

Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the Lincoln PTO, fifth grade students, parent volunteers, and families for an excellent PTO Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night! I am proud of all of the efforts from the fifth grade students and they showed many leadership qualities throughout this event. We appreciate the special food donations and support for this Lincoln tradition.

Thank you also to many families for attending our Family Art Night event! The students and adults enjoyed many creative activities during this special evening. We appreciate Mrs. Fuller organizing the projects.

We also appreciate the PTO for leading the read a thon fundraiser and the charity book drive. We invite everyone to join us on March 9th for the Science Fair at 6:00 p.m. Also, we are looking forward to our annual PTO Auction on Saturday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to the upcoming months of school and thank you for your help. Please call me at (540) 751-2430 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dave Michener
Principal

Upcoming Events

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| 3/4 | PTO Book Drive Ends |
| 3/4 | Read a Thon Ends |
| 3/4 | Drama Club 2:45 p.m. |
| 3/5 | 5 th Grade Team Handball Tournament Lovettsville ES 8:45-12:30 |
| 3/8 | Sports Club 2:45 p.m. |
| 3/8 | Beading Club 2:45 p.m. |
| 3/8 | Music Try Out Night at Blue Ridge 5:00-7:00 p.m. |
| 3/9 | Science Fair 6:00 p.m. |
| 3/10 | After School Service Club 2:45 |
| 3/11 | Lincoln Pride Day Wear Green and Yellow |
| 3/11 | Drama Club 2:45 p.m. |
| 3/12 | PTO Auction at the Barns in Hamilton 7:00-10:00 p.m. |
| 3/15 | Music Try Out Night at Blue Ridge 5:00-7:00 p.m. |
| 3/16 | PTO Meeting 8:30 a.m. |
| 3/16 | 5 th Grade Parent Information Meeting at Blue Ridge 6:30 p.m. |
| 3/17 | After School Service Project 2:45 |
| 3/18 | Drama Club 2:45 p.m. |
| 3/18 | Wacky Hair Day |
| 3/21-3/25 | Spring Break |
| 3/29 | Music Try Out Night at Blue Ridge 5:00-7:00 p.m. |
| 3/30 | Kindergarten Registration 8:30 a.m. |
| 3/31 | Spring Picture Day |
| 3/31 | After School Service Club 2:45 |
| 4/1 | Special Permission Online Process Starts |
| 4/1 | Donuts for Dads 7:30-8:00 a.m. |
| 4/1 | Drama Club 2:45 p.m. |
| 4/8 | Drama Club 2:45 p.m. and Evening Show at 6:00 p.m. |

PTO News

2016 PTO MARCH MADNESS

ONE DAY LEFT for our Annual Read-A-Thon(ends March 4th):

This read-a-thon is one of THE biggest fundraisers for the school for the year!
If the majority of our students could attempt to secure 1-3 sponsors it would be a more manageable goal for the entire student body. It is not too late to have a sponsor or two...

The money that was raised last year by this program was allocated in the following ways:

- \$5000 to all teachers and staff to use as a resource for items they need but are not covered.
- 5-6 school wide assemblies \$3500.
- Microphone for stage performances \$250.
- Electric pencil sharpeners \$700.
- Bus service for field trips \$2000

These are just a few of the resources we have been able to provide with the expectation that PTO funds are used specifically to enrich your child's experience during the school day.

Your support is appreciated!

*****Another opportunity for our children to give back...*****

A Book Drive will be held through March 4. Calling all children's books that need a new home. Books will be collected at Lincoln and donated to children living in shelters in West Virginia and Tennessee.

Annual Auction is Heading Our Way...Hope to see YOU there:

Where: The Barns at Hamilton Station Vineyards (16804 Hamilton Station Road, Hamilton, VA 20158)

When: Saturday night March 12th

Time: 7pm - 10pm

Food: Heavy Hors D'oeuvres catered by "It's a *Peace* of Cake Company"

Admission: \$50.00/person, \$60.00 at the door. RSVP ASAP!

What to Expect: Silent Auction items from Purcellville's community and businesses. Also, our Live Auction of class baskets, class art projects, and teacher experiences. For the First-Time-Ever, the PTO is creating two additional baskets: "American Girl" & "Lincoln Love"



After School Enrichment:

Mrs. Stetz along with Mrs. Allen have formed a Drama Club at Lincoln. This club will perform *The Most Epic Birthday Party Ever* on Friday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lincoln multipurpose room.

Please join us! All are welcome! Cost = FREE!

Spaghetti Dinner Recap:

Thank you all for sharing in our annual Spaghetti Dinner! Thank you to all the volunteers, 5th grade helpers, Tuskie's for the donating bread and the Gustavson Family and Lightfoot restaurant for pre-cooking our enormous amount of noodles and the Brown Maison Family for the meat used in our special sauce!

Souper Bowl Recap:

A Big Thank-You to our PTO Chair, Julie Reiter, for organizing this NEW program! Lincoln donated over 800 Pounds to the Tree of Life! The results are in and the "Souper Bowl" competition was a win for all. It was great to see students excited and eager to support local families in need by bringing in their food donations. The students were in awe each day as they observed the collection area overflowing with food. Students especially enjoyed watching their class football soar across the field with the excitement around the competition. Congratulations to the fourth graders who were awarded the 2016 "Souper" Bowl Champions scoring 399 points! A nail biting second place award was given to the third graders with 271 points beating fifth grade by one point! Congratulations to all of the students and thank you for your support and participation. See you next year for Souper Bowl 2017.

- Continue to make a difference in our local community by visiting <http://tolministries.org/>

Dining for Dollars/BoxTop Recap:

NOTE: There is no March Dining for Dollars night due to Spring Break. Box Tops Prizes will go out the first week of March & Together for Education yielded \$56.26.

***FOR SALE* = Lincoln Note Cards and Lincoln Pads of Paper:**

Note Cards = 12 cards and envelopes \$10

NotePads = 4 pads of paper \$10

COMING UP:

Science Fair: 3-9-15

March Lincoln Pride Day: 3-11-16

March PTO meeting: 3-16-16, 8:30 AM, Lincoln Elem School

March Teacher Appreciation Luncheon: 3-17-16, Thank-You, 5th Grade!

March Spirit Day: 3-18-16 "Wacky Hair Day"

Donuts for Dad: 4-1-16, 7:30-8 am

Sincerely,

Liz Little

PTO Secretary

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Mrs. Fuller
Art News

First grade students are creating art from their imagination as well as sources like books and stories. We finished a unit on Eric Carle and are now drawing our own wild things based on Maurice Sendak's famous book. Second grade artists are finishing their Mexican Amate bark paintings (on paper). They will enjoy a

choice based day, centers set up in the art room to explore and create. Third grade artists are learning about Arbor Day and creating posters for the annual Arbor Day poster contest sponsored by the Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation district. Fourth grade artists are creating pop up “chair” scenes using paper, marker and colored pencil. Their chair can be from history, from imagination or from a book, or any other source of inspiration. They are also finishing their pastel still life. Fifth grade artists are drawing animals “up close” in oil pastel. We are getting ready to display 5th grade at the LVHS Art Show in April. I am holding onto all of their artwork right now. Information will come home soon about the art show. All classes will be having at least one choice based day in art. Choice based art is a class where the students can choose they type of artwork they want to work on and what they want to create. This is very closely modeled on the STEM lessons students are engaged in their classrooms.

P.E.
Coach Harris

February is over and Lincoln students have been extremely active in PE. Activities included dynamic warm ups, floor hockey, volleyball and handball. Fourth and fifth grade students are beginning spring fitness testing. Please make sure students are dressed properly for PE. **Don't forget about our annual 5th grade Sportsmanship Day (Handball) on Saturday March 5th. 845-1230 at Lovettsville Elementary.**

Library
Mrs. Dillon

It seems that February always flies by in a swirl of snow days and valentines. In March the younger grades will continue exploring children’s literature through the Virginia Reader’s Choice program, middle grades will be learning about folktale and fiction genres, and the older grades will be finishing and sharing their research projects.

The first week in March is Read Across America Week, which is a week in which schools across the country celebrate Dr. Seuss’s contribution to children’s literature as well as the love of reading in general. We will celebrate with some fun Dr. Seuss titles. The PTA sponsored read-a-thon ends on March 4th. Just in time for spring we will be participating in an environmental reading challenge sponsored by the Nature Generation as well as other local businesses. Look for information in your child’s Friday folder.

“You’re never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child.” ~ Dr. Seuss

Music
Mrs. Stetz

What a musical month we had in February! 1st graders finished up their unit on the families and instruments of the orchestra and started learning about solfège syllables so and mi. The 2nd graders learned about instruments of the orchestra while studying Prokofiev’s *Peter and the Wolf*. The 3rd graders reviewed instruments of the orchestra and learned about jazz and improvisation. The 4th and 5th graders showed their recorder playing skills which included reading music and using great recorder playing technique. Keep up the good work!

In March, the first and second graders will begin preparing for their upcoming musical, *EIEIOops*, which will we performed on May 3. Please mark your calendars. The 3rd graders will be singing and playing canons (rounds) and also using solfège to read music (do re mi so la). The 4th and 5th graders will continue learning new notes on the recorder as well as continuing to concentrate on music reading skills

Rising 6th graders: Save the dates for the Blue Ridge Instrument Nights which will take place on March 8, 15 and 29th beginning at 5:00 p.m. All students who plan to play an instrument next year must attend one session to select their instrument and fill out paperwork.

March Birthdays

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| 6 | Lizzie Thornton | | 23 | Hannah Henriquez |
| 13 | Charlotte Dattilo | | 24 | Jimmy Campbell |
| 15 | Mrs. Walton | | 28 | Mrs. Silver |
| 21 | Madison Burget | | 31 | Rebecca Little |

Guidance - Mrs. Walton

From the Counselor's Corner

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”

-Aesop

Our character word of the month for February has been compassion. 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 compassionate citizen.

Compassion means...

- Caring for people and animals.
- Being kind to people who are hurt or who need help.
- Seeing someone in need and helping out.

Thank you to these students who were selected Student of the Month for February for showing compassion and caring to others.

Kindergarten – Alyssa Iverson and Bryden Reiter

1st Grade – Noelle Cates and Evan Leiden

2nd Grade – Olivia Creese and Julia Mendez

3rd Grade – Sarah Pape and Nathan Scholz

4th Grade – Anna Orenzuk and Timothy Lanigan

5th Grade – Rebecca Little and Edward McCabe

Looking ahead to March, our character word will be integrity.

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 March 16 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.