Caitlin Mitchell and Emily O’Brien

5th Grade – Timmy Lanigan and Lauren Creese

Looking ahead to April, our character word will be integrity.

Music

Mrs. Stetz

March flew by quickly in the music classroom! The first and second graders started working on their musical, *Bugz*, which will be presented on Monday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. The 3rd graders were learning about jazz and improvisation and also using solfege syllables to read music (do re mi so la). The 4th grade students focused on playing the recorder while 5th graders continued learning new notes on the recorder as well as reviewing orchestra families and instruments. In April, grades 1 and 2 will continue working on their musical. In addition, the 1st graders will review solfege syllables mi and so and will be introduced to la. The 2nd graders will do a unit on musical symbols while the 3rd graders focus octaves. The 4th and 5th graders will continue recorder playing in addition to working on some ensemble pieces.

April Birthdays



1	Sawyer
2	Mrs. Owens
2	Bryna
4	Sarah
5	Caitlin
14	Mrs. Manuel
16	Jackson
23	Bryden
24	Emily
24	Sofia
25	Anna
30	Mrs. Allen

Library Mrs. Dillon

A big thank you to all the volunteers that helped make our book fair and read-a-thon a success. We have many people contributing to the healthy reading culture here at Lincoln. It really does make a difference!

April is National Poetry Month, so we will be sharing some poetry in the library and creating projects using our favorite poems. Leading up to the SOL's we will also be focusing on reference tools and literacy skills. Everyone will get a poem for his or her pocket on "Poem in Your Pocket Day" on Thursday, April 27. Ask your student to share theirs with you!