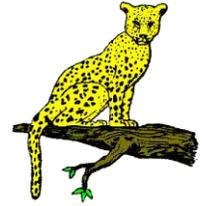


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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the Lincoln PTO, parent volunteers, and fifth grade students for organizing a special Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night last night! The Lincoln students and families enjoyed the delicious food and bingo. This event has become a Lincoln tradition and I appreciate all of the efforts from our volunteers! It was also special to see many Lincoln alumni at this event.

Thank you to Mrs. Reiter and parent volunteers for organizing our Souper Bowl food drive! The students have enjoyed participating in this event and it is also a great opportunity for students to practice their math skills as they recorded the points for each class. Thank you to Mrs. Iverson and the PTO for organizing the Read-a-Thon. The Read-a-Thon will end on Friday, March 2 which is also Dr. Seuss' birthday.

For Valentine's Day, a reminder that if your child is bringing in valentines, please bring in a card for each child. Also, candy may not be attached to the cards.

Our fifth grade students recently participated in a school geography bee and spelling bee. Meredith Kula was our school winner for the geography bee and spelling bee! Meredith will compete in the LCPS Spelling Bee on March 1.

Our next PTO meeting will be held on Thursday, February 15th at 8:00 a.m. All parents are invited to attend. Please contact me at (540) 751-2430 if you have any questions or concerns. I encourage each family to continue to follow Lincoln on Twitter @Lincoln_ES. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Dave Michener

Upcoming Events

1/26-3/2	PTO Read-a-Thon
2/2	Souper Bowl Food Drive Ends
2/2	Drama Club 2:45-4:30 p.m.
2/6	Young Rembrandts Art Class 2:45-3:45
2/6	Odyssey of the Mind
2/7	Report Cards Sent Home
2/9	Drama Club 2:45-4:30 p.m.
2/12	Fifth Grade Field Trip to the Carver Center 9:15-11:30 a.m.
2/13	Second Grade CoGat Testing 8:15-9:30 a.m.
2/13	Odyssey of the Mind
2/13	LCPS Finance and Facilities Meeting 3:00 p.m.
2/13	Young Rembrandts Art Class 2:45-3:45
2/14	Valentine's Day
2/14	Second Grade CoGat Testing 8:15-9:30 a.m.
2/15	PTO Meeting 8:00 a.m.
2/15	Second Grade CoGat Testing 9:00-10:00 a.m.
2/15	Chess Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
2/16	Drama Club 2:45-4:30 p.m.
2/19	President's Day Holiday No School
2/20	Odyssey of the Mind
2/20	Young Rembrandts Art Class 2:45-3:45
2/21	Class Picture Day
2/21	Girl Scouts
2/21	Boy Scouts
2/22	Chess Club 2:45-3:45
2/22	Moveable Monday Schedule for Specials
2/23	Drama Club 2:45-4:30
2/26-3/2	Read Across America Week
2/26-3/2	Book Fair
2/26	Wacky Socks Day
2/27	Wear a Hat Day
2/28	Wacky Wednesday Wear Mismatched Clothes Day
3/1	Chess Club 2:45-3:45
3/1	Dress as a Dr. Seuss Character
3/2	Wear Red, White, and Black
3/2	Dr. Seuss' Birthday
3/2	Read-a-Thon Ends
3/2	Drama Club 2:45-4:30 p.m.
3/21	Kindergarten Registration

PTO Notes

The PTO Board is busy! Our fundraising events are being planned & we're excited to see all of our families participate. Also upcoming is the annual fundraiser auction. We are in the early planning phases and more details will be coming for this early springtime event.

The food drive ends on Friday, Feb 2 and the class with the most points wins a pizza lunch. Has your student registered for the Read-a-Thon? The event runs until March 2 and is a great way to promote reading with your students while raising money for our school. See the flyer that went home or the email from Mr. Michener for details on how to log on & get your student going with this event.

Please review the PTO facebook page for updates on the LCPS budget process, and updates on the finance and facilities committee's effort to define a policy for the retirement of schools. This policy could affect the future of our school. Your attention and input is appreciated. The next finance and facilities committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13 at 3:00 p.m. at the LCPS administration building.

Activities Update:

After School **Art Club**: Young Rembrandts meeting started on January 30 for our art enthusiasts. This is a 6-week session on Tuesdays after school.

The after-school **Drama Club**, organized by Ms. Stetz is full! The club will be meeting on Mondays after school.

Chess Club will be running from Feb 15 – March 22 on Thursdays after school.

Does your child love to dance? We're gauging interest in an after school **Hip Hop** class. Contact Cassandra Ludtke for more information and participation.

We have more to come! Keep an eye out for coming announcements.

Volunteers Needed:

- Planning meetings are underway for the PTO auction. If you can help join us for the next meeting on Feb 19. See the PTO Facebook page for details.
- We are looking for assistance for the Science Fair. If you can help organize this event let us know. It takes place in March. Dates TBD.

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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 Wednesday, February 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.

Ms. Bright-Blazek The Lincoln Art Room

Lincoln Art projects are a plenty. All students are in different stages of glazing or painting their fired clay pieces. Fifth grade students are currently working on a cover for the Leopard Yearbook. The final cover is due February 14th. Selection will be made soon after this date. While fourth grade students are waiting for their clay pieces to be fired, they are learning about making many tints of blue. The result will be a painted winter wonderland. Third grade students are using math in art. They learned that snowflakes are symmetrical and can be made by first using a hexagon shape. There are 80 different varieties of snowflakes. Students were introduced to the author Kenneth Libbrecht, and we read his book, [The Art of the Snowflake](#). He is known for microscopically photographing real snowflakes to show their intricate beauty. Second graders will be painting their clay owls with mixed media. Currently they are finishing their faux snow globes. First graders are about to paint a cardinal in a snow storm. Kindergarten students are finishing matching mitten designs.

Happy February Birthdays to

2	Addy		14	Jackson
2	Mrs. Clark		18	Dylan
3	Alex		26	Liam
6	Taryn		27	Tucker



Health Clinic Specialist Ms. Oliver

Smile ☺

February is ***National Children's Dental Health Month***- the *American Dental Association* (ADA) sponsors this annual month-long event to raise awareness and promote the development of good habits that help our children begin a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums.

February is also ***American Heart Month*** and here at Lincoln Elementary we encourage participation in daily healthy lifestyle choices throughout your child's school day- recess, physical education class, our school lunch program, and many of our PTO sponsored afterschool enrichment programs- that promote the importance of staying active and eating healthy.

Developing healthy nutrition and physical activity habits early will last a lifetime...and it is never too late to start ☺

Have a happy, healthy and safe February!

P.E.
Mrs. Clark

February is National Heart Month. What a great time to sit down with your family and talk about the importance of nutrition and regular exercise! An excellent website full of information, recipes, and activities is <https://www.choosemyplate.gov/> For the month of February, we will be talking about our hearts and what things we can do to keep them healthy through lifestyle choices.

In addition to healthy heart talk this month, we will be playing hockey, as well as learning about other Winter Olympics sports all with a PE twist! I hope you and your family will get to chance to watch our own American athletes as they compete in PyeongChang, South Korea. Have a winter wonderful February!

Music
Mrs. Stetz

January was a rockin' month in music! The first grade students learned about the families and instruments of the orchestra. In second grade, we focused on solfege (do re mi so). The third grade students were introduced to treble clef note names. The fourth graders prepared for the recorder unit by reviewing note names.

In February, the first and second grade students will focus on learning the songs for their musical, *Circus Circus*, which will be presented on Monday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. Third grade students will spend time learning about jazz music and improvisation. This will also include reviewing instruments of the orchestra. The fourth and fifth grade students will begin their recorder unit. This is always a fun time!

Mrs. Walton
From the Counselor's Corner

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

Kindergarten – We will be talking about what makes us special.

1st Grade – We will be discussing feelings and how to handle feelings appropriately.

2nd Grade – We will be finishing up our discussions about growth mindset.

3rd Grade – We will be learning about the power of yet, and growth mindset.

4th Grade – We will be discussing how our brain works when we have a growth mindset.

5th Grade – We will be presenting a program to the seniors at the Carver Center.

Student of the Month

Thank you to these students, who were selected Student of the Month for January, for showing kindness to others.

Kindergarten – Madelyn Hye and Chase Youngman

1st Grade – Alicia Ocasio and Austin Carroll

2nd Grade – Nikka Mallette and Christopher Fink

3rd Grade – Ashley Galletta and Michael Groat

4th Grade – Joanna Ring and Andrew Mazzara

5th Grade – Malayna Smith and Madeleine McKnight

Mrs. Mayo

SEARCH

In SEARCH class, our Lincoln leopards will continue to focus on the thinking keys: connecting, reasoning, creating, perceiving, and evaluating. SEARCH lessons help students learn to solve problems and think about learning in creative and flexible ways.

If you are the parent of a third, fourth, or fifth grader and would like to submit a parent referral, please visit <https://www.lcps.org/Page/617> for more information about the screening process. The referral window is open from February 20-March 2, 2018.

Mrs. Dillon

Library

Happy February!

We will be offering valentines in the library again this month. Any student who reads a book can fill out a “You’ll Love This Book” valentine. The cards will be delivered once a week all month. This is a great opportunity for all of the readers to share what they’ve enjoyed reading during the Read-a-Thon. Students in the upper grades have been writing book reviews which they will be sharing on Biblionasium. They can also share recommendations with other students (limited to students at Lincoln and Hillsboro). Like Goodreads for kids, this is a great way for students to find their next great read while honing their writing skills. Younger students have been enjoying this year’s Virginia Readers’ Choice titles. We will have our spring book fair from February 26-March 2 this year. This coincides with Read-Across-America week as well as the last week of our read-a-thon. Thank you in advance to any volunteers that sign up to help!

Valentine’s Day

In keeping with current practices designed to protect the health and safety of all children, elementary students in Loudoun County Public Schools are not permitted to distribute candy or other food items to classmates. As Valentine’s Day approaches, it is important for parents to understand that candy brought to school by students, including candy attached to Valentine’s Day cards, will be returned to the parent. Children are permitted to share Valentine’s Day cards with each other, but they cannot give out candy.

The Lincoln Elementary School administration and staff are dedicated to continuous school improvement. A formal school improvement plan has been 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.

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.

