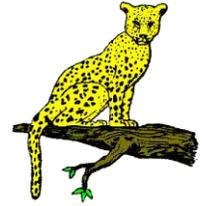


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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

We enjoyed celebrating Read Across America Week last week with our Book Fair and the spirit days throughout the week! The Read-a-Thon ended on Friday, March 2. Congratulations to Torsten Wegmeyer for reading the most minutes during the Read a Thon! Thank you to Mrs. Mallette and the Lincoln PTO for the fantastic cakes! One of my recent favorite books is Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed by Emily Pearson. This is an excellent book for all grade levels about the impact of a simple act of kindness.

Thank you to Mrs. Clark and the Lincoln dads who have worked to organize our Leopard Dads program! The students and staff have enjoyed seeing the dads throughout the school day each week. Call the office if you would like to sign up for this program. We also thank the PTO and staff for organizing after school activities for the students! The Young Rembrandts Art Club, Drama Club, and Chess Club are currently meeting for the Lincoln students. Thank you also to the PTO for the delicious staff lunch on February 23! All families are invited for our music program, Circus Circus on **Monday, March 19** at 6:00 p.m. which will showcase our kindergarten, first, and second grade students!

Our next PTO meeting will be held on Monday, March 12 at 8:30 a.m. All parents are invited to attend. Please contact me at (540) 751-2430 if you have any questions or concerns. 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!

Sincerely,
Dave Michener

Upcoming Events

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| 3/6 | Young Rembrandts Art 2:45-3:45 |
| 3/6 | Odyssey of the Mind |
| 3/7 | Math Textbook Preview Ends |
| 3/7 | Interims Sent Home |
| 3/7 | Blanket Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/8 | Chess Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/9 | Drama Club 2:45-4:30 p.m. |
| 3/12 | PTO Meeting 8:30 a.m. |
| 3/13 | 5 th Grade Parent Night at Blue Ridge
6:30 p.m. |
| 3/13 | Odyssey of the Mind |
| 3/14 | Blanket Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/14 | SOL Tutoring Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/15 | Chess Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/16 | Drama Club 2:45-4:30 p.m. |
| 3/19 | <u>Circus Circus</u> Show K-2 6:00 p.m. |
| 3/20 | Odyssey of the Mind |
| 3/21 | Kindergarten Registration 8:00 a.m. |
| 3/21 | Blanket Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/21 | SOL Tutoring Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/22 | Chess Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/23 | Lincoln Pride Day Wear a Lincoln
Shirt or Green and Yellow |
| 3/23 | Drama Club 2:45-4:30 p.m. |
| 3/26-4/1 | Spring Break |
| 4/1 | Special Permission Opens |
| 4/2 | No School Professional Day for Staff |
| 4/6 | Drama Club 2:45-4:30 p.m. |
| 4/9 | No School Teacher Work Day |

PTO Notes

Thank you to all of the families that participated in the Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night. We had a great crowd who enjoyed dinner and several rounds (and versions) of Bingo! A special thank you to everyone who brought salads and desserts to share, which rounded out the delicious spaghetti dinner prepared by our PTO board members and parents who generously offered their time that evening. Our fifth grade students were instrumental in the success of the evening by setting up the room, serving food, calling out numbers, and cleaning up.

The generosity of our community was evident from the boxes and cans of food stacked on the stage that evening. Donations for the Souper Bowl concluded on Feb 2 with the kindergarten class coming out as the Souper Bowl World Champions! Their prize-winning pizza lunch was a hit the following Friday. The school tallied 1,254 points and donated 775 lbs of food to the Tree of Life through this amazing effort.

Save the Date! May 11 is the Annual Fundraiser Auction which will take place at Otium Cellars. Planning is underway with several volunteers helping to make this a wonderful evening to enjoy spring weather and a chance to bid on great gifts. The Read a Thon has ended and we are looking forward to 100% student login & Mr. Michener's shaved head in June!

Activities Update:

Would your student like to get up close and personal with amazing animals from around the world? Registration for the **Wild Bunch** will open soon. Sessions with the Wildlife Ambassadors Organization will take place on Mondays starting in mid-April and will run for 6 weeks (\$85). A minimum of 10 students is needed. The club will run from 2:40-3:40pm on April 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 14, 21.

Volunteers Needed:

- Planning meetings are underway for the Auction. See the PTO Facebook page for updates on meeting dates/times.
- We are looking for assistance for the Science Fair. If you have great ideas, would like to help organize, or can assist on the day please reach out to Kate Pendleton (katependleton5@gmail.com)

The next PTO meeting will take place on **Monday, March 12 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, March 21 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.

Happy March Birthdays to

2	Benny		15	Mrs. Walton
9	Magnus		19	Jeremy
11	Malayna		23	Hannah
12	Nolan		28	Stella
15	William		28	Ms. Silver
			30	Emily

Health Clinic Specialist Ms. Oliver

March is **National Nutrition Month** and March 5 – 9 is **National School Breakfast Week**. Our students are able to make healthy & nutritious meal choices every day when eating a school breakfast or school lunch. Consider joining your child at school for lunch one day or planning a nutritious meal together at home that your child assists you with selecting and preparing the food. Developing healthy nutrition habits early will last a lifetime!

We all look forward to welcoming the first day of Spring on March 20th. Spring season brings many blooming plants and trees before we know it! Plan ahead for allergy season – 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. I'll 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 and healthy March!

P.E. Mrs. Clark

Happy March! With the weather being so unpredictable in February this year, please remember to bring a coat in case we go outside for PE. In PE this month, we played hockey, then moved on to some other Winter Olympics sports, only PE styled them! The kids had a great time learning about some of the sports while our Olympians competed in South Korea. We also begin to learn about team handball, to help prepare our fifth graders for the Western Loudoun team Handball tournament being held in March. During PE in March we will

be continuing team handball, as well as moving into our educational gymnastics unit. We will finish out the month learning about intensity. Have an excellent month!

Music

Mrs. Stetz

What a musical month we had in February! Kindergarten, first, and second grade students continued learning music for their musical, *Circus, Circus*, which will be presented on **Monday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m.** We hope you'll join us! The third graders reviewed instruments of the orchestra and learned about jazz and improvisation. The fourth and fifth grade students showed their recorder playing skills which included reading music and using great recorder playing technique.

In March, kindergarten, first, and second grade students will rehearse on stage for their musical and afterward will learn some spring songs before Spring Break! The third graders will be singing and playing canons (rounds) and using solfege to read music (do re mi so la). The fourth and fifth graders will continue learning new notes on the recorder as well as continuing to concentrate on music reading skills.

Mrs. Walton

From the Counselor's Corner

Students will be learning about the following topics during our guidance lessons in March:

Kindergarten – We will be talking about careers and playing career bingo.

1st Grade – We will be discussing our interests and matching careers to interests.

2nd Grade – We will be focusing on interests and connecting to the world of work.

3rd Grade – We will be learning about other people's careers by interviewing adults.

4th Grade – We will be introducing the 16 career clusters.

5th Grade – We will be investigating the 16 different career clusters.

Mrs. Mayo

SEARCH

During the month of March, students will continue to enjoy a variety of challenging lessons. Students in kindergarten will use their perceiving key to study a penny with magnifying glasses. Students will then design their own penny to honor someone or something. Kindergarten students will also use their creating thinking key to help a triangle not become dissatisfied again based on a book title The Greedy Triangle by Marilyn Burns.

First grade students will be partnering up for both our lessons this month. Students will rely on reasoning skills to develop strategy while playing a game called Achi. Later in the month, students will work cooperatively to figure out interesting, often funny, alphabet drawings in our "An Alphabet You Never Met" lesson inspired by The Z was Zapped by Chris Van Allsburg.

In second grade, students will use their logical reasoning key to play a game called Dara which requires strategy to defeat an opponent. Second graders will then need to rely on their perceiving key to solve Kanoodle Puzzles.

Students in third and fourth grades will use "Keva Planks" to solve building challenges. For this challenge, students will rely on their spatial reasoning to build structures using information from a clue card.

Later in the month, students will then use the evaluating thinking key as they answer the question, “Would You Rather . . . ?”

Mrs. Dillon Library

The younger grades are finishing the Virginia Readers’ Choice program and will be voting on their favorite title along with students all over the state. Third grade will be working on research in the library. Fourth grade students will be learning about different kinds of folktales, and fifth grade students will be reviewing primary sources and reference tools.

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.

