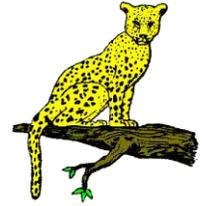


Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Thank you to students, families, and staff for attending our Science Fair last week! We are very proud of all the Science Fair participants and our Science Fair winners were: Eliza Pendleton, Teresa Grys, Jack Speegle, Matt Speegle, Magnus Corin, Carter Junk, Nicole Paddock, Ashley Galletta, Kendall MacMillin, Arleigh Hill, Elli Leach, Noelle Cates, Joanna Ring, Grace Kestler, Malayna Smith, Caitlin Mitchell, Emily Ackman, and Marissa Davis! Thank you to Phil Daley, Ellie Daley, and Ann Moran for judging the Science Fair projects. On May third, some of our fifth grade students will share a 3D printer project at Brambleton Middle School! We thank Mrs. Dillon and Dr. Farrell for working with the students on this project.

We will celebrate Staff Appreciation Week from May 7-11. Thank you to the Lincoln PTO and volunteers for organizing special activities for the staff during this week!

Our next PTO meeting will be held on Monday, May 21 at 8:30 a.m. All parents are invited to attend. Thank you to the PTO for all of their work throughout the year and we hope to see many parents at the PTO Auction on Friday, May 11 at Otium Cellars!

During the middle of May, we will have SOL testing for students in third, fourth, and fifth grades. Please see the calendar for these dates and a reminder that each test is untimed. We appreciate your efforts in scheduling doctor appointments around these dates. Some of the best testing strategies for your child are to eat a nutritious breakfast and to get plenty of sleep the night before a test.

If you have a concern regarding your child, please communicate with their teacher so we can work together to help your child. I encourage each family to continue to follow Lincoln on Twitter @Lincoln_ES. Thank you for your support and please contact me at (540) 751-2430 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dave Michener

Upcoming Events

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| 5/2 | Girl Scouts 2:45 |
| 5/2 | Fifth Grade SOL Club 2:45-3:45 |
| 5/3 | Tennis Club Grades K-2 2:45-4:00 |
| 5/3 | 5 th Graders Share 3D Printer Project
Maker Space Event at Brambleton
Middle School 5:30-8:00 p.m. |
| 5/4 | Spirit Day Wacky Hair and Socks Day |
| 5/4 | Talent Show Program 6:30 p.m. |
| 5/7-11 | Staff Appreciation Week |
| 5/7 | Animal Ambassadors 2:45-3:45 |
| 5/8 | Tennis Club Grades 3-5 2:45-4:00 |
| 5/9 | School Panoramic Picture K-5 10:00 |
| 5/10 | Tennis Club Grades K-2 2:45-4:00 |
| 5/11 | PTO Auction at Otium 5:30 p.m. |
| 5/14 | PTO Muffins for Moms 7:15-7:40 |
| 5/14 | Animal Ambassadors 2:45 |
| 5/15 | Tennis Club Grades 3-5 2:45-4:00 |
| 5/16 | Girl Scouts 2:45 |
| 5/16 | Boy Scouts 2:45 |
| 5/16 | Third Grade Reading SOL 8:15 a.m. |
| 5/17 | Fourth Grade Reading SOL 8:15 a.m. |
| 5/17 | Tennis Club Grades K-2 2:45-4:00 |
| 5/18 | Fifth Grade Reading SOL 8:15 a.m. |
| 5/21 | PTO Meeting 8:30 a.m. |
| 5/21 | Animal Ambassadors 2:45-3:45 |
| 5/22 | Fourth Grade Virginia Studies
SOL 8:15 a.m. |
| 5/23 | Fifth Grade Science SOL 8:15 a.m. |
| 5/24 | Fourth Grade Math SOL 8:15 a.m. |
| 5/25 | Lincoln Spirit Day Wear Green and
Yellow |
| 5/28 | Memorial Day Holiday No School |
| 5/29 | Fifth Grade Students Visit Blue Ridge
9:15-10:45 |
| 5/30 | Second, Fourth, and Fifth Grade Field Trip
to Loudoun Valley |
| 5/30 | Girl Scouts 2:45 |
| 6/1 | Fifth Grade Math SOL 8:15 a.m. |
| 6/5 | K-5 School Field Trip to the Natural
History Museum |
| 6/7 | Field Day |
| 6/12 | Lincoln Camp Learn-a-Lot Day |
| 6/13 | End of Year Program 12:30 p.m. |
| 6/13 | Last Day of School |
| 6/14 | Teacher Work Day |
| 6/15 | Teacher Work Day |

PTO Notes

What a busy time of year! Despite some cold and winter-like weather in April, we had a beautiful day for our **Earth Day** celebration last month. Students participated in several activities to help grow good habits for taking care of our planet. We planted trees and seeds, ran a Recycling Relay, made bird feeders, and created posters advertising an upcoming community-wide Electronics Recycling event. The chickens & compost station turned out to be very popular activities that day. Thank you to all of our volunteers who pitched in to make this day a truly successful Earth Day event.

Last week students had a chance to show off their research & presentation skills at the **Science Fair**. Members of the Lincoln community – Phil Daley, Ellie Daley, and Ann Moran – spent their morning reviewing the projects and talking with our student scientists about their work. We truly appreciate the time that our community volunteers give to our school. The children did a fantastic job presenting their findings. We have more events coming up! Staff appreciation week is next week, Monday May 7th - Friday May 11th. Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with our activities next week. It will be a wonderful week of surprises for our dedicated Staff.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week culminates with our annual **PTO Auction** at Otium Cellars! This is always a fun event with lots of laughs and we have some amazing items that will be up for grabs - something for everyone - from iFly tickets to a complimentary stump grinding to LOTS of local gift certificates for food and beverages around Loudoun. We are looking forward to a fun evening.

Please RSVP! Invitations went home and we need an accurate headcount for food & space. Cost is \$50 per person and includes wine and some fabulous heavy appetizers. Our favorite auctioneer is back this year, Ike Swart from Damewood Auctioneers. And if you haven't made arrangements already, TopKick Purcellville is hosting a **Parents Night Out** for our kids (age 5 and up) for \$20 during the event (discounts on siblings). Here is the link to register your kiddos online so you can enjoy the evening!

From here click Shop Events and see the Lincoln Elementary Parents Night Out
http://4purcellville.gotopkick.com/_2events/

The next PTO meeting will take place on **Monday, May 21 at 8:30am**.

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, May 9 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.

Art News Mrs. Bright

Fourth and fifth grade students are glazing their clay work that they made earlier in the school year. Third grade students are finishing their weaving monsters. When finished, the monsters will be 7 ½ inches tall. They will have colorful teeth, eyes, and mouths.

Second grade students completed their flower basket weavings. Next, they are painting a sailboat landscape with watercolors. First grade students completed their bug filled woven picnic table cloths and have moved into studying Claude Monet's flower gardens. Students are drawing the red Chinese bridge, adding waterlilies with watercolors with oil pastels and finishing the artwork with blue watercolor paint.

Kindergarten students made paper bird nests as well as model magic birds. Students were taught the primary and secondary colors. The choice of color followed by the bird form with details and colorful feathers.

Happy May Birthdays to

1	Aly		20	Grace
2	Austin		20	Torsten
2	Lexye		21	Nathan
2	Mia		22	Madi
16	Brooke		25	Trinity
18	Mrs. Cerne			
20	Ayden			

Health Clinic Specialist **Ms. Oliver**

May is Better Hearing and Speech month and it is Healthy Vision month. All LCPS elementary school students receive a vision & hearing screening in Kindergarten and 3rd 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. Please note: All parents of any student are encouraged to provide updated physical & immunization records for your child to Ms. Oliver any time throughout the school year- keeping all our Lincoln Leopards healthy & safe.

Have a happy, healthy, and safe May!

P.E. **Mrs. Clark**

May is National Physical Fitness and Sports month. Spring is a great time to get outside and exercise as a family! I recommend finding an activity your whole family enjoys and making time each week to get fit together. In May during PE we will be completing the state fitness testing, as well as learning about golf and basketball skills. We will be talking about the five components of fitness as well as intensity.

With all this warm weather finally here I want to remind our students to wear the correct shoes for PE. Flip flops, crocs, and sandals are discouraged for PE days. Please either wear sneakers on your PE day or bring a pair of tennis shoes in your backpack to put on before PE time. Thanks!!

Have a wonderful May!

Music

Mrs. Stetz

It is hard to believe that we are already well into the fourth quarter. Time flies when you are having fun! In April, the first grade students reviewed quarter note and beamed eighth note rhythms and learned about the quarter rest. They were also introduced to the syllables so and mi. The second grade students learned about instruments of the orchestra with a focus on Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*. The third grade students focused on reading and playing music using solfege and learned about octaves. The fourth and fifth grade students learned new notes on the recorder. I am so impressed with how far they have come. In the month of May, all grade levels will be playing the ukulele. In addition, the first grade students will be introduced to the new solfege syllable la while also reviewing mi and so. The second grade students will be working on tempo and reviewing some music vocabulary words such as accent and D.C al fine. The third grade students will work on phrases and will compose small group compositions. The fourth and fifth graders will concentrate on writing rhythms and will also review music vocabulary terms.

I would like to congratulate Madi McKnight and Malayna Smith for representing Lincoln in the Elementary All County Chorus on April 21. They learned 8 pieces of music including several in different languages. I am so proud of their dedication and hard work. Way to go, girls!

Mrs. Walton

From the Counselor's Corner

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

Kindergarten – We will be talking about our unique selves.

1st Grade – We will be discussing how to treat others with kindness.

2nd Grade – We will be focusing on the characteristics of a good friend.

3rd Grade – We will be learning about “I” messages.

4th Grade – We will be finishing up our discussions on Growth Mindset.

5th Grade – We will be talking about Middle School and transitioning to the 6th grade. On May 29, we will visit Blue Ridge Middle School.

Student of the Month

Thank you to these students, who were selected Student of the Month for April, for showing kindness to others.

Kindergarten – Esme Field and Caleb Green

1st Grade – Stella Scott and Khalid Hassan

2nd Grade – Cohen Ballinger and Joshua Venne

3rd Grade – Iman Hassan and Arleigh Hill

4th Grade – Julia Mendez and Brady Harrell

5th Grade – Addy Bilek and Caitlin Mitchell

Mrs. Mayo
SEARCH

During the month of May, students will continue to enjoy a variety of challenging lessons. Students in kindergarten will use their green creative key activity based on the book A House Is A House For Me by MaryAnn Hoberman. First graders will use their yellow logical reasoning key to complete an activity titled That's Logical. In second, third, and fourth grades, students will use their red perceiving key to create structures varying in difficulty using IO Blocks.

Mrs. Dillon
Library

During the month of April, we have been reviewing reference tools in preparation for the SOL's, celebrating National Poetry Month, and reading environmental stories. Students have also been enjoying our maker space after they check out. First grade students have constructed a cardboard reading fort, and third grade has been using the Legos they gathered to storyboard Cinderella. Their pumpkin coach is impressive! Fourth grade has been working on a poetry project that combines circuits (using MakeyMakeys), scratch coding, and poetry recitation.

In May, fifth graders will be presenting a 3D printer project at a Maker Faire. In the library, we will be focusing on fun titles, genre and author studies, and getting ready for summer reading. Last year, Lincoln won a huge trophy for the Western Loudoun division of the Loudoun County Public Library's summer reading challenge. Let's see if we can repeat!

"She turned to the sunlight

And shook her yellow head,
And whispered to her neighbor:

"Winter is dead."

— A.A. Milne, When We Were Very Young

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.

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.

