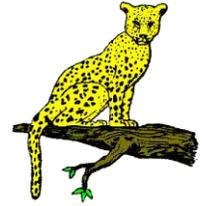


Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

October 2019
Issue 2

18048 Lincoln Road
Purcellville, VA 20132
Mr. Dave Michener, Principal
540-751-2430
540-751-2431 (Absentee Line)
<http://www.lcps.org/lincoln>



Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

We have several special events at Lincoln during the next few weeks! This Friday, September 27, we will host a special lunch to celebrate Grandparents Day! We are looking forward to seeing many grandparents at Lincoln this Friday. A reminder that the lunch times are revised for this day. The lunch times on Friday will be: Kindergarten 10:45-11:15, first grade 11:00-11:30, second grade 11:10-11:40, third grade 11:20-11:50, fourth grade 11:30-12:00, and fifth grade 11:40-12:10. The Lifetouch company will take pictures by the stage during lunch for purchase.

Thank you to Mrs. Clark for leading our Take Your Parent to P.E. week this week! It has been fantastic to see many Lincoln parents participating in the classes. We encourage you to continue to play with your children during the beautiful fall weather!

On Friday, October 4, we will host a Reading Under the Stars event for Lincoln students and families. Students may wear pajamas and bring a blanket and pillow. Staff members will share their favorite books and perform skits! This will be a special evening and we look forward to seeing everyone.

On Thursday, October 10, we will host our first assembly of the year with magician Brian Curry. He will share an amazing reading program and parents are invited to attend. Thank you to the PTO for supporting our assemblies!

We have had an outstanding start to the school year and we appreciate the support from our Lincoln parents. The Lincoln teachers are excellent and staff are dedicated to helping each Lincoln student. A reminder that if you have a question about your child, please reach out to your child's teacher first. If you have a question about a school or county policy or procedure, please contact me at (540) 751-2430. We look forward to continuing to work together to help each Lincoln student!

Sincerely,

Dave Michener

Upcoming Events

- 9/26 Game Design Club 2:40-3:40
- 9/27 Grandparent's Day Lunch 11:10-12:00
- 9/30 PTO Daffodil Fundraiser Ends
- 9/30-10/4 Bully Prevention Week and Spirit Week
- 9/30 Hat Day
- 10/1 School Color Day Wear Lincoln Spirit Wear or Green and Yellow
- 10/1 After School Tennis Club 2:45-4:00
- 10/1 Monk's and Tipped Cow PTO Spirit Night
- 10/2 Joe Corbi's Orders Arrive
- 10/2 After School Running Club 2:45-3:45
- 10/2 MisMatch Shoe/Clothing Day
- 10/2 Interims Sent Home
- 10/3 Wacky Hair Day
- 10/3 Jamestown/Yorktown Foundation at Lincoln for 4th Grade Program 12:00
- 10/3 Music Club 2:45-3:45
- 10/3 Game Design Club 2:40-3:40
- 10/4 Spirit Day Team Hat/Shirt Day
- 10/4 Reading Under the Stars 6:00 p.m.
- 10/7 PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 10/8 After School Tennis 2:45-4:00
- 10/9 After School Running Club 2:45-3:45
- 10/10 Brian Curry Reading and Magic Assembly K-5 9:00 a.m.
- 10/10 Game Design Club 2:40-3:40
- 10/10 Music Club 2:45-3:45
- 10/14 Columbus Day Holiday No School
- 10/15 After School Tennis Club 2:45-4:00
- 10/16 Moveable Monday
- 10/16 After School Running Club 2:45-3:45
- 10/16 Original Art Work Orders Due
- 10/17 Earthquake Drill 10:00 a.m.
- 10/17 Game Design Club 2:40-3:40
- 10/17 Music Club 2:45-3:45
- 10/18 Donuts for Dads 7:20-7:50 a.m.
- 10/22 After School Tennis Club 2:45-4:00
- 10/23 After School Running Club 2:45-3:45
- 10/24 Game Design Club 2:40-3:40
- 10/24 Music Club 2:45-3:45
- 10/25 Purcellville Fire Department Program K-5 9:00 a.m.
- 10/28 Teacher Professional Development Day No School
- 10/30 After School Running Club 2:45-3:45
- 10/31 Moveable Monday
- 10/31 PTO Fall Festival 12:00-2:30 p.m.

PTO News

The first month back has been great! Our after-school programs have started or are starting. Tennis and Music are being enjoyed. Introduction to game design, STEM excel should be starting this week and running club with Mrs. Manuel will be starting in October. There is still time to sign up! Last month, I had reported on the positions and inadvertently, missed our volunteer coordinator, Erica Scott and the updated Science Fair Coordinators will be Mrs. Manuel and Mrs. Reed.

Lincoln Elementary has already given back with a Tree of Life Dinner- great job everyone! The Purcellville Fire Department raised the flag on September 11th and the children wore patriotic colors. We are off to a great start. If you have not seen, the nature trail behind the kindergarten and 5th grade cottages have recently been wood chipped and the butterfly garden and the gardens at the front of the school are blooming. The apple trees are doing great, even though we have lost a few. The room moms this year are as follows:

- Kindergarten: Julie Reiter and Tiffany Woodcheke
- 1st grade: Krista Ramey
- 2nd grade: Kelsey Bennett
- 3rd grade: Erica Scott and Ali O'Leary
- 4th grade: Annie Hewatt
- 5th grade: Stephanie Burget and Stacey Leach

The PTO also has some great fundraisers coming your way.

- The Daffodil Fundraiser to support the garden club ends on September 30th.
- Monks Spirit Night: October 1, 2019
- Chick-Fil-A: November 19th

Some other ways that you can help the school include (in case you missed it last month):

- Box Tops- now, box tops get scanned directly onto an app. Please see PT board for further instructions. *If you still have some boxes that have the box tops on them, please bring them into school attention to Kelly Berry. https://lincoln.ptboard.com/annlist?ann=AVd0TZ7pSVe-tBaUY8iE0gfkf_-kzDypiE=&group=
- Shoparoo: an app to earn from everyday purchases. https://lincoln.ptboard.com/annlist?ann=AVd0TZ7pSVe-tBaUY8iE0gfkf_-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

Our 2019-2020 PTO budget has been approved and will be posted on PT Board if you wish to review.

Volunteers Needed and Upcoming Events:

So, what is coming up?

- September 27th: Grandparents day- this includes lunch and pictures
- September 30th: Daffodil orders due
- October 1st: Monks Spirit Night
- October 2nd: Joe Corbi Orders will be arriving- if you have a large order, you may want to arrange a time to pick up the order as it may be cumbersome for your child/children to carry on the bus.
- October 18th: Donuts with Dad
- October 31st: Fall Festival- we will be looking for volunteers, please watch your inbox for details! This is such a fun day for the kids (and parents).

Please watch for sign up requests for Donuts with Dad and for the Fall Festival. We appreciate all your help! If you have not signed up for PT Board or have not re-signed up this year already, 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
2. Click: Sign up
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, October 7th at 6:30 pm. The second Monday this month is a holiday. Everyone is welcome! The meetings are held in the multipurpose room of the school.**

Health Clinic **Ms. Oliver**

Learning to share and building friendships with their classmates is a big part of every school day for your child. However, there is one part of the school day when sharing is *not allowed* and is *not safe* – sharing food and drinks during lunch. For your child and their classmate’s safety, please talk with them about the importance of not trading or sharing their food & drinks. Students with severe food allergies or dietary restrictions – and each family’s personal food choices – need to be protected and respected for every student, every day.

Have a happy and healthy October!

Music **Mr. Duggan**

It’s time for some playful spooky music! First grade students are practicing steady beat while listening to many masterworks such as “In the Hall of the Mountain King” and exploring instruments. Second grade students will sing about fall and learn to read a half notes and experience whole notes. Third graders will build on their instrument technique by learning the crossover bordun to accompany a musical story. Fourth grade students are preparing some music from Africa as well as working on a piece for instruments, movement, and singing voices. Fifth graders will continue developing expected instrument technique through an instrumental piece with a variety of parts to play. Our after-school music club is rocking away creating and practicing music for our first concert!

Library
Mrs. Dillon

We are off to a great start in the library this year. August and September library visits focused on reviewing library manners, checkout procedures, use of our online library catalog, and how the library is organized. K – 2 moved into strategies for choosing a “just right” book, while 3-5 have started their lessons on digital citizenship.

In October, Kindergarten will be sequencing and making connections with Fairy Tales. First and second graders will be exploring the elements of fiction and non-fiction, and our older students will continue working on digital citizenship. For more information about this curriculum, please refer to www.commonsemmedia.org.

“In October any wonderful unexpected thing might be possible.”

~Elizabeth George Speare The Witch of Blackbird Pond

Mrs. Clark P.E.

Thank you to all the parents that attended our first “Take your Parent to PE” week! I hope you enjoyed participating in our activities and seeing what we do in PE at Lincoln. It was such a great turnout for our first year and I look forward to holding it again next year! In October, we will continue to talk about the Five components of Fitness, as well as begin to introduce some of the bones in our body. We will be working on the skills of throwing and catching, as well as jump rope. Have a wonderful October!

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, October 16 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.

October Birthdays

1	Abby		7	Ethan
2	Arleigh		24	Riley
6	Solenna			



Counseling Connection

Ms. Janson, School Counselor

October is Bully Prevention Month. Counseling lessons this month will focus on bully prevention. To kick-off Bully Prevention Month, the first week of October will be a SPIRIT WEEK!

Sept 30/Monday- Hats Off to Bully Prevention-- **Hat Day!**

Oct 1/Tuesday- Unite Against Bullying-- **Wear School Spirit Clothes/Colors!**

Oct 2/Wed- Stomp out Bullying--**Mismatch Shoe/Clothing Day!**

Oct 3/Thursday- Wack out Bullying--**Wacky Hair Day!**

Oct 4/Friday-Team Up Against Bullying-- **Team Jersey/Sports Day!**

Lincoln Elementary works hard to prevent bullying at our school but we also want our students to be prepared and know what to do if bullying occurs. At our school, we teach Stop, Walk, and Talk, a strategy where students learn how to handle bullying behaviors.

STOP: First, students are taught and role play how to appropriately and assertively request another person to stop bothersome or hurtful behavior.

WALK: If this does not work, we train on how students can remove themselves from the situation.

TALK: If this does not work, the last step is to talk to an adult. We take this very seriously and want all of our children to feel listened to and safe at school.

Parents can help by reinforcing Stop, Walk, and Talk by discussing the strategy and practicing it at home as well as listening to your child's concerns about possibly bullying behaviors and sharing your concerns with Lincoln staff members.

The Character Trait Rockstars program will be new to Lincoln this year. One student will be picked for each grade level per month. The character trait was responsibility for September. 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!

SEARCH

Mrs. Fortenbaugh

The Loudoun County SEARCH program, offered to all K-3 students, focuses on thinking skills and is designed to foster a classroom environment that encourages students to develop an excitement for learning and discovery. SEARCH teachers work within the classroom to stimulate curiosity, practice problem solving strategies, incorporate cooperative learning activities, provide opportunities for students to use higher level thinking skills, and to identify students with exceptional ability. The Loudoun County SEARCH lessons are organized under the learning keys listed below and are aligned with the Virginia Standards of Learning. These lessons fulfill the goals of the LCPS Gifted Education Department which are:

1. To become divergent creative thinkers who recognize problems and solve them.
2. To construct personal meaning and understanding of others and of the world around them.
3. To develop the capacity for self-assessment (ownership of the learning).

MAIN TOPICS (The Thinking Keys):

Connecting

Reasoning

Creating

Perceiving

Evaluating

October SEARCH activities will be:

Kindergarten: Students will continue to work on their yellow “Reasoning” key to classify sets of objects into categories based on attributes.

First Grade: Students will be introduced to the red “Perceiving” key and will work on spatial reasoning puzzles.

Second Grade: Students will use their yellow “Reasoning” key to work cooperatively to solve logic problems.

Third grade: Third graders will be given the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT2) on October 1, 2019, as part of the screening process for gifted education services. The test will be administered by the SEARCH teacher during the regularly scheduled SEARCH time. Scores will be sent home with the first quarter report card. If you have any questions about this assessment, please contact the SEARCH teacher, Mrs. Fortenbaugh, or visit the SEARCH webpage on the Lincoln Elementary website.

ART ROOM newsletter

Ms. Bright

Happy Fall!

All Classes are currently working on the Original Works Art Fundraiser. All artwork is due by October 16th, no exceptions.

5th Grade is creating their artwork around Farm Animals. They are using color pencil or markers to complete.

4th Grade is drawing a landscape in the style of Hundertwasser. They are using watercolors to complete.

3rd Grade is completing their Original Works by using their favorite insects enclosed in a colorful border.

2nd Graders are drawing decorative cupcakes and using crayons to finish their artwork.

1st Graders are drawing the cutest colorful monsters.

KG made hand prints with a stamped border.

Donations Needed

Toilet Paper Rolls
Paper Towel Rolls
Rubber Bands
1 or 2 yards of Muslin
Glitter Glue Any Color

My email:
jennifer.bright@lps.org

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.