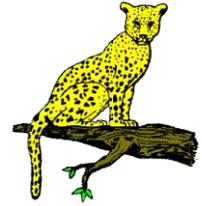


Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the Lincoln PTO for organizing our Earth Day activities last week! The students enjoyed participating in each activity. Thank you to our parent volunteers, staff members, and guests for your support.

Thank you for continuing to support our efforts with unexcused tardies and unexcused absences. A reminder that for the fourth quarter, we are focusing on unexcused tardies and unexcused absences. We will have a special celebration on Friday, June 7 for students who have 3 or fewer unexcused tardies **and** unexcused absences combined during the fourth quarter. Your efforts are helping provide opportunities for your child to socialize with peers before school. Children are also prepared to start the academics in each class which benefits your child and the teachers.

Thank you to the Lincoln PTO and for organizing our staff appreciation week! We appreciate all of the support from the PTO throughout the year. Students are encouraged to make a card or write a letter for staff members during this week.

A reminder for our third, fourth, and fifth grade families that we will have the SOL assessments in May. Please see the calendar for the dates of these assessments. We appreciate your help with having your child getting enough sleep and eating a healthy breakfast before each SOL test.

We hope to see all Lincoln moms for our Muffins with Moms event on Monday, May 6 from 7:15-7:45 a.m.! Our next PTO meeting will be held on Monday, May 6 at 8:00 a.m. All parents are invited to attend! Please contact me at (540) 751-2430 if you have any questions. I encourage each family to follow Lincoln on Twitter @Lincoln_ES.

Sincerely,

Dave Michener

Upcoming Events

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| 5/3 | Spirit Day Wacky Hair Day |
| 5/3 | All County Chorus |
| 5/6 | Muffins for Moms 7:15-7:45 a.m. |
| 5/6 | PTO Meeting 8:00 a.m. |
| 5/6-5-10 | Staff Appreciation Week |
| 5/6 | Lemonade Stand Business Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 5/7 | Music Ensemble 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 5/8 | SOL Clubs 2:40-3:40 |
| 5/8 | Tennis 2:40-4:00 |
| 5/9 | Girl Scouts |
| 5/10 | Fifth Grade D.A.R.E Program 1:00 p.m. |
| 5/12 | Mother's Day |
| 5/13 | Lemonade Stand Business Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 5/14 | SOL Reading Test Third and Fourth Grades 8:15 |
| 5/15 | SOL Math Test Third Grade 8:15 |
| 5/15 | SOL Reading Test Fifth Grade 8:15 |
| 5/15 | SOL Virginia Studies Test Fourth Grade 9:00 |
| 5/15 | Tennis Club 2:40-4:00 p.m. |
| 5/16 | Domino's Night 4:00-9:00 p.m. |
| 5/17 | Lincoln Spirit Wear Day or Wear Green and Yellow |
| 5/20 | Lemonade Stand Business Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 5/21 | Music Ensemble Concert for Mr. Duggan's After School Group 6:00 p.m. All Students and Families Invited |
| 5/22 | SOL Math Test Fourth Grade 8:15 |
| 5/22 | SOL Science Test Fifth Grade 8:15 |
| 5/22 | Girl Scouts |
| 5/23 | SOL Math Test Fifth Grade 8:15 |
| 5/23 | Second and Fourth Grade Field Trip to Loudoun Valley for Science Activities |
| 5/23 | Kindergarten Orientation 6:30 p.m. |
| 5/27 | Memorial Day Holiday No School |
| 5/29 | Fifth Grade Field Trip to Blue Ridge Middle School |
| 5/30 | Field Day |
| 5/31 | Fifth Grade Field Trip to Summit Ropes 9:00 a.m. |
| 6/3 | Lemonade Stand Business Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 6/3 | PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m. |
| 6/7 | End of Marking Period |
| 6/7 | Last Day of School |
| 6/7 | Fifth Grade End of Year Program 9:30 a.m. |
| 6/7 | End of Year Celebration 1:00 p.m. |
| | Movie for Students with Three or Fewer Unexcused Tardies and Absences During the Fourth Quarter |
| 6/10 | Teacher Work Day |
| 6/11 | Teacher Work Day |
| 6/14 | Report Cards Available in Parent Vue |

PTO News

Wow! Thanks for making this year's auction the BEST yet! Those that were able to attend had a great night and over \$13,000 was raised for the Lincoln PTO. You may be thinking, that is great, but where does the money we raise go? If you didn't have a chance to read it on PT board or it went to your spam folder, take a look:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1boM5I6aWwDI7IksuCl3ktsT92FQU8J0A/view>.

What else have we done at school lately? We had a magician come for an assembly and kindergarten through second grade had a field trip to JK community Farm. Both experiences were great and the kids really enjoyed these events. Mr. Duggan hosted a family folk dance night, which was also a hit! We had another successful Tree of Life Dinner. Our Earth Day celebration was done on Friday, April 26th. We had a great program about owls from the Secret Garden Birds and Bees and Mrs. Dennison, the presenter said, "The students were so attentive and asked excellent questions." We also had chickens, planting, making seed bombs, and sun catchers. The students did very well with the activities!

So, what is coming up?

- Muffins with Mom: May, 6th
- PTO meeting: May 6th (you may already be at the school- come check us out)
- Staff Appreciation: May 6th through May 10th (the room moms sent out information regarding this, so if you have not received it, please reach out).
- Dominos night: May 16th- this is the last spirit night dinner of the school year.
- Capstone Garden Project to start May 20
- Spring Music Ensemble May 21st
- Field Day: May 30th

Volunteers Needed and Upcoming Events:

We are looking for volunteer assistance for different events through the end of the year (assistance is always appreciated and needed). Please let the PTO know or sign up on the PT Board when it is up if you are interested in helping with any of the upcoming events:

- Field Day: May 30th
- School garden: planning, planting, and helping in a variety of ways- more info to come!

After school programs: Spark: "my First Lemonade Stand" and tennis have started. The fourth and fifth grade music ensemble will be wrapping up with a spring evening concert on May 21, 2019.

As mentioned last month too, we continue to look into fun and interesting ways to enhance our school. Our school garden should be starting this spring. Mr. Michener is working with a couple HS students for their Capstone projects and an Eagle Scout will help as well. However, in order to make this a success, we will need the help of so many. Do you have a green thumb? Have you been curious about a school or community garden? Want to get your kids more involved? Now is the time! Pull out those gardening gloves, dust them off and let's get to work (ok, once we get a meeting together). The planning meetings will be kicking off soon! Thank you in advance for your help!

We will be sending a survey out from the PTO to help plan our events for next year. We want to know what worked for you and your family and what fundraisers you loved and what you would like to see next year. The board is also coming up for re-election; do you have interest in joining in? If you have questions or need help signing in to the **Lincoln PTO website** (sponsored by PT board) please feel free to reach out to any member of our PTO, or by sending an email to ptolincolnes@gmail.com.

Sign up at <https://lincoln.ptboard.com> and when prompted use the School Code: H6FT7C

The next PTO meeting will be on **Monday, May 6th at 8 am (after Muffins with Mon) and the last meeting of the school year will be June 3rd at 6:30 pm**. All are welcome and we hope to see you there. If you cannot make it or want to know more, please reach out. Meeting minutes are posted on PT board.

May Birthdays

1	Aly		20	Ayden
16	Brooke		25	Trinity

Music Mr. Duggan

We are in the final stretch of music this year! First graders have learned about steady beat, singing Sol, Mi, and La in tune, and basic instrument technique and many of these skills will be applied to new songs and activities this month. Second graders have mastered Do, Re, Mi, Sol, and La with their singing voices and barred instruments. They will continue to practice a variety of pentatonic music and learn about different instrument families this month. Third graders are composing with sixteenth notes and practicing music in canon. Fourth graders have officially learned all of the recorder pitches for the year. In just a few months, they have learned from highest to lowest D, C, B, A, G, and E. They will continue to practice these pitches, though mastery is not expected until fifth grade, and will also begin singing a major scale in a variety of ways. Fifth graders have the unique opportunity to continue recorder karate via Google classroom and I highly encourage all students to continue their hard work. They are also working on their final big music unit in preparation for their final performance of the year.

Mr. Duggan [@MrDugganMusic](#)

Spencer I. Duggan
[@MrDugganMusic](#)
Music Specialist, Itinerant
Banneker & Lincoln Elementary Schools

P.E. Mrs. Clark

Happy May! I hope everyone has been enjoying the spring weather! This month we will continue with basketball skills, as well as complete our spring fitness testing. We will be practicing base games we will this month. On May 9th, we are participating in a state-wide initiative called "Rev your Bev." This program is to encourage our students to think about making healthier beverage choices. The students will get to try an infused water during lunch and also learn nutrition information about some of our more popular beverages. I hope your children can share what they have learned! Have a wonderful May!

Mrs. Clark

Elementary Physical Education Teacher
Lincoln Elementary School
Emerick Elementary School

Library

Mrs. Dillon

During the month of April, we have been celebrating National Poetry Month, reading environmental stories in honor of Earth Day, and reviewing reference tools in preparation for the SOL's. In May we will finish with some SOL-related literacy skills games, and then will be focusing on fun titles, genre and author studies, and working on some design challenges in the maker space. The last day for students to check books out from the library will be May 24th, although if students need a title for their classwork they will be able to access the library until the last day of school.

“And a bird overhead sang Follow,
And a bird to the right sang Here;
And the arch of the leaves was hollow,
And the meaning of May was clear.”
— Algernon Charles Swinburne

Health Clinic

Ms. Oliver

May is better hearing and speech month and it is healthy vision month. All LCPS elementary school students receive a vision and hearing screening in kindergarten and third grade, and any year and grade they enter as a new student. Parents of our fifth grade students- please update your child's immunization records in preparation for entering Middle School by providing Ms. Oliver with record of receiving the Tdap booster vaccine. All parents of any student are encouraged to provide updated physical and immunization records for your child to Ms. Oliver any time throughout the school year- keeping all our Lincoln Leopards healthy and safe.

Have a happy, healthy, and safe May and Memorial Day weekend!

Guidance

Mrs. Walton

From the Counselor's Corner

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

Kindergarten – We will be talking about being your own unique self.

1st Grade – We will be focusing on friendship skills.

2nd grade – We will be discussing careers.

3rd Grade – We will be focusing on working together by completing a cooperative activity.

4th Grade – We will be discussing active listening and “I” messages.

5th Grade – We will be learning about middle school. At the end of the month, we will travel to Blue Ridge Middle for a tour.

Student of the Month

This year our focus is on Responsibility; what it means, what it looks like and how to be responsible. Each month our word of the month will be Responsibility.

Thank you to these students who were selected Student of the Month for April for showing responsibility at school.

Kindergarten – Amanda Ramey

1st Grade – Matt Speegle and Avery Mendez

2nd Grade – Trinity Ludtke

3rd Grade – Aly Iverson and Josh Venne

4th Grade – Noelle Cates and Bryna Sheehan

5th Grade – Ethan Ballinger

SEARCH

Mrs. Mayo

The Loudoun County SEARCH program is a component of the county’s gifted program and provides services for students in grades K-4. SEARCH focuses on thinking skills and is designed to nurture an excitement for learning and discovery. SEARCH teachers work within the classroom to stimulate curiosity, practice problem solving strategies, and provide additional opportunities for students to use higher level thinking skills.

SEARCH lessons are organized under the learning keys: connecting, reasoning, creating, perceiving, and evaluating. Each grade level learns about each component at increasingly more complex and abstract levels.

This month, students in kindergarten and first grade will focus on their creating key completing an activity using shapes to design a picture demonstrating unusual and creative thinking. In second grade, students will use their logical reasoning key to explore the 4 color theorem. Students in third grade will use complete an evaluative lesson titled Shipwrecked. Fourth graders will use their logical reasoning key skills to solve kryptograms.

Heidi Mayo

Gifted Resource Teacher

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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.

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.

