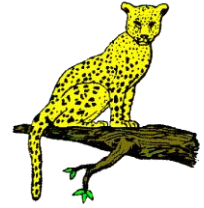


# Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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## Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

I hope that each Lincoln student and family enjoyed the spring break last week! Thank you to Mrs. Stetz, the kindergarten, first, and second grade students, teachers, staff, and families for an amazing Circus Circus show! I am proud of the students for their excellent singing and acting skills!

We are looking forward to our Science Fair, which will be held on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. We have had many students return the participation form and I will be glad to continue to meet with students during lunch if they have questions. Students should be starting their investigations if they are in second through fifth grades. Our kindergarten and first grade students may complete a presentation or an investigation. All students and families are invited to attend our Science Fair and we will have hands-on science stations from Heritage High School and also robots from the Nextide Academy in Purcellville.

Our next PTO meeting will be held on Monday, April 16 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!

If you have a concern regarding your child, please communicate with their teacher so we can work together to help your child. I continue to be very proud of the Lincoln teachers and staff. Their dedication to Lincoln Elementary is outstanding. I also appreciate the Lincoln students, the Lincoln PTO, and families continued work and support in making Lincoln Elementary one of the best schools in Loudoun County. 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

- 4/1 Special Permission Opened
- 4/5 Kindergarten Registration 8:30 a.m.
- 4/6 Spirit Day Decades Day
- 4/6 Drama Club 2:45-4:30 p.m.
- 4/9 No School Teacher Work Day
- 4/10 Tennis Club Grades 3-5 2:45-4:00
- 4/11 SOL Club 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 2:45-3:30
- 4/12 Tennis Club Grades K-2 2:45-4:00
- 4/12 Drama Club 2:45-4:30 p.m.
- 4/13 Moveable Monday
- 4/13 Drama Club 2:45-4:30 p.m.
- 4/13 Drama Club Show 6:00 p.m.
- 4/16 PTO Meeting 8:30 a.m.
- 4/16 Hip Hop Dance Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 4/17 Fourth and Fifth Grade Field Trip to the Maryland Science Center
- 4/17 Tennis Club Grades 3-5 2:45-4:00
- 4/18 SOL Club 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 2:45-3:30
- 4/18 Girl Scouts 2:45 p.m.
- 4/18 Report Cards Sent Home
- 4/19 Fifth Grade D.A.R.E. Celebration 1:00 p.m.
- 4/19 Tennis Club Grades K-2 2:45-4:00
- 4/20 Lincoln Pride Day Wear Green and Yellow
- 4/20 PTO Earth Day Activities 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- 4/20 All County Chorus
- 4/20 Talent Show Rehearsal 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 4/23 Hip Hop Dance Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 4/24 Tennis Club Grades 3-5 2:45-4:00
- 4/25 Science Fair 6:00 p.m.
- 4/26 Tennis Club Grades K-2 2:45-4:00
- 4/27 Talent Show Rehearsal 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 4/30 Hip Hop Dance Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 5/1 Tennis Club Grades 3-5 2:45-4:00
- 5/3 Tennis Club Grades K-2 2:45-4:00
- 5/4 Talent Show Program 6:30 p.m.
- 5/7-11 Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/11 PTO Auction at Otium 5:30 p.m.

## PTO Notes

Thank you to all of the readers & sponsors of this year's Read-a-Thon. We had strong participation from the student body and sponsorships that totaled over \$3700 for the school. This was a great program for our students to expand their reading interests and we hope to grow their excitement and participation for next year. Invites will be going home this week for the Annual Fundraiser Auction which will take place on May 11. TopKick is offering a great "Parents Night Out" deal that same evening making it even easier for the parents to join in the fun at Otium Cellars. For just \$20 (each additional sibling \$10) the children will participate in fitness-focused games, structured activities, and a pizza party. All proceeds for the evening program at TopKick will be donated to the Lincoln PTO!

### Activities Update:

Registration is taking place for after-school Tennis with Coach Korey Suk. Sessions will take place on Tuesdays for Grades K-2 and Thursdays for Grades 3-5, starting the week of April 9. Please see the announcement and registration form in your email or on the PTO Facebook page.

Our other after-school Spring activities are underway! Students are learning to play chess, dance hip-hop, paint like the Masters, and learn all about amazing animals with the Wild Bunch Club. We hope your kiddos are enjoying their extra-curricular activities.

### Volunteers Needed:

The Science Fair is quickly approaching (April 25). If you can assist with setup on April 24 please reach out to Kate Pendleton ([katependleton5@gmail.com](mailto:katependleton5@gmail.com)). The next PTO meeting will take place on **Monday, April 16 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, April 18 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

Fifth and fourth grade students are continuing to work on a mixed media project. They designed a non-representational 6x6 inch square design. The students then transferred their design to a copper metal square. Following the transfer, they used embossing tools to manipulate the metal. The process for working the front and the back of a piece of metal is called Repousse. The students finished work will be glued onto a background color paper two times the size of their metal square. The lesson will be completed with the extension of the design with colored pencils.

Third grade students are weaving up a storm making monster bodies. The weaving is being completed with using both sides of the loom. They will remove the weaving from the loom and stuff it with poly-fill. Students will add eyes, teeth, and hair by sewing and gluing felt pieces onto the front of their monster. Second graders are making paper woven flower baskets. They will use crayon rubbings to make the bouquet of flowers and attach them to the basket.

First grade students are weaving a red and white picnic table cloth. The students will add "unwanted" insects and bugs by using plastic textured templates. Kindergarten students will be making colorful birds out of model magic. Feathers will be added before placing them into their handmade paper bag nests.

## Happy April Birthdays to

2	Bryna		14	Mrs. Manuel
2	Mrs. Owens		23	Bryden
4	Sarah		24	Emily A.
5	Caitlin		24	Sofia
			30	Mrs. Allen

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### Health Clinic Specialist Ms. Oliver

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – April 27<sup>th</sup> is national *Every Kid Healthy Week*, which celebrates school health & wellness programs for students and promotes the link between nutrition, physical activity and learning – *because healthy kids learn better!* Look for information about Loudoun community events posted on our Lincoln Elementary front entrance bulletin board that highlight healthy living opportunities for our students and families.

Springtime seasonal allergies are upon us – if your child requires prescription or over-the-counter medication or lotion to ease their allergy symptoms please fill-out the [Authorization for Medication Administration](#) form and bring the form along with the medication or lotion to the health office. Ms. Oliver will provide copies of the form on request and it is available on our Lincoln Elementary website by selecting “Our School” then “Health Office” then “Health Services Forms”

Have a happy, healthy, and safe April!

### P.E. Mrs. Clark

It's hard to believe it is already April! Spring sports are in full swing and the days are getting longer with more sunshine! I hope you are getting the chance to go outside and do something active as a family, even if it is just a walk around the block or playing catch for a few minutes.

This month in PE, we will finish learning about muscles. We will be completing our unit on volleyball, then weather permitting move outdoors for some golf and tennis instruction. Please help your children remember to wear sneakers for PE, as well as bring a coat just in case of cooler weather.

Have a wonderful spring!

## **Music**

### **Mrs. Stetz**

March was a busy month in music! Kindergarten, first, and second grade students did a wonderful job on their performance of Circus Circus. The third graders sang canons (rounds) and used solfege to read music (do re mi so la). The fourth graders reviewed notes BAG on the recorder and learned the new notes C and D. The fifth graders reviewed BAGCD and learned the new notes low E and low D. They also reviewed the instruments of the orchestra and learned the science behind the sound of the instruments.

In April, the first graders will be introduced to the quarter rest as well as reading and playing rhythms that include quarter notes and beamed eighth notes. They also will be learning about the solfege syllables mi, so and la. Second graders will review the instruments of the orchestra using Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*. The third graders will work on octaves and the fourth and fifth graders will finish up their recorder unit as well as continuing to concentrate on other music reading skills.

## **Mrs. Walton**

### **From the Counselor's Corner**

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

Kindergarten – we will be talking about friendship.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – we will be discussing our interests and matching careers to interests.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – we will be focusing on the characteristics of a good friend.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – we will be learning about test taking strategies.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – we will be finishing up careers then focusing on growth mindset.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – we will be talking about middle school and transitioning to the sixth grade.

#### **Student of the Month**

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

Kindergarten – Eliza Pendleton and Connor Youngman

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Alex Kula and Colden Wegmeyer

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Campbell Hewatt and Bryden Reiter

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Elliana Leach and Bryna Sheehan

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Emily Seeley and Tucker Wegmeyer

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Meredith Kula and Marisah Rowe

## **Mrs. Mayo**

### **SEARCH**

During the month of April, students will continue to enjoy a variety of challenging lessons. Students in kindergarten will use their red perceiving key to play a game called Fill The Hexagon. Students will also complete an attribute block sorting activity using a standard set of attribute blocks.

First graders will be playing a card game called SNAP to develop their red perceiving key. Later in the month, students will work use their blue evaluating key in an activity using the book I Wish I had Duck Feet by Dr. Seuss.

In second grade, students will use their green creative key to write an original interactive story based on the book Press Here by Henre Tullet. Second graders will also engage in a math game titled Chip Away to further develop their mathematical reasoning skills.

Students in third and fourth grades will use Kanoodle puzzles to develop their perceiving skills building 3D puzzles. Later in the month, students will then use their yellow logical thinking key to solve mathematical balance equations.

## **Mrs. Dillon Library**

For once, March went out like a lion! A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers that helped make our book fair and read-a-thon last month a success. Thanks as well to those that contributed Legos for the Makerspace in our library, especially the DiPippa family. We can use these with all grade levels to reinforce the curriculum with hands-on challenges.

April is National Poetry Month, and we will be creating a variety of poetry projects. Everyone will get a poem for his or her pocket on “Poem in Your Pocket Day” on Thursday, April 27. Ask your student to share theirs with you!

Leading up to the SOL’s we will also be reinforcing reference and literacy skills.

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.**

