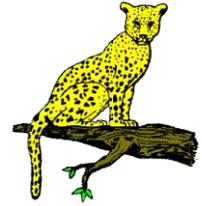


Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the Lincoln PTO, parent volunteers, and fifth grade students for an outstanding Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night! The food was delicious and we enjoyed the Bingo games! I am proud of the fifth grade students for demonstrating leadership skills as they worked well together to set up for this event and they showed enthusiasm as they led the Bingo games.

Thank you to the PTO for organizing our Read a Thon! We encourage all students to log in and participate in this program. If we have 90% of students logged in for this program, I will select a few students at random to have the chance to slime me! We appreciate your support with this fundraiser. I will also choose students at random for prizes during each week.

Please also save the date for our annual PTO Auction which will be held on Saturday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the Loudoun Golf Club in Purcellville. Thank you to our PTO for working on this event!

All families are invited to attend the third grade musical on Tuesday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m. Families are also invited to attend our school Talent Show on **Friday, March 1 at 6:30 p.m.** Please note this date change due to the recent snow days. The Talent Show is a wonderful Lincoln tradition and we hope that your family is able to join us for the show!

Thank you to all families for your continued support with improving our unexcused tardies. During the second quarter, we had 58 unexcused tardies for all students K-5. 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. A reminder that for the third quarter, we are focusing on unexcused tardies and absences. We will have a special celebration after the third quarter for students who have 3 or less unexcused tardies **and** absences combined during the third quarter.

Special congratulations to our fifth grade spelling bee champion, Ethan Ballinger! Ethan will participate in the Loudoun County Spelling Bee on February 28 at Stone Bridge High School.

Our next PTO meeting will be held on Monday, February 11 at 6:30 p.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

- 2/5 Tennis Club K-2 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 2/5 Music Ensemble 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 2/6 Chess Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 2/7 Wildlife Ambassadors 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 2/8 Celebration Breakfast for students with three or fewer unexcused tardies during 2nd quarter
- 2/8 Tennis Club 3-5 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 2/8 Talent Show Rehearsal 2:40-3:45 p.m.
- 2/11 PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 2/12 Second Grade CoGat Assessment 8:15-9:30 a.m.
- 2/12 Tennis Club K-2 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 2/12 Music Ensemble 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 2/12 Third Grade Musical 6:00 p.m.
- 2/13 Second Grade CoGat Assessment 8:15-9:30 a.m.
- 2/13 Chess Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 2/14 Second Grade CoGat Assessment 8:15-9:30 a.m.
- 2/14 Wildlife Ambassadors 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 2/15 Tennis Club 3-5 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 2/18 Presidents' Day Holiday No School
- 2/19 Tennis Club K-2 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 2/19 Music Ensemble 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 2/20 Chess Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 2/21 Moveable Monday
- 2/21 Wildlife Ambassadors 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 2/21 Lincoln Service Dinner at Tree of Life 5:15 p.m.
- 2/22 Picture Day
- 2/22 Talent Show Rehearsal 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 2/25-3/1 Book Fair
- 2/25-3/1 Spirit Week
- 2/25 Wacky Socks Day
- 2/26 Hat Day
- 2/26 Tennis Club K-2 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 2/26 Music Ensemble 2:45-3:45
- 2/27 Chess Club 2:45-3:45
- 2/27 Mismatch Clothes Day
- 2/28 Wildlife Ambassadors
- 2/28 Dress as a Dr. Seuss Character
- 2/28 LCPS Spelling Bee at Stone Bridge 6 p.m.
- 3/1 Dress as Your Parent Day
- 3/1 Read a Thon Ends
- 3/1 Tennis 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 3/1 **Talent Show 6:30 p.m. Revised Date**

PTO News

January seemed to be a short month with the snow days and delays. But, even with the winter break and the shorter days, the Lincoln Elementary School Community has raised over \$1000 to support the PTO based projects for our children. Watch for more information on what the PTO does and how we support our school and how you can help.

We are also looking into fun and interesting ways to enhance our school. Some ideas that were suggested by parents at the last PTO meeting include a community garden and a newspaper that our students can produce for the community. There are so many valuable resources within our area. What do you think makes our school and community so special? So, what is coming up?

- Read-a-thon; January 22nd -March 1st - Such a fun opportunity to read and make money for the school!
- Domino's "Dough Raising Night": February 7th and March 21st
- Chick-Fil-a: February 26th from 5-8 pm

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 if you are interested in helping with any of the upcoming events:

- Tree of Life: February 21st
- Talent Show: February 22nd
- Science Fair: March 21st
- Auction: April 6th
- Earth Day: April 26th

After school programs: The Chess club has returned and the kids are learning a lot. The Wildlife Bunch Club has just started and Tennis will be starting this week. Spark: "my First Lemonade Stand" will be previewing this spring and Mrs. Bright will be holding two different art classes- clay and watercolor. Mr. Duggan's music ensemble for the 4th and 5th graders has started and will end with a spring evening concert on May 21, 2019. 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, February 11th at 6:30 pm**. All are welcome and we hope to see you there.

February Birthdays

3	Alex		16	Mr. Duggan
6	Taryn		18	Dylan
7	Mrs. Clark		26	Liam
14	Jackson		27	Tucker



Music

Mr. Duggan

Big news from the music room! Our third graders are excited to present our musical *Fortunately* based on the book by Remi Charlip on February 12th at 6:00 PM. Students have added their own twist by creating pages and will even perform live music that includes improvisations on unpitched percussion instruments. Every student has a role to play, so please come support their creative work! Fifth graders are focusing primarily on Recorder Karate as they work to earn belts by performing select songs. Fourth graders are also continuing recorder and will begin learning more notes so that they can begin performing more substantial songs. After the musical, third graders will begin a folk dance unit where they experience a variety of movements. Second graders will continue to hone their ability to alternate mallets to accompany with a broken bordun and will have their first experience singing in two party harmony. First graders continue to take fundamental steps in literacy and are now reading traditional rhythmic notation. They will get a chance to compose short rhythms and write them in this style to share with their classmates. These students will also spend time playing an all-time favorite music game, Solami, while demonstrating a good singing voice and solfege hand signs. Stay warm this February! Happy February!

P.E. Mrs. Clark

February is American Heart Month. We will be talking about how our hearts work and how we can help keep our hearts healthy through exercise, diet, and other habits. In addition, we will be learning team handball in grades 2-5, while K-1 continue improving on throwing and catching different objects. Later in the month, we will start our dance unit and learn some line, partner, and group dances, as well as have our students create their own dances. Dance is an excellent way to exercise your heart!

Our fourth and fifth grade students will be participating in the Western Loudoun Sportsmanship day on March 9, where they will get the chance to play Team Handball against 8 other schools located in Western Loudoun. It is a fun day and I hope to have many of our students there to represent Lincoln! I hope you have a warm and wonderful February!

Mrs. Clark

Elementary Physical Education Teacher

Lincoln Elementary School

Emerick Elementary School

Art

Mrs. Bright

Hello from the Lincoln Art Room! Now that we are in the thick of winter, our students are working hard on projects that center around snow and February fun. Kindergarten students are experiencing the fun of printmaking by using various household items to print on paper with red, purple and pink paint. First graders are explaining their knowledge of the color spectrum by painting colors in rainbow order. The background is the perfect place to display a construction paper penguin floating on an iceberg. Second graders are reading a story about a snow plow and will then illustrate themselves driving a snow plow. Third grade students are continuing to work on their yearlong monster weavings. Fourth grade is studying the pop artist Jim Dine that paints hearts for most of his paintings. The students are making their own version of "Four Hearts". Lastly, the fifth-grade class will begin the task of designing the Leopard Yearbook cover. One will be chosen by February 18th.

Library

Mrs. Dillon

Happy February! We will continue our tradition of offering valentines in the library this month. Anyone that reads a book can fill out a “You’ll Love This Book” valentine. The cards will be delivered once a week all month. This is a great opportunity for all to share what they’ve enjoyed reading during the Read-a-Thon.

In February, the younger grades will be finishing up the Virginia Reader’s Choice selections. Third and Fourth grades will be exploring different genres of books, and Fifth will be working on their character design project. Lots of book and character love for the month of February!

We will have our spring book fair from February 25-March 1 this year. This coincides with Read-Across-America week as well as the last week of our read-a-thon. Thank you in advance to any volunteers that sign up to help!

"How Do You Spell Love?" asked Piglet. 'You Don't Spell It, You Feel It,' said Pooh." – 'Winnie-the-Pooh' by A.A. Milne

Guidance

Mrs. Walton

From the Counselor’s Corner

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

Kindergarten – We will be talking about differences and celebrating our differences.

1st Grade – We will be focusing on feelings and expanding our feelings vocabulary.

2nd grade – We will be discussing conflict resolution strategies.

3rd Grade – We will be investigating our interests.

4th Grade – We will be start our discussions about careers.

5th Grade – We will be visiting the Seniors at the Carver Center.

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 January for showing responsibility at school.

Kindergarten – Will Jenkins

1st Grade – Brooke Raabe and Dylan Ramey

2nd Grade – Claire Bennett

3rd Grade – Campbell Hewatt and Christopher Fink

4th Grade – Solenna Hye and Kendall MacMillin

5th Grade – Ayden Iverson

Health Clinic

Ms. Oliver

February is *National Children’s Dental Health Month*- the *American Dental Association* (ADA) sponsors this annual month long event to raise awareness and promote the development of good habits that help our children begin a lifetime of heathy teeth and gums.

February is also *American Heart Month* and here at Lincoln Elementary we encourage participation in daily healthy lifestyle choices throughout your child’s school day- *Recess, PE class, our School Lunch program, and many of our PTO sponsored afterschool enrichment programs*- that promote the importance of staying active and eating healthy.

Developing healthy nutrition & physical activity habits early will last a lifetime...and it is never too late to start 😊

Have a happy, healthy and safe February!

SEARCH

Mrs. Mayo

If you are the parent of a third, fourth or fifth grader and are possibly interested in submitting a parent referral, please visit <https://www.lcps.org/Page/617> to find out more information about the evaluation process and to find out more information about our Gifted Information Sessions. The next session is at Kenneth Culbert on Monday, February 4th 7:00-8:30 pm. Please note our parent referral window is open from February 4-February 15, 2019.

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 will focus on their Creative Thinking Key while completing an activity based on My Heart is Like a Zoo by Michael Hall. Students are encouraged to use the four parts of creativity: fluency, flexibility, originality, and elaboration.

First graders will exercise their Creative Thinking Skills based on a The Z Was Zapped by Chris VanAllsburg. Students are encouraged to use the four parts of creativity: fluency, flexibility, originality, and elaboration.

In second grade, students will exercise their Perceiving Key with a pattern block activity exploring the symmetry of snowflakes.

Students in third and fourth grade will use their Creative writing skills to complete a writing exercise titled Hooks and Grabbers. In this activity students will write an original story beginning to "hook" a reader inspired by a picture.

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.