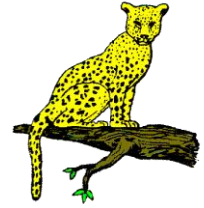


Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Families are invited to attend our school Talent Show on **Friday, March 1 at 6:30 p.m.** The Talent Show is a wonderful Lincoln tradition and we hope that your family is able to join us for the show! The students have worked hard during the rehearsals to prepare for this event! We thank Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Reed for their work on the Talent Show.

Thank you to our students, teachers, and PTO for an outstanding Read a Thon! We reached our goal of earning over \$5,000 for the PTO. We will host a celebration on Monday, March 4 at 11:30 a.m. A few students who participated in the Read a Thon will be selected at random to slime Mr. Michener at 11:30 a.m. on March 4!

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** unexcused absences combined during the third quarter. 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.

We have many special events during the next month for families to enjoy. On Thursday, March 21, we will host a Science Fair at Lincoln at 6:00 p.m. Diane Painter from the Purcellville Maker Smiths group will lead a workshop on soap making. Students from Heritage High School will lead science activities for the Lincoln students. On Wednesday, March 27, we will host an author assembly with local author Henry Cole. Parents are invited to join us for the assemblies at 12:30 and 1:30 on the 27th.

Our next PTO meeting will be held on Monday, March 11 at 8:00 a.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

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| 3/1 | Read a Thon Ends |
| 3/1 | Tennis 2:45-4:00 p.m. |
| 3/1 | Talent Show 6:30 p.m. |
| 3/4 | Read a Thon Celebration 11:30 a.m. |
| 3/4 | Students Slime Mr. Michener 11:30 a.m. |
| 3/4 | Clay Art Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/5 | Music Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/5 | 4 th and 5 th Grade Blanket Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/6 | Chess Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/7 | Animal Ambassadors Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/8 | Tennis 2:45-4:00 p.m. |
| 3/9 | Fourth and Fifth Grade Handball Tournament |
| 3/11 | PTO Meeting 8:00 a.m. |
| 3/11 | Clay Art Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/12 | Music Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/12 | Fifth Grade Parent Meeting at Blue Ridge Middle School 6:30 p.m. |
| 3/12 | 4 th and 5 th Grade Blanket Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/13 | Chess Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/14 | Animal Ambassadors 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/15 | Tennis 2:45-4:00 p.m. |
| 3/18 | Clay Art Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/19 | 4 th and 5 th Grade Blanket Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/19 | Music Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/20 | Kindergarten Registration 8:30 a.m. |
| 3/20 | Chess Club Last Session 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/21 | Science Fair 6:00 p.m. |
| 3/25 | Clay Art Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/26 | 4 th and 5 th Grade Blanket Club 2:45-3:45 p.m. |
| 3/27 | Henry Cole Author Program K-2 12:30-1:30
3-5 1:30-2:30 |
| 3/28 | End of Third Marking Period |
| 3/29 | Student Holiday Teacher Work Day |
| 4/1 | Student Holiday Staff Professional Development |
| 4/3 | Family Art Night K-5 6:00 p.m. |
| 4/6 | PTO Auction 6:00-9:00 p.m. Loudoun Valley Country Club |
| 4/9 | Folk Dance Night with Mr. Duggan and Lincoln Students in Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grades 6:00 p.m. |
| 4/12 | Field Trip to JK Community Farm Kindergarten, First, and Second Grades 9:30-1:00 p.m. |

PTO News

Rain, snow, and wind-what a wintery mix we have had! The read-a-thon is a huge success! We have exceeded our fundraising goal and the kids are doing a fantastic job reading. Only one more day- let's see what we can do. We are also looking into fun and interesting ways to enhance our school. With so many valuable resources in our areas, our school garden should be starting this spring. Mr. Michener is working with a couple high school students for their capstone projects and an eagle scout will help as well.

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": March 21st
- Wing it Wednesday at Velocity Wings on March 27th

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: was rescheduled due to weather; but support will be needed with both food and volunteers.
- Talent Show: March 1st
- Science Fair: March 21st
- Auction: April 6th
 - This really is a great event; please watch for information on class baskets coming and how you can help.
- Earth Day: April 26th

After school programs: The Chess club, The Wildlife Bunch Club and Tennis are in full swing. Spark: "My First Lemonade Stand" and Mrs. Bright's art classes: clay and watercolor will be later in the spring. The 4th and 5th grade music ensemble 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, March 11th at 8:00 am**. All are welcome and we hope to see you there. If you cannot make it or want to know more, please reach out. Meeting minutes are posted on PT board.

March Birthdays

2	Benny		15	Ms. Walton
9	Magnus		19	Jeremy
12	Nolan		28	Ms. Silver
15	William		28	Stella
			30	Emily



Music Mr. Duggan

As March approaches, the music room is staying busy. First graders continue to hone their singing skills and will even compose short melodies to sing using the pitches Sol, Mi, and La. Second graders will begin to identify percussion instruments based on their sub-categorizations (woods, metals, shaker/scrapper, skins) as well as continue working on alternating mallet technique while playing both repeating patterns and short melodies on barred instruments. Third, fourth, and fifth graders will begin dance some folk dances at varying difficulties in preparation for our folk dance night in April. Stay tuned for more information. Aside from dance, third graders will also discuss and identify three major ensemble types: Band, Orchestra, and Chorus. Fourth graders will continue their recorder journey learning their fifth and possibly sixth pitch. Have you asked your child to play for you recently? They have come a long way! Fifth graders will continue learning pitches and songs for the recorder karate program.

P.E. Mrs. Clark

Happy March everyone! Our students this month will be continuing dance as well as moving on to Volleyball and Educational Gymnastics. We will also start talking about nutrition as well. This past month, the students enjoyed playing one of my favorite games, team handball. Our fourth and fifth graders will be participating in the Western Loudoun Sportsmanship Handball tournament on March 9 at Lovettsville Elementary. I am confident they will represent our school with great sportsmanship and teamwork. Just a reminder, please help your children remember to wear rubber soled athletic shoes on PE days in order to be able to participate. Thanks for your help! Have a fantastic March!

Mrs. Clark

Elementary Physical Education Teacher

Lincoln Elementary School

Emerick Elementary School

Art

Mrs. Bright

Hello from the Lincoln Art Room! Spring is almost here! Kindergarten is making their own *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish* Dr. Seuss Character by painting a colorful background and a whimsical fish. First graders are drawing *The Cat in the Hat*, adding color and placing them on a yellow background. Second grade is also working on literature based projects with the emphasis on painting. More than half of the third grade is almost ready to stuff their woven monsters. They will also be glazing their taco fish. Fourth grade have begun designing a stained glass symmetrical design. They will transfer their design on a silk hoop, then go over their lines with wax. Color will be added using Sumi brushes. Fifth graders are collaborating on the cover for the leopard Lincoln yearbook. They will work together in collage form to make one piece of artwork. They will next glaze their pencil holder mug faces.

Looking ahead, please sign up for the afterschool art program beginning on April 22nd thru May 20th. The watercolor class is open to grades 1-5 every Monday. Students will be painting a forest landscape with small forest animals. Grades 1-2 will be painting pre-drawn animals and focusing on the watercolor medium. Grades 3-5 will be drawing their own animals and focusing on various watercolor techniques.

Library

Mrs. Dillon

February went by in a flash of ice, wind, and snow days! We closed out the month with a book fair that coincided with Read Across America Week and the last week of the school read-a-thon. Hopefully students will have found some great titles either at the fair or in the library to keep their reading streak going!

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 exploring different fiction genres, Fourth grade will be learning about different kinds of folktales, and Fifth grade will be reviewing primary sources and reference tools.

Guidance

Mrs. Walton

From the Counselor's Corner

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

Kindergarten – We will be talking about the world of work and talking about many careers.

1st Grade – We will be focusing on careers.

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

3rd Grade – We will be connecting our interests with careers.

4th Grade – We will be researching careers.

5th Grade – We will be starting our discussion about careers.

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 February for showing responsibility at school.

Kindergarten – Charlotte Bennett

1st Grade – Maizie Berry and Cameron Emerson

2nd Grade – Chloe Steppe

3rd Grade – Juliette Jenkins and Bryden Reiter

4th Grade – Ruby Edwards and Brooke Mitchell

5th Grade – Tucker Wegmeyer

Health Clinic

Ms. Oliver

March is National Nutrition Month. Our students are able to make healthy and nutritious meal choices every day when eating school lunch. Consider 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 & 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!

SEARCH

Mrs. Mayo

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 Perceiving Key while playing a game titled Sort Three which focuses on identifying attributes. First graders will exercise their Perceiving Key while playing a 2D Tetris style game which will develop their visual spatial skills. In second grade, students will exercise their Logical Reasoning Key with an activity titled Pebble Math in which students will solve for an unknown number. Students in third and fourth grade will use their creative writing skills to complete a writing exercise which involves developing a "satisfying" end to a story prompt.

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.

