Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued support and we are looking forward to the warmer weather in March! As I visit the classrooms each day, I continue to be proud of the efforts from the students and they are showing excellent progress each week. Thank you for your work at home with your child.

In Ms. Oliver’s updates, she has reminded families that if you have any updated medical information, please share it with her. This includes if your child has received the vaccination for Covid. We appreciate your support with this information. I have reminded students each week that it is okay if students and staff choose to wear a mask and it is also okay for students and staff to not wear a mask. I appreciate the students showing respect on this topic each day for their classmates and for the staff.

Thank you to Mrs. Erdman for organizing our PTO Read a Thon! The Read a Thon ended on Friday, February 25 and the students did an amazing job with their reading for this event. Together, students have read for over 59,000 minutes and raised over $5,300! We appreciate the support for this event!

We are excited to host our next Tree of Life community service dinner on Thursday, March 3 at 5:00 p.m. We are in need of additional lasagna, ziti, salads, and desserts for this meal. Please see the link in the PTO article if you are able to bring a food item to Tree of Life at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Congratulations to Stella Scott who won the Lincoln spelling bee! Last week, Stella participated in a county regional spelling bee and she was one of the top twenty spellers. We wish Stella good luck as she participates in the LCPS spelling bee on Thursday, March 10.

Parents are invited to join us for our model rocket assembly on Wednesday, March 30. Sunjum Mehta, a senior at the Academies of Loudoun, will share his knowledge of model rockets. The program for grades K-2 will be held from 1:00-1:30 and the program for grades 3-5 will be from 1:30-2:00 p.m. The rocket launch will be held on the soccer field at 2:10 p.m. We are looking forward to this event!
Our next PTO meeting will be held online on Monday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. I welcome all Lincoln parents to attend and I hope to see you during this meeting! The Google meet code is LincolnPTO. If you have any questions, please call me at (540) 751-2430 or email me at Dave.Michener@lcps.org.

Sincerely,
Dave Michener

Calendar

February 25 PTO Read a Thon Ends
February 28 Chess Club K-5 2:35-3:35 p.m.
March 1 Math Olympiads 2:35-3:35 p.m.
March 3 Tree of Life Community Service Dinner 5:00 p.m.
March 7 No School for Students Teacher Professional Development Day
March 8 Math Olympiads 2:35-3:35 p.m.
March 14 Chess Club 2:35-3:35 p.m.
March 14 PTO Meeting Online 7:00 p.m. Lincoln PTO Google Meet Code
March 15 Math Olympiads 2:35-3:35 p.m.
March 16 Kindergarten Registration 8:30 a.m.
March 21 Chess Club 2:35-3:35 p.m.
March 22 Math Olympiads 2:35-3:35 p.m.
March 28 Chess Club 2:35-3:35 p.m.
March 29 Math Olympiads 2:35-3:35 p.m.
March 30 Model Rocket Assembly K-2 1:00-1:30 3-5 1:30-2:00 K-5 Launch 2:10
April 1 Special Permission Opens at 10:00 a.m. Online Process
April 4 Spring Class Picture Day with Lifetouch
April 4 Chess Club Will Not Meet Today
April 4 PTO Meeting Online 7:00 p.m. Lincoln PTO Google Meet Code
April 11-17 Spring Break No School
April 18 Teacher Work Day No School for Students
April 19 School Resumes
April 22 Lincoln PTO Earth Day
April 25 Last Chess Club Session 2:35-3:35 p.m.
April 29 Lincoln PTO Bingo Night 5:00-8:00 p.m.

PTO News
Here is what’s hot this month for the Lincoln PTO! For more information and access to all things PTO please reach out to one of your officers directly or click the link below to access PT board: https://lincoln.ptboard.com

Many of our families will be moving on from Lincoln and leaving behind several PTO vacancies including: Volunteer coordinator, After school Coordinator, Spirit Wear Sales (only twice a year commitment), PR & Social Media and LCL Liaison. If you have any questions or interest regarding these positions or any other please let the PTO know. Even if there’s a role already filled please speak up, some people will happily shift roles as needed.

PTO Elections will be held in May. Remember in order to vote you must attend a minimum of three meetings.

Congratulations to Stella Scott for winning the LES Spelling Bee! Be sure to wish her good luck as she moves ahead to try out for the County Spelling Bee! Best of luck Stella!

For those of you moving onto Middle School, BRMS is looking for parent PTO volunteers. Please reach out to Lori Erdman or BRMS directly for additional information.

Melanie Pawluk is currently compiling options for our Spring Spirit Wear Sales. If there is a particular item or color you’d like to see please let her know. Once selections have been made Spirit Wear sales are expected to begin around March 16th. We are excited to have our spring wear back before school is out!

Dania Hye is working diligently on the yearbook but still desperately in need of group photos. If you have any group photos of LES students please forward them to photosforlincoln@gmail.com. Ideally she would like to have photos taken on school property - the playground, special outdoor events, etc but if you’ve got a really good one please send it on.

Erica Scott is hosting another Italian Dinner Night for Tree of Life. This event is scheduled for March 3rd. Please check the sign up sheets for last minute openings for in person servers or meal sign ups. Tree of Life Dinner Sign Up

Grades 3-5 please keep an eye out from your room moms and/or our Parent/Teacher Liaison, Julie Reiter. She is organizing the Spring Teacher Luncheon and will need your help. We’re thinking Casa Tequila this time, yum!

Save the date:
- March 3: Tree of Life Dinner
- March 7: Teacher workday- No School
- March 14: Monthly PTO meeting
- March 16-April 3: Pending Spirit Wear Sales Dates
- April 1: Grade 3-5 Staff appreciation luncheon
- April 4: Monthly PTO meeting
- April 8: Deadline to order yearbook
April 11-18: Spring Break
May 2nd: First day of Teacher appreciation week

If ever you have a brilliant idea or need assistance beyond PT Board please feel free to reach out to our board members: Krista Ramey, President | Sara Brown, Vice President & School Board Liaison | Megan Calvert, Treasurer | Tiffany Fleming Woodcheke, Secretary | Erica Scott, Volunteer Coordinator | Lori Erdman, Director of Fundraising | Harriet Wegmeyer, After School Enrichment Activities | Christi Porter, PR & Social Media and LCL Liaison | Dania Hye, Yearbook Coordinator | Julie Reiter, Parent-Teacher Liaison | Melanie Pawluk, Spirit Wear Coordinator

Save the date: Our next PTO meeting will be held on Monday, March 14th at 7:00pm. As always it will be held virtually through your child’s chromebook or through your personal device if you have their account linked with your gmail. Google Meet: Lincoln PTO. Looking forward to new faces and fresh ideas!

Let’s keep healthy, happy and going to school!

Mrs. Clark
Physical Education

Happy March everyone! Our students this month will be moving on to volleyball and educational gymnastics. We will also start talking about nutrition as well. This past month, the students enjoyed learning about the Winter Olympics by participating in the PE versions of the biathlon, bobsledding, and curling. It was such a great time making the games come alive at Lincoln. We also worked on hockey skills as well as long jump rope. We had quite a busy month!
Please 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!

Counseling Connection
Mrs. Smith, School Counselor

To recap February lessons included working on school success such as active listening and following directions in all grades. Ask your students to “gimme 5”! Kindergarten and first grade also worked hard on the cha cha slide! Second grade worked on awesome pictures of strong emotions and what we can do with them! In grades 4-5, we are working on perspectives/points of view and conflict resolution - ask them about the perspective pictures the figured out together!
Moving into March, Kindergarten will continue to work on feelings and good habits! First and second grade students will enter our career exploration unit. In 3rd-5th grades, we will continue our career exploration units by working through our career artifacts. Please ask your students about their career exploration as we embark on this exciting unit! It is an exciting time of year as the evenings get lighter and sun shines brighter!

Health Clinic
Ms. Oliver

March is National Nutrition Month and March 7 – 11 is National School Breakfast Week. Our students can make healthy and nutritious meal choices every day when eating a school breakfast or 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 and trees before we know it! Plan 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 “About” then “Health Office” then “Health Services Forms” and “Health Documents”.

Thank you to our Lincoln parents and guardians who’ve provided me the documentation for your child’s Covid-19 Vaccination Record – it is very much appreciated – and I encourage you to please continue providing documentation of Covid-19 Vaccination when your child completes the series in 2022.
Have a happy and healthy March!

Music
Mr. Duggan

Music is ready for Spring! Fifth and fourth grade students are continuing to learn new complex rhythms including new combinations of eighth and sixteenth notes. They will also apply the creative process to xylophones, metallophones, and other barred percussion. Though not set in stone, we may be able to play recorders especially as the weather warms up consistently. Keep an eye out for an announcement regarding that. Third graders will continue practicing canons and sixteenth note rhythms and they will also practice a variety of folk dances adapted for safety. Second grade is working on alternating patterns and form in music and will experience all of the elemental forms in classroom music. First graders are continuing to read basic rhythmic notation and will apply steady beat to instruments. They will also begin identifying the pitches “Sol” and “Mi” using hand signs.
Thank you to the PTO for another successful Read-a-Thon! I love seeing the whole school celebrating their reading together.

As we move into March, K-2 will be finishing the Virginia Reader's Choice selections, and will continue making connections with more read-alouds. The upper grades have been exploring a variety of fiction and folktale genres. They will switch to working with reference tools, research skills, and website evaluations.

“Children should learn that reading is pleasure, not just something that teachers make you do in school”

~Beverly Cleary

Mrs. Cornell

The Power of Words

What is mankind's most powerful resource? Try to imagine a world without words. A strong basis in vocabulary helps all of us to achieve our creative potential. Here are a few suggestions to help our students increase their vocabularies and develop an appreciation for the richness of language.

- Comparing: There are many kinds and varieties of dictionaries and thesauruses. Take a trip to the library or bookstore to locate them. Students will enjoy comparing their usefulness and appropriateness in various situations.
- Exploring: Word investigators will also be interested in many other fascinating word books. The World Almanac Guide to Good Word Usage (Manser, 1989) is filled with good advice about how not to misuse, misspell, or mispronounce the English language. Ammer's (1989) fun reference book, It's Raining Cats and Dogs...And Other Beastly Expressions explains the origins of many animal-related expressions we use such as “dog days” and “eating crow.”
- Creating: Students will also enjoy comparing the large variety of alphabet books that contain the biggest and most sophisticated words they can find about subjects of high interest to them.
Madeleine L'Engle, author of *A Wrinkle in Time*, argues the case for the absolute and fundamental value of words in the lives of children: “The more limited our language is, the more limited we are; the more limited the literature we give our children, the more limited their capacity to respond, and therefore, in their turn, to create.”


March Birthdays

March 6 Ty
March 9 Magnus
March 12 Mr. Focer
March 13 Harrison
March 15 William
March 17 Ms. Bryant
March 18 Paul
March 23 Alev
March 28 Ms. Silver
March 28 Stella