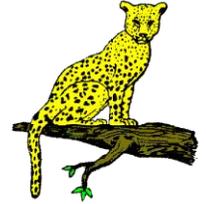


Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Thank you to Mrs. Everline, the Lincoln PTO, parent volunteers, guests, students, and staff for an excellent Earth Day! The students enjoyed all of the activities. I appreciate the effort to organize all of the stations for the students! Thank you also to our PTO and volunteers for a great start to Staff Appreciation Week this week!

A reminder that we will be having SOL testing in May. Please make sure your child is well rested and eats a nutritious breakfast on the morning of each test. Remind your child to work slowly (each test is untimed) and to try their best!

The teachers will be organizing a new event at the end of the year this year that will focus on a camping theme with STEM activities, storytelling, and a walk for students through the town of Lincoln. We are planning this for June 8 in the afternoon and kindergarten students are invited back with a parent. Please email me if you have a tent we may borrow for this event. Please also contact me if you know a local storyteller.

During the rest of the school year, please also make every effort to schedule trips and appointments on days and times when school is not in session. Thank you for your support with this issue.

I encourage everyone to follow Lincoln Elementary on Twitter @Lincoln_ES. I am using Twitter to post photos of school activities throughout the year!

Sincerely,

Dave Michener

Upcoming Events

- 5/1-5/5 Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/1 Bugz Music Program Kindergarten, First, and Second Grades 7:00 p.m.
- 5/2 Tennis Club Grades 1-3
- 5/3 Wildlife Bunch 2:45 p.m.
- 5/3 Kindergarten Orientation 6:30 p.m.
- 5/4 School Panoramic Picture 10:00 a.m.
- 5/4 Tennis 2:45 p.m.
- 5/5 Pokemon Club 2:45 p.m.
- 5/9 Tennis 2:45 p.m.
- 5/10 Grade 4 Reading SOL Test 8:30 a.m.
- 5/10 Strawberry Picking at Wegmeyer Farm
- 5/10 Girl Scouts 2:45 p.m.
- 5/10 Wildlife Bunch 2:45 p.m.
- 5/11 Grade 5 Reading SOL Test 8:30 a.m.
- 5/11 Tennis 2:45 p.m.
- 5/12 PTO Muffins for Moms 7:10-7:45
- 5/12 Pokemon Club 2:45 p.m.
- 5/15 PTO Meeting 8:00 a.m.
- 5/16 Tennis 2:45 p.m.
- 5/17 Grade 4 Virginia Studies SOL 8:30 a.m.
- 5/17 Interims Sent Home
- 5/17 Wildlife Bunch 2:45 p.m.
- 5/18 Grade 5 Science SOL Test 8:30 a.m.
- 5/18 Tennis 2:45 p.m.
- 5/19 Grade 3 Math SOL Test 8:30 a.m.
- 5/19 Pokemon Club 2:45 p.m.
- 5/23 Grade 3 Reading SOL Test 8:30 a.m.
- 5/24 Grade 5 Math SOL Test 8:30 a.m.
- 5/24 Wildlife Bunch 2:45 p.m.
- 5/25 Grade 4 Math SOL Test 8:30 a.m.
- 5/25 Domino's Night
- 5/25 Tennis 2:45 p.m.
- 5/26 Pokemon Club 2:45 p.m.
- 5/29 Memorial Day Holiday No School
- 5/31 Girl Scouts
- 6/5 Field Day
- 6/6 Field Day Rain Date
- 6/7 School Trip K-5 to Udvar Hazy
- 6/8 Lincoln "Camp" Activities
12:00-2:20 p.m.
- 6/9 Last Day of School for Students
- 6/9 Fifth Grade End of Year Program
12:30-2:30 p.m.**
- 6/12 Teacher Work Day
- 6/13 Teacher Work Day
- 6/15 Report Cards Mailed Home

PTO News

April 2017

PTO Notes

Earth Day

Lincoln students celebrated Earth Day on Friday, April 21 by participating in activities at Earth friendly stations such as creating "Earth Balls" and pinecone bird feeders. All students and staff received special Earth Day T-shirts created by our very own Erin Everline! We hope that everyone enjoys them and we have a few extras for sale if anyone would like one. A huge thank you to Erin Everline for coordinating all new stations and to all the volunteers that made the day a success!

Lincoln students care about the environment and have been busy this month caring for our local community and the environment. Girl Scout Troop 6215 collected 18 giant bags of litter and Cub Scout Pack 975, Den 6 also collected litter and recyclables for the Keep Loudoun Beautiful initiative.

PTO Nomination Forms

If you have ever considered wanting to make a more consistent commitment to helping the school and having a direct role in shaping the programs being offered, please consider joining the PTO. The 2017-2018 Board Members will be voted on in May. The nomination form is due on 5/3/17. If you are interested in any role on next year's PTO Board please contact Cara Orenzuk, caraorenzuk@gmail.com.

Trex Recycling Program

Lincoln Elementary collected 2,540 lbs of soft plastics. While we did not win the Trex recycling bench, we hope our children learned the value and ease of recycling and we look forward to offering this program next year. I know that I'll be saving my bags this summer!

School Board Meetings

A big thank you to Kristin, Cara, and Sara for attending the School Board meetings and representing Lincoln Elementary School during budget discussions. Their consistent presence at the meetings demonstrates the school's dedication and commitment to remaining a strong part of the western Loudoun community. As of April 24, the 2017/2018 Budget was adopted and incorporates Full Day Kindergarten at 82% system-wide, which means at least one full day kindergarten class will be held at all western Loudoun schools.

Spirit Day at Wegmeyer Farms

On May 10th, Wegmeyer Farms will be holding a strawberry picking Spirit Day for Lincoln Elementary. Come out to our neighborhood farm to support our school and to pick delicious strawberries!

Auction Success

Families enjoyed an evening of friendship, good food, and a little competition as they bid on fantastic baskets and experiences at the Lincoln Auction at Otium Cellars. A great time was had by all, and in the spirit of community, the PTO raised over \$6000 to fund programs for the students. Thanks to everyone who was able to come out in support of the school.

Reminders

- May PTO Meeting will be held May 15th at 8am. Elections for next year's Board will take place.
- Muffins with Mom! May 12th from 7:10-7:45AM – LES.
- Please continue sending in Box Tops and don't forget to continue collecting them over the summer!
- Final Dominos Dough Raising Night will be May 25th.

Arbor Day

Congratulations to the following students who were winners in the county Arbor Day poster contest: Ashley Galletta, Madi McKnight, Aly Iverson, Cohen Ballinger, Emme Hallett, and Emory Hill. Their efforts were recognized by Lincoln and also by the county at a special program last week!

P.E. Mrs. Clark

It's hard to believe it is already May! Our students have been getting active during PE with basketball and golf skills. For the month of May, we will be focusing on learning about the five components of fitness: cardiorespiratory endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility, and body composition.

With the weather making it easier for us to go outdoors, we will be having PE out in the field or on the blacktop most days. If students would like they can bring a hat for outdoor PE days. As always, please remind them to wear sneakers on PE days as well. Have a wonderful May!

Mrs. Clark

Art Ms. Schiavo

Thanks for everyone who attended the Loudoun Valley High School Cluster Art Show on Saturday, April 22. The "Night of the Arts" was a fun way to show our community how creative

Lincoln Elementary kids can be! Lincoln had 40+ pieces of work (2D and 3D) in the show. Way to go young artists!

In May, students in all grades will learn more about printmaking. For the younger artists, we will make collograph prints that represent spring themes. For children in grades 3 and up, we will learn about gel printing and foam printing to create a collage.

Health Clinic Specialist
Mrs. Oliver

May! May? What is that you say? May is **Better Hearing and Speech** month and it is **Healthy Vision** month. Parents of our 5th grade students- please update your child's immunization records in preparation for entering Middle School by providing Ms. Oliver with record of receiving the **Tdap booster vaccine**. **Please note:** *All parents of any student are encouraged to provide updated physical & immunization records for your child to Ms. Oliver any time throughout the school year- keeping all our Lincoln Leopards heathy & safe.*

Have a Happy, Healthy and Safe May *and* Memorial Day Weekend!

Guidance
Mrs. Walton

“Character is doing the right thing when nobody’s looking.” – J.C. Watts

Our character word of the month for April has been Integrity. 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 citizen with integrity.

Integrity means...

- You do what you say you are going to do
- Your “yes” means yes and your “no” means no

What does integrity look like:

- Keeping your commitments
- Telling the truth
- Taking a stand for what’s right – even when it’s not popular
- Doing your best in whatever you do
- Doing what’s right even when no one is looking

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

Kindergarten – Evelyn O’Rourke and Christian Colley

1st Grade – Eli Field and Carter Junk

2nd Grade – Kendall MacMillin and Bryna Sheehan

3rd Grade – Emme Hallett and Ayden Iverson

4th Grade – Madeleine McKnight and Hudson Walker

5th Grade – Domina Mallette and Brian Harrell

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

Music
Mrs. Stetz

It is hard to believe that we are already well into the 4th quarter. Time flies when you are having fun! K, 1st and 2nd graders have been working hard to learn the lines and music for their show. They will be presenting the musical, *BUGZ*, on Monday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to join us for a fun evening of music. The 3rd graders focused on reading and playing music using solfege and learned about octaves. The 4th and 5th 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 1st graders will be introduced to the new solfege syllable la while also reviewing mi and so. The 2nd graders will be working on tempo and reviewing some music vocabulary words such as accent and D.C al fine. The 3rd graders will sing and play octaves on mallet instruments. The 4th and 5th graders will concentrate on writing rhythms and also reviewing music vocabulary terms.

I would also like to congratulate Lizzie Brubaker and Hannah Maison for representing Lincoln in the Elementary All County Chorus. They learned 9 pieces of music including several in different languages. The concert was beautiful and I am so proud of their dedication and hard work. Way to go, girls!

May Birthdays



1	Aly
5	Cole
10	Alexa
20	Ayden
20	Grace
20	Torsten
21	Eli
21	Nathan
22	Madi
25	Trinity
31	Shea

June Birthdays

1	Mrs. Stetz
4	Manny
9	Mr. Michener
12	Meredith
15	Julia
15	Dr. Farrell
17	Nathaniel
17	Mrs. Lanigan
19	Ruby
27	Kyle

Library Mrs. Dillon

April has been a busy month. We have been reviewing reference tools in preparation for the SOL's, celebrating National Poetry Month, and reading books about the environment.

In May we will be wrapping up projects, focusing on some fun new titles, getting outdoors for some reading and nature exploration, and getting ready for summer reading. Hamilton won third place overall last year in Loudoun County Public Library's summer reading challenge, and I take that as a direct challenge!

"It is spring again. The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart."

~ Rainer Maria Rilke