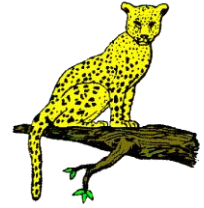


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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the Lincoln PTO, parent volunteers, teacher and staff volunteers, and the Lincoln students for an outstanding PTO Fall Festival today! We appreciate the efforts from everyone to plan the activities for the students. The students enjoyed all of the stations today. A special thank you to Mrs. Reiter for her work and to Mr. Wegmeyer for the hayrides!

I continue to be very proud of the work that the Lincoln students and teachers complete each day during their classroom activities! The Lincoln students are enthusiastic readers and congratulations to the Lincoln students for earning the summer reading trophy from the Purcellville library. The children's librarian from the Purcellville library presented this award to the students last week and the students also won this award in 2017!

We have some special events during November for students, staff, and families. We are excited about our Art Night on Wednesday, November 6 with Ms. Bright! We will serve the pizza dinner at 5:30 p.m. and then begin the art canvas projects at 6:00 p.m. A reminder that parents may also join us and create a canvas. The funds raised from this event will help with the front office operational costs and we appreciate the support. On Monday, November 11, we will host our Veterans Day program at 10:00 a.m. All veterans from our Lincoln families, the Lincoln Community League, and our community are invited to attend. We thank Dr. Farrell and Mr. Duggan for their work on this program. On Wednesday, November 13, we will have a family game night for all students and parents. Please bring a classic board game such as chess, connect four, Monopoly, or other game to share with everyone. I enjoyed participating in this event last year and I look forward to some exciting chess matches in two weeks!

We are continuing to have an excellent school year and we appreciate the support from our Lincoln parents. If you are planning a family trip, please plan the trips around the school calendar if possible. A reminder to please call the office by 1:00 p.m. if you have a transportation change for the same day. Our office is busy each afternoon before our dismissal time. I hope that each Lincoln student had a happy Halloween and enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with your family and friends!

Sincerely,

Dave Michener

Upcoming Events

11/4	Teacher Work Day No School
11/5	Teacher Work Day No School
11/6-11/15	Food Drive for Tree of Life
11/6	Moveable Monday Schedule
11/6	Pink Impact Aid Survey Cards Sent Home
11/6	Running Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
11/6	Odyssey of the Mind 2:45-3:45 p.m.
11/6	Family Art Night with Ms. Bright 5:30-8:00 p.m.
11/7	Music Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
11/7	Game Design Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
11/8	Pink Impact Aid Survey Cards Due to Main Office
11/8	Art Club with Ms. Silver 2:45-3:45 p.m.
11/10	Purcellville Turkey Trot
11/11	PTO Meeting 8:00 a.m.
11/11	Veterans Day Program 10:00 a.m.
11/11	NNAT Letter Sent Home for Third Grade Parents
11/13	Family Game Night 6:00 p.m.
11/15	Art Club with Ms. Silver 2:45-3:45 p.m.
11/18	Christmas Ornament Club with Ms. Bright 2:45-3:45 p.m.
11/19	Chick Fil A Spirit Night
11/22	Lifetouch at Lincoln for Make Up Fall Picture Day
11/22	Art Club with Ms. Silver 2:45-3:45 p.m.
11/22	Sign Workshop Event at Wegmeyer Farms 6:00 p.m.
11/25	Christmas Ornament Club with Ms. Bright 2:45-3:45 p.m.
11/27-11/29	Thanksgiving Holiday No School
12/5	Tree of Life Community Service Dinner 5:15 p.m.
12/9-12/13	Book Fair
12/9	PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
12/12	PTO Photos and Cookies with Santa 6:00 p.m.

PTO News

Happy Fall Y'all! October has been a busy month. Reading Under the Stars kicked off the month. Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Beard did an amazing job as "Piggy and Gerald". Everyone who attended had a great time. Thank you to all the staff for a great evening. The magical Brian Curry wowed the kids with his book magic. And our after-school programs are doing great! Music, Introduction to Game Design, and running club are in full swing and tennis has just finished. Donuts for dads showed our dads or special person just how amazing they are.

Great news! Spirit wear should be here in early November! And our Budget is posted on PT Board. You may see it here: <https://lincoln.ptboard.com/school/cm?mid=2522>.

Volunteers Needed and Upcoming Events:

So, what is coming up?

- November 3rd: Set the clocks back one hour (maybe the kids will want to get up now?)
- November 6th: Canvas Art and Pizza Night- this is an Lincoln Elementary School fundraiser for the School Admin Fund.
- November 11th: Veterans Day
https://lincoln.ptboard.com/sgnvw?group=&signup=fIO6R3w_RUqNNVbPwKm9PHN_6T254z8n_pl_yy6uW
- November 13th: Family Game Night
- November 19th: Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night (otherwise known as a day not to have to cook).
- November 22nd: Wooden Sign Workshop at Wegmeyer Farms- a GREAT event you won't want to miss.
<https://lincoln.ptboard.com/formvw?store=1231&form=7>
- November 27th to December 1st: Thanksgiving Holiday. We wish you a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

As always, we appreciate all your help!

And, in case you were wondering what those apps were that would help the school make money too...

- Box Tops- Any physical box tops are due on 11/1 as they have moved to digital scanning. Please download the app if you haven't already to earn points for Lincoln.
- Shoparoo: an app to earn from everyday purchases. This is so easy and ANY receipt can be used.
https://lincoln.ptboard.com/annlist?ann=AVd0TZ7pSVe-tBaUY8iE0gkf_-k3SuSio=&group=
- Linking your shopping card at Harris Teeter. This does need to be done yearly in August (or after). The school code is: 1601

And one last time, *if* you have not signed up for PT Board or *have not re-signed up this year*, please do. PT Board helps us go paperless and keep all the announcements from the PTO and room parents in one spot. Again, EVEN if you had PT board last year and you know your child is on here, in order to use all the functions (for example, the directory), you still need to complete step 5 each year. It really is quite easy and please reach out if you need help. It is FREE.

Here are the instructions:

1. Parents or school members browse [Lincoln.ptboard.com](https://lincoln.ptboard.com)
2. Click: Sign up ** JUST FOR NEW MEMBERS** For Current members, sign in and go to #5.
3. Fill out Sign In Information
4. On "join school" pop-up screen, enter your school code **TS63GP**
5. Please navigate to "forms and Payments"
 - a. "Free Membership and School Directory for the Year"
 - i. Fill out all your student/s and parent information. This also allows you to "opt out" of your information showing in the directory should you choose.

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, November 11th at 8 am. Everyone is welcome! The meetings are held in the multipurpose room of the school.**

Health Clinic

Ms. Oliver

Autumn is upon us and, along with cooler weather and more time spent indoors, children and families may begin to experience symptoms of a cold or the flu. The most important daily activity to prevent the spread of infections is practicing good and frequent handwashing – that means rubbing your hands with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds or more – just hum the birthday song!

In addition, plan for your child to be spending time outdoors – students have daily recess and dressing in layers ensures they are comfortable while playing, running, and keeping active! Remember to wear sneakers on your scheduled PE class days during the week.

Stay well hydrated – Encourage your child to bring their water bottle/thermos to school every day. Drinking water throughout their school day helps to ease and often eliminate symptoms of headache, stomachache, constipation, muscle cramps and nasal and chest congestion. Drinking plenty of fluids boosts physical energy and promotes mental sharpness that play an important role in a successful day of learning and growing for all our Lincoln Leopards. Have a happy and healthy November and Thanksgiving holiday!

Music

Mr. Duggan

It's fall in the music room and our young musicians are hard at work. Fifth graders will continue to hone their instrument skills and begin applying more advanced rhythms and melodic notation in preparation for recorder in the future. Fourth graders will play games to reinforce rhythmic notation as well as develop the ability to sing partner songs in tune. Third graders will continue working on their crossover bordun (left, right, cross) and hone their pentatonic singing skills through improvisation and singing games. Second graders will work hard with a variety of percussion instruments and work on understanding and hearing the difference between the sub-families. First graders will continue to apply steady beat to a variety of instruments, practice using their singing voice in smaller groups, and will take their first steps towards music literacy. Later in the month, all students will begin to practice for their holiday sing-a-long.

All Lincoln students will sing a variety of Patriotic music on Veterans Day. We hope you can make it out and support our veterans.

Spencer I Duggan

@MrDugganMusic

Library
Mrs. Dillon

We have been enjoying fall in the library. Kindergarten has been enjoying some classic tales, first and second grade students have been exploring the differences between fiction and non-fiction books, and older classes have been participating in digital literacy lessons. In November, K-2 will be introduced to the Virginia Readers' Choice titles for this year, while the older grades will be working on book talks, book reviews, and some research skills.

The Purcellville Library recently sent their children's librarian out to visit Lincoln to present us with the Western Loudoun summer reading trophy! Lincoln also won this trophy in 2017. We are lucky to have such a strong public library system here in Loudoun County, and I am thrilled to see that our Lincoln community is taking advantage of what they have to offer.

Our book fair will be in early December again this year, from 12/9-12/13, and will be open during the PTO Photos with Santa event that Thursday evening. I will send a volunteer request closer to that time. Thank you for any time you can give!

Art
Ms. Bright

Happy November Lincoln Leopards! I will be teaching a "Paint Along Night" with students and parents on Wednesday November 6th 6-8 pm. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Come out and paint a whimsical colorful turkey.

Fifth grade students are completing skeleton sugar skulls. Next, they will be drawing and painting realistic watercolor turkeys. Fourth graders are finishing a red barn painting in perspective. The next lesson is about gratitude. Students will make painted paper designs, then use that paper for making feathers with meaningful words. Third grade has been busy making three dimensional pumpkins and black cats holding pumpkins. The black cats are featured in the multi-purpose room on the bulletin board closest to the office. Second grade students are finishing a scarecrow on the farm, a landscape. Next, they will move on to making a colorful cornucopia painting. First grade and kindergarten will be painting various versions of a turkey color wheel.

In the next two weeks, look for information about the upcoming Christmas Ornament afterschool program that begins Monday November 19th.

P.E.
Mrs. Clark

No bones about it, PE at Lincoln in October was great! In October we learned the names of some of the bones in our body using our skeleton friend "Davy." I hope the students were able to share what they learned at home with you! We also worked on throwing and catching as well as soccer skills. We had some beautiful fall days outside for PE this month!


In November, we will be participating in "Rev your Bev" Day on November 13. This is a statewide movement to improve the health of Virginians by encouraging them to drink more water. We will be giving a flavored water sample at lunch as well as sharing resources to help make better beverage choices. Our fifth grade students will be helping run our event. It is sure to be a fun one! This month, we will also be learning jump rope skills, as well as introducing team handball. We will also be continuing to learn about nutrition and healthy food choices. Have a great November!

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, November 20 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.

November Birthdays

4	Nicole		14	Ms. Oliver
5	Andrew		22	Ms. Myers
8	Madelyn		26	Elli
10	Esme		29	Liza

Counseling Connection

Ms. Janson, School Counselor

Counseling Lesson for November

All grade levels will be continuing Bully Prevention lessons throughout the month of November. The Character Trait Rockstars program is new to Lincoln this year. One student will be picked for each grade level per month, September's character trait was responsibility. 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!

Rockstar Winners for September

Kindergarten-Liza Bennett

1st Grade- Shae Edwards

2nd Grade- Madelyn Hye

3rd Grade- Trinity Ludtke

4th Grade- Eli Field

5th Grade- Bryna Sheehan

Rockstar Winners for October

Kindergarten-Mason Ballinger

1st Grade- Matthew Ordaz

2nd Grade- Maizie Berry

3rd Grade- Stella Scott

4th Grade- Christopher Fink

5th Grade- Maia Dock

SEARCH

Mrs. Fortenbaugh

Creativity in SEARCH

Although we value the products of creative people, we often don't know how to recognize it or encourage that creativity in children. In the LCPS SEARCH program, teachers use thinking keys to guide students in using different kinds of thinking for different SEARCH lessons. Those keys, perceiving, connecting, reasoning, evaluating, and creating, align with Bloom's revised taxonomy: remembering, understanding, applying, analyzing, evaluating, and creating. Because we all recognize that different tasks require different levels and types of thinking, we want to give students the opportunity to explore many avenues for successful problem solving in the classroom.

In SEARCH, we emphasize that creativity is a series of steps that can be practiced and, with perseverance, can be increased. Many lessons ask students not only to create, but then to go back and find ways to enhance and elaborate on their work. As they continue to work on projects, their confidence in their ability to be creative increases.

“Traditionally, creativity has been viewed as an easy process, something that people with certain traits were able to do while others without those traits could not. As our views of creativity have become more informed,

we have come to appreciate the role of hard work and revision in the process.” Joyce VanTassel-Baska, Ed.D., College of William and Mary, 2004

Paul Torrance, the “Father of Creativity,” identified four elements to creativity which he believed could be used to identify both creative thinkers and creative products: fluency (the number of ideas generated), flexibility (variety of ideas), originality (uniqueness of ideas), and elaboration (details of ideas). Both in school and at home, children can be encouraged to look at tasks from different perspectives, to continue to work on improving an idea, and to add details and elaboration.

For further reading: http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/unwrapping_the_gifted/2011/07/creative_thinking.html?qs=gifted+is+not

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.

