

Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support during the first month of school! We have been busy in each classroom with many excellent activities! Thank you to our PTO for organizing many after school clubs for students! We have many students participating in our sports club, running club, music club, and drama club.

On Friday, October 30, our PTO will hold a Fall Festival from 12:00-2:30 p.m. This is a wonderful Lincoln tradition and the students and staff are looking forward to this event! Kindergarten students are invited to come back to school with a parent for this event.

I encourage each family to continue to read each evening. One of my current favorite books for upper elementary students is The Book Scavenger by Jennifer Bertman. This is an interesting adventure story.

Our next PTO meeting is Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. All parents are invited to attend! Please contact me at (540) 751-2430 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dave Michener

Upcoming Events

10/2	Theaterpalooza 2:45-5:00
10/5	Minecraft Club 2:45-3:45
10/6	Sports Club 2:45-3:45
10/7	Running Club 2:45-3:45
10/7	PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
10/9	Theaterpalooza 2:45-5:00
10/12	Columbus Day Holiday No School
10/13	Sports Club 2:45-3:45
10/14	Running Club 2:45-3:45
10/16	Green and Yellow Dress Day
10/16	Theaterpalooza 2:45-5:00
10/19	Minecraft Club 2:45-3:45
10/20	Sports Club 2:45-3:45
10/21	First/Second Grade Trip to Wayside Farm
10/21	Running Club 2:45-3:45
10/22	Domino's Night
10/23	Spirit Day College Dress Day
10/23	Theaterpalooza 2:45-5:00
10/26	Minecraft Club 2:45-3:45
10/27	Sports Club 2:45-3:45
10/28	Running Club 2:45-3:45
10/30	Marking Period Ends
10/30	PTO Fall Festival 12:00-2:30
10/30	Theaterpalooza 2:40-5:00
11/2	Teacher Work Day No School
11/3	Teacher Work Day No School


Transportation Change Reminder

If there is a change in your child's transportation, please call the front office by 1:45 p.m. You may also send in a note signed by a parent with a transportation change. If you have a change with a kindergarten transportation situation, please call the office by 9:00 a.m.

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 planned for Wednesday, October 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 October Birthday to

				
1	Abigail		12	Sarah M.
2	Reagan		12	Riley
2	Arleigh		16	Lilah
6	Solenna		20	Ethan
7	Ethan		30	Iman
Staff Members:				

PTO CORNER / OCTOBER 2015

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PTO BOARD & CHAIRS

Cara Orenzuk - President (caraorenzuk@gmail.com)

Jeanne Dattilo - VP (jeddattilo@yahoo.com)

Jenea Harrell - VP, Volunteer Services (jeneaharrell@yahoo.com)

Jeanie Palmer - Treasurer (palmer08@aol.com)

Liz Little - Secretary (lizlittle73@gmail.com)

Teacher & Family Liaison - Annie Hewatt

Spirit Wear - Julie Reiter

Directory - Deanne Iverson

Vendor Fundraising Chair - Susan Ackman

After School & Enrichment - Sara Brown

Science Fair - Leslie McFadden

Yearbook - Deanne Iverson & Pete Galletta

Lincoln's PTO has kicked off the school year in high gear! NINE important updates here!

1. **Fall Fundraiser:** Gold Canyon Candle order forms are due Oct. 8th. Candle price is \$20/candle, no tax and checks should be made payable to Lincoln PTO. Lincoln Elementary School makes an INCREDIBLE \$8.00 on each candle. If each family ordered 5 candles our children would benefit from an additional \$3600 in resources. So, go ahead and shop early for the Holidays!
2. **After-school Activities:** Running Club on Wednesday, Sports Club on Tuesday, Music Classes(guitar, piano, & violin) on Monday & Theaterpalooza (The Velveteen Rabbit) on Friday. Minecraft starting soon. If you have questions, please contact Sara Brown (sarabrown8@aol.com).
3. **CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!!** The yearbook needs a parent or two from each class to take pictures throughout the year in order for each class to have pictures included in the yearbook! PLEASE sign up for any class you would be willing to take photos of throughout the school year. A signup genius was emailed out last week.
4. **Lincoln Pride Day & Spirit Day:** NEW THIS YEAR, we will have **Lincoln Pride Day** every third Friday of the month. October's will be on Oct. 16th. On Lincoln Pride Day, wear any and all Lincoln spirit wear. Then, every fourth Friday of the month will be a **Spirit Day** with a different theme. October's Spirit Day, the 23rd, is favorite college dress day.
5. **Teacher Appreciation:** Wednesday, Oct. 21st. Every month, one of our classes hosts a lunch for the teachers as a THANK-YOU! Thank you SECOND GRADE for hosting October's lunch!
6. **Dining for Dollars & More:** This year, we are partners with Domino's again! **October's Domino's night is Thursday, 10/22.** Each month, we have an opportunity to chow down on some yummy pizza while financially supporting Lincoln. 20% of all purchases get donated back to LES! We will be tracking the money earned per grade for a year end PIZZA PARTY for the winning class. Also, please send in ALL BOX TOPS by 10/9 for your September prize. Don't forget to link your grocery cards (Harris Teeter, Giant, Target, etc...) to Lincoln Elementary School. Every little bit helps- last year these programs brought in over \$2000.
7. **A2Z Directory:** Please download the A2Z App School Directory. Information is literally at your fingertips. Paper copies of the school directory will be available soon. If you need a link or help, please contact Deanne Iverson (twoiversons@verizon.net).
8. **2015-2016 Room Moms:** **K** = Annie Hewatt, Julie Reiter, & Janelle Junk, **1st** = Kris Colio & Susan Strong, **2nd** = Kris Colio & Annie Hewatt, **3rd**= Margey O'Brien, **4th** = Cathleen Kelly, **5th** = Heidi Grisius & ML Thornton. A BIG Thank-You to these awesome volunteers!
9. **One Last Note:** Our next PTO meeting is Wednesday night, 10/7 at 6:30pm at Lincoln Elementary School. All PTO meeting minutes are posted in the PTO tab on the Lincoln Elementary School website.



Art

It's a wonderful and creative start to the school year in the art room!

K-5th grade artists drew their self-portraits and most received back their self-portraits from last year (unless they were Kindergarten last year) . They were surprised at how much they've grown!

We are starting the Original Works program in the art room. This is an opportunity for you to enjoy your child's artwork on everything from a coffee mug to a magnet while raising money for Lincoln. The art will come home in October and a letter explaining the program too.

Here is what each grade is working on for Original Works:

1st-lighthouse drawings

2nd-jungle drawings

3rd-watercolor and pen flowers (new!)

4th-Under the sea drawing/paintings

5th-Symmetrical animal drawings

Music

We are off to a great start in music! The first graders are progressing beautifully with beat, pitch matching and forte/piano. In October, they will be learning about the four ways to use their voice while continuing their practice of the steady beat on unpitched rhythm instruments and mallet instruments. Second grade students will continue working on playing and reading rhythms. They will also be playing broken borduns on mallet instruments and reviewing mi, so, la patterns. The third, fourth, and fifth graders will begin learning music for their musical coming up on Tuesday, November 17 in addition to other musical concepts (see the music page on the Lincoln Elementary website for information regarding nine week concepts). Please look for more detailed information in the coming weeks about their show, "A Kid's Life."

P.E.

September is over and Lincoln students have been extremely active in PE. Students were given the opportunity to perform ball skills, manipulative skills and teamwork skills. Activities included golf, playground safety and low organizational games. Sports club has started and running club has also started. All students who are staying after school for clubs will need to bring a note from home stating so. Please make sure students are dressed properly for PE.

Guidance

From the Counselor's Corner

“Intelligence is not enough. Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education.”
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Character is a set of qualities, or values, that shape our thoughts, actions, reactions and feelings. People with strong character:

- show compassion,
- are honest and fair,
- display self-discipline in setting and meeting goals,
- make good judgements,
- show respect to others,
- show courage in standing up for beliefs,
- have a strong sense of responsibility,
- are good citizens who are concerned for their community, and
- maintain self-respect.

Each month at Lincoln, we will have a character word of the month to focus on in the classrooms and around school. During the month of September our character word has been Courtesy. All throughout the school discussions about courtesy have been happening, whether it is during a guidance lesson, in the classroom with the teacher or the students are hearing about it on the morning announcements, our students are learning about what courtesy means.

This year we will continue our Student of the Month program but with a slight change. Every month 2 students will be selected from each classroom who display the character word of the month in the classroom and throughout the school. Student names are announced on the morning announcements, their pictures are displayed for the month and they get to take home a Lincoln character sign to place in their yard for a month. Thank you to these students who were selected Student of the Month for September for showing courteous behavior.

Kindergarten – Christopher Fink and Harper Ostrander

1st Grade – Elliana Leach and Cedar Everline

2nd Grade – Olivia Creese and Brady Harrell

3rd Grade – Addison Bilek and Torsten Wegmeyer

4th Grade – McKenna Palmer and Declan Gustavson

5th Grade – Hannah Walker and Clay Grisius

Looking ahead to October, our character word will be responsibility.

SEARCH

Starting the Year off Right in SEARCH

It's back to school time and time for lots of new, exciting opportunities and experiences in SEARCH. Many parents have questions about the Loudoun County Public Schools gifted program at this time. A good place to start would be at the LCPS gifted website: <http://www.lcps.org/page/627> Most questions that you, as a parent, might have about LCPS gifted programs can be answered by looking around the gifted website.

If you are new to SEARCH, however, let me assure you that EVERY child in grades K-4 will participate in SEARCH every other week. SEARCH teachers offer ALL students the same opportunity to "work within the classroom to stimulate curiosity, practice problem solving strategies, incorporate cooperative learning activities, provide opportunities for students to use higher level thinking skills, and to identify students with exceptional ability. During the lessons the primary classroom teacher makes observations to gain insight into the students' various skills, strengths, and learning styles. Both teachers work cooperatively to recognize and develop the potential for excellence in each student." (LCPS Gifted Education Website)

What can you do, as a parent, to make the school year, and the new SEARCH year, start off well? A recent article in Psychology Today has some good tips <http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/your-brain-childhood/201208/the-developmental-psychologists-back-school-shopping-list>):

1. *"Praise Children For Their Effort, Not Their Intelligence"*: When your child brings home work he did in SEARCH, ask your child to explain what the concept was, what he learned. Praise your child for the effort he made, not for getting everything "right." There will never be a time in a child's life when effort won't help him achieve his goals.
2. *"Make Learning Meaningful, Not Rewarded"* : Help your child want to work at mastering new concepts for the joy of learning, not because you have promised a material reward (money, extra privileges, etc.) . Your child will spend many years in school, and she won't always get a material reward for working hard at learning a quadratic formula or a new conjugation. Students need to have an intrinsic desire to learn, not because of a reward, but because of the feeling of competence gained from mastering new material. Help your child understand the benefits of working hard and working toward a goal.
3. *Encourage Curiosity*: At one point in every parent's life, there has been the thought that you just can't stand one more "why" question, but try to be patient and encourage your child to keep asking "why." All scientific discoveries have begun with a question wondering "why" something happens, or "what if" someone did this, then what would happen? Don't just encourage your child to ask why, encourage him to find out the answers for himself. Encourage him to gain the skills and the intellectual tools to explore his wonderings.
4. *Encourage Physical Activity*: Both at school and at home, make sure your child has plenty of opportunities to engage in free outside play and plenty of time for vigorous physical activity. " Studies show that East Asian elementary-schoolers, who outperform American children on standardized tests, are given more recess breaks than American children." Keep your child outside and active every day!

Have a wonderful school year, and a wonderful year in SEARCH!

The Lincoln Elementary School administration and staff are dedicated to continuous school improvement. A formal School Improvement Plan has been developed by staff and parents. 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.

October 2015 Parent Calendar Lincoln (540) 751-2430 Hillsboro (540) 751-2560

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mr. Michener at Lincoln 7:00-11:00 M-W 7:00-4:30 Thursday				1	2 Friday Folders Theaterpalooza 2:45-500	3
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