

# Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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## Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the PTO and volunteers for organizing our staff appreciation week for May 2-May 6! We thank all staff members for all of their work throughout the year and we appreciate our PTO and parent volunteers for their help during this special week! We hope to see many moms at our PTO Muffins for Moms event on Friday, May 6. We thank all of our Lincoln moms!

We will have a musical program featuring our kindergarten, first, and second grade students on Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. The students are looking forward to this performance! Thank you to our PTO for providing the funds for the musician and storyteller Bill Wellington. The children enjoyed his music, creative stories, and poetry.

Please see the dates for the spring SOL tests for third, fourth, and fifth grades. On most days, the tests will start at 8:15 a.m. If you are interested in reviewing the test content and test taking skills, please go to the website [www.doe.virginia.gov](http://www.doe.virginia.gov) and type in SOL released tests in the search box.

Thank you for your support and please call me at (540) 751-2430 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dave Michener  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

5/2-5/6	Staff Appreciation Week
5/2-5/6	Book Fair
5/2	Tennis Club 2:40-3:45
5/3	K-2 Musical 7:00 p.m.
5/3	Animal Ambassadors 2:45-3:45
5/4	Sports Club 2:45-3:45
5/5	Spirit Day Fancy Dress Day
5/6	Muffins for Moms 7:15-7:45
5/6	Earth Day Activities 12:00-2:30
5/6	Talent Show Rehearsal 2:40-4:00
5/9	Tennis Club 2:40-3:45
5/10	Animal Ambassadors 2:45-3:45
5/11	PTO Meeting 8:00 a.m.
5/11	Sports Club 2:45-3:45
5/11	Strawberry Picking at the Wegmeyer Farm
5/13	Kindergarten Field Trip to the Wegmeyer Farm
5/13	Talent Show Rehearsal 2:40-4:00
5/16	Tennis Club 2:45-3:45
5/17	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade SOL Reading Test 8:15
5/18	Sports Club 2:45-3:45
5/19	Kindergarten Orientation 6:00 p.m.
5/19	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade SOL Reading Test 8:15
5/20	Lincoln Pride Day
5/20	Wear Green and Yellow
5/20	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade SOL Reading Test 8:15
5/24	Talent Show 6:30 p.m.
5/25	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Math SOL Test 8:15
5/25	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math SOL Test 8:15
5/25	Sports Club 2:45-3:45
5/26	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math SOL Test 8:15
5/26	PTO Picnic 5:00-7:00 p.m.
5/27	Spirit Day Wacky Socks Day
5/30	Memorial Day No School
5/31	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Virginia Studies SOL Test 8:15 a.m.
5/31	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science SOL Test 12:15 p.m.

## PTO News

### 🌸 MAY 2016 PTO HAPPENINGS 🌸

- **Teacher Appreciation Week:** May 2nd - 6th, 2016. This year's theme is "Hollywood, Our Teachers are Stars!" For our teachers, each day there will be a special food item treat and a daily gift card drawing. Swag bags and a dinner to go from South Street Deli on Thursday. A sign up genius has been posted on FB as well as sent via email. There are lots of opportunities to show our staff that they are stars!
- **Muffins for Mom:** A Big Thank You to our lovely Leopard Moms!! Friday, May 6th, 7:15-7:45am
- **Spirit Day - Fancy Dress Day** Thursday, May 5
- **Wegmeyer Farm Strawberry Picking** will celebrate with Lincoln by hosting a school spirit day! Wednesday, May 11th – after school. If you have never visited our very own Wegmeyer Lincoln Family Farm - you really should. Lots of fun, familiar faces and wonderful strawberries. The Wegmeyers have graciously offered a donation back to Lincoln children in support of this spirit day.
- **Next PTO meeting:** Wednesday, May 11th @ 8am @ Lincoln.
- **May Lincoln Pride Day:** Friday, May 20th
- **Dough Raising Domino's Night:** Our LAST One! Thursday Night, May 19th
- **Annual Talent Show:** Friday, May 20th. @ 6:30pm. After school practices, May 6th & 13th until 4pm.
- **May Spirit Day:** Friday, May 27th. Theme = Wacky Socks Day
- **NEW!!!** Picnic Dinner with your Lincoln Family on school grounds. Thursday, May 26, 5-7pm. @Lincoln. All are welcome! Cured Food Truck will be with us from 5-7pm. Cash and carry. Bring a blanket or a chair and some beverages. (10% of proceeds come back to LES.) This is a new event for our community, in an attempt to continue to foster a sense of pride, community & camaraderie. <https://www.facebook.com/Curedfoodtruck>
- **Earth Day** had to be rescheduled for this Friday, May 6. Children will participate in a full on petting zoo with animals all from our Lincoln Family - how neat is that! Pigs, lambs, goats, llamas, chickens, rabbits...Make natural bird feeders, relay trash race & snack on dirt and worms.
- **New Ping Pong Table:** PTO purchased an outdoor ping pong table from a yard sale for the kids to have something new to play with. By all accounts it has been a huge hit! In fact they would like a second one - please let us know if anyone has one up for sale. Please remind your children to be responsible and to take care of the paddles and balls and to use them appropriately; to be a good steward of their belongings...
- **New Front Sign:** the PTO is purchasing new signs for the brick facade! Anyone have a sign making business?
- **Lincoln Front Gardens Landscaping Update:**
  - Objective: Install a diverse mix of native and edible plants in the front flower beds for educational purposes and wildlife benefits. Design plantings to be low maintenance and serve as a model for other local schools.
  - Educational Component: We will engage the students in the process of planting and maintenance, and have them craft signs to identify the different native plants. Students will learn why it is important to plant natives, and the basics of soil biology.
    - Lesson 1: Choosing native plants for ecosystem benefits and beauty.
    - Lesson 2: Creating healthy soil; microbes, fungi & beyond.
    - Lesson 3: Identifying Native Insects
  - 3 lessons taught by Pete Walton of LCPR and Legacy Fruit trees.

- Plants will include Strawberries, Purple Coneflower, Milkweed, Virginia Bluebells, Clover, Comfrey, Bee Balm, Rutabaga, Wild Blue Phlox, Mountain Mint and be sourced from Watermark Woods & Legacy Fruit Trees
- **After School & Enrichment:**
  - After school Tennis Club & Wild Bunch wraps up another successful club in May.
  - May Sports Club sponsored by Coach Harris. Wednesdays in May (4, 11, 18, 25). One hour session. Each week will feature a water activity.
  - **NEW!!** American Sign Language after-school Club: Fridays (May 13, 20, 27 & June 3). This offering is currently full.

Sincerely,  
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### **Mrs. Fuller Art News**

First grade artists are learning about collage and cutting paper. We are creating flower bouquets. We are learning about monarch butterflies and have created monoprint monarchs. Second grade artists are creating rural landscapes in oil pastel and watercolor. Then we will be creating urban landscapes as well. Third grade artists are creating their own Olympic medals out of foil. This process is called foil repousee. They will be moving into a clay unit soon where we will be working on hand built projects. Fourth grade artists are learning to weave in colored burlap. We are learning about narrative weavings. We recently finished posters for the Keep Loudoun Beautiful contest. Fifth grade artists are working on their clay castles and are in the glazing process. They will be creating monochromatic landscapes as well as weaving in the round.

### **P.E. Coach Harris**

April is over and 4th and 5th graders are starting spring physical fitness testing. First, Second and Third graders are learning basic racket skills. Field day information is coming soon. Please make sure students are dressed properly for P.E.

### **Library Mrs. Dillon**

April has been a busy month in our small school library. We have been reviewing reference tools, celebrating National Poetry Month, and reading books about the environment. We are getting excited about our upcoming book fair, which will be open Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. As usual, the fair will be open before school, during lunch (after lunch has been eaten), and after school. Parents are welcome to visit and/or shop any time. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help!

“It is spring again. The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart.”  
~ Rainer Maria Rilke

**Music**  
**Mrs. Stetz**

It is hard to believe that we are already well into the fourth quarter. Time flies when you are having fun! Kindergarten, first, and second graders have been working hard to learn the lines and music for their show. They will be presenting the musical, *E I E I Oops* on Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to join us for a fun evening of music. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders focused on canons and solfege syllables (do re mi so and la) in April. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders learned new notes on the recorder. I am so impressed with how far they have come. In the month of May, all grade levels will be playing the ukulele. In addition, the first graders will be introduced to the quarter rest. The second graders will be working on tempo and reviewing some music vocabulary words such as accent and D.C al fine. The third graders will sing and play octaves on mallet instruments. The fourth and fifth graders will be finishing up their recorder unit.

**May Birthdays**

1	Alyssa Iverson		20	Ayden Iverson
5	Cole Hamblin		20	Grace Kestler
10	Jack Thornton		21	Nathan Scholz
10	Alexa Blome		22	Chase Broaddus
17	Sammy Marvil		22	Madeleine McKnight
20	Torsten Wegmeyer		31	Shea Wynn

**Guidance - Mrs. Walton**

Be true to your work, your word, and your friend.  
-Henry David Thoreau

Our character word of the month for April has been Trustworthiness. Here are some things that were shared with the students during class and guidance lessons to help them understand what it means to be a trustworthy citizen.

Trustworthiness means...

- Being honest- Telling the truth (even when it's hard)
- Being reliable. Do what you say you'll do.
- Having courage to do the right thing.
- Building a good reputation.
- Being loyal. Stand by your family, friends, and country.

Thank you to these students who were selected Student of the Month for April for showing trustworthiness.

Kindergarten – Campbell Hewatt and Colden Wegmeyer

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Abbey Davis and Jack Compton

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Sarah McFadden and Tucker Wegmeyer

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Emily Ackman and Hudson Walker

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Aliina Adams and Cole Hamblin

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Charlotte Dattilo and William McFadden

Looking ahead to May, our character word will be cooperation.

### **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 meeting is scheduled for May 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the LCPS 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.