

Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the PTO for organizing our fall festival! The students and staff enjoyed the festival and we appreciate our PTO and all of our parent volunteers!

The marking period ended on October 30 and the first report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, November 11. The Lincoln students work very hard each day and I am proud of their efforts throughout the first marking period!

We will celebrate American Education Week during the week of November 16-20. On Tuesday, November 17, we will have a music program at 7:00 p.m. On Friday, November 20, we will have an author visit with Jennifer O'Connell at 9:00 a.m. All families are invited to these special events and also to each classroom's activity.

Please help our bus drivers each morning and yield to our buses in the parking lot and please also drive slowly. Thank you for your continued support during the first months of school and please call me at (540) 751-2430 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dave Michener

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 11/4 Running Club 2:40-3:45
- ◆ 11/5 Pink Impact Aid Survey Cards Sent Home
- ◆ 11/6 Theaterpalooza 2:40-5:00 p.m.
- ◆ 11/6 Pink Impact Aid Cards Due to Office
- ◆ 11/8 Turkey Trot Run in Purcellville 8:00 a.m.
- ◆ 11/9 Minecraft Club 2:40-3:45 p.m.
- ◆ 11/10 Wildlife Ambassadors 2:40-3:45 p.m.
- ◆ 11/11 Veterans Day Wear Red, White, and Blue
- ◆ 11/11 Sports Club 2:40-3:45
- ◆ 11/11 PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ 11/11 Report Cards Sent Home
- ◆ 11/11 Original Arts Works Orders Due
- ◆ 11/13 Theaterpalooza 2:40-5:00 p.m.
- ◆ 11/16-20 American Education Week
- ◆ 11/16 AED Kindergarten Activity 9:45-10:45 a.m.
- ◆ 11/16 AED First Grade Activity 1:45-2:30 p.m.
- ◆ 11/16 Minecraft Club 2:40-3:45 p.m.
- ◆ 11/17 AED Fourth Grade Activity 10:30-11:15 a.m.
- ◆ 11/17 Grades 3-5 A Kid's Life Musical 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ 11/17 Wildlife Club 2:40-3:45 p.m.
- ◆ 11/18 Sports Club 2:40-3:45
- ◆ 11/18 AED Third Grade Activity 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- ◆ 11/19 Picture Make up Day 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ 11/19 AED Fifth Grade Activity 11:00-11:40 a.m.
- ◆ 11/20 Author Assembly Grades K-5 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- ◆ 11/20 Lincoln Pride Day Wear Lincoln Spirit Wear
- ◆ 11/20 AED Second Grade Activity 10:15-11:15 a.m.
- ◆ 11/20 Theaterpalooza 2:40-5:00 p.m.
- ◆ 11/23 Minecraft Club 2:40-3:45
- ◆ 11/24 Wildlife Club 2:40-3:45
- ◆ 11/25-11-27 Thanksgiving Holiday No School

PTO Notes

NOVEMBER 2015 PTO NEWS

“Tis the month for Thankfulness!”

LINCOLN'S PTO IS SOOOOOOOOOO THANKFUL FOR....

- Our school directory chair, Deanne Iverson, for the a2z app and directory. It was a gigantic project and we are all grateful.
- Our spirit wear chair, Julie Reiter and Jennifer Santmyer for juggling the spirit wear orders and bringing it all to fruition. Spirit wear has arrived. Enjoy and wear it proudly on our next Lincoln-Pride-Day, Friday, 11/20.
- All the Lincoln families that supported our Gold Canyon Fundraiser, our first fundraiser of the year! We sold 101 candles and raised \$808.00 for our Lincoln students. If you haven't picked up your candles, yet, they are at the school in a bag marked with your name.
- Our VP of volunteer services, Jenea Harrell, for helping to coordinate all our wonderful parent volunteers!
 - All the parent volunteers in the lunchroom in the month of October. It would have been a real challenge without you all!!! Many, many thanks to you all!
 - All the parent volunteers for the Fall Festival! We really appreciate your time and dedication! Thanks for helping us make this a special event that the students love!
 - All the parent volunteers in the library! Mrs. Dillon couldn't do it without you!
- The Lincoln parents that have signed up to be a class photographer...we still need help!
- Our staff liaison chair, Annie Hewatt as well as our Kindergarten parents for hosting Lincoln's first Teacher Appreciation Luncheon of the year on Wednesday, 10/28! It was a super success! Second grade will be hosting November's TA Luncheon on 11/18.
- Our vendor fundraising chair, Susan Ackman! She's done a great job organizing our partnership with Domino's as well as organizing our Box Tops & grocery store links!
 - Our next Dough Raising Night will be Thursday, 11/19.
 - CONGRATULATIONS to the BOX TOPS PRIZE WINNERS for the 1st month: K - Bryden Reiter 117, 1st - Abby Davis 53, 2nd - Lily Hewett 73, 3rd - Hannah Henriquez 50, 4th - Jackson Lush 157, 5th - Riley Wakefield 78!
 - Keep sending in Box Tops and your child might be the winner next month!
- Our after school & enrichment chair, Sara Brown! We are super busy after school because of Sara's planning! (Ex: running club, minecraft club, nature club, music lessons, Theaterpalooza, etc...)
- Coach Harris for hosting an awesome Sports Club!
- Lincoln's parent liaison, Mary Balderson. She will be putting up our Holiday Giving Tree after Thanksgiving Break. All Lincoln families will have an opportunity to pick an ornament off the tree for a specific gift card to help a local family in need!

And...Four Important Updates:

1. Next PTO meeting = 11/11/15 @ 6:30pm @ LES. ALL ARE WELCOME!
2. The PTO will be planting three apple trees with milkweed planted in the middle to attract the monarch butterflies and support our teachers in their nature units. This should take place in mid-November and hopefully the students will be included in the process!
3. Girl Scout Troops for all grades will kick off during the second week of November with a trip to Camp Potomac Woods. Please let us know if you have a girl that would be interested in participating in Girl Scouts.
4. The Turkey Trot is on Sunday, November the 8th. Register now through Parks and Rec.

Sincerely,
Liz Little
PTO Secretary
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P.E.
Coach Harris

October is over and Lincoln students have been extremely active in PE. Activities included dynamic warm ups, football and soccer. Sports club will begin in mid- November, look for permission forms in Friday folders soon. Please ensure students are dressed properly for PE.

Library
Mrs. Dillon

This is a fun time in the library as we transition from putting all the spooky books out to ones about Thanksgiving. The younger grades have been exploring the differences between fiction and non-fiction books. Older classes are finishing their digital literacy lessons and will be moving into using reference works.

The latest installment of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid book series comes out on Monday, November 2nd. Students that pre-ordered copies will get their autographed books that day. Thanks to all the families that ordered books, and thanks to Jeff Kinney and Scott Kinney of the Shamrock Music Shoppe for being so generous to our music and library programs.

Author Jennifer O’Connell will be visiting on Friday, November 20th. She will be doing a presentation based on her book, The Eye of the Whale: A Rescue Story. This true story resonates with students of all ages. Mrs. O’Connell will be bringing along life-size murals of a whale tail and a baby whale, and we anticipate a fun program.

Last but not least, thank you to the volunteers who are helping with shelving. Thank you *in advance* to those willing to help with the book fair, which will be held the first week of December.

Music
Mrs. Stetz

It’s hard to believe that the second quarter is already upon us! The first graders have been concentrating on steady beat and pitch matching which will be ongoing concepts throughout the year. They have also been practicing the four different ways to use their voice (speak, sing, whisper and call). In November, first grade will begin rhythm practice with one and two sounds to a beat in addition to some fun Thanksgiving songs. The 2nd graders have been have been singing and playing songs that use mi, so and la and have been practicing their rhythms including quarter notes, beamed eighth notes, and quarter rests. They will focus on the half note, ostinatos, and Native American songs in November. The third, fourth, and fifth graders are busy learning the music for their upcoming musical. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. for the musical, A Kid’s Life!

November Birthdays

1	Mrs. Bussey			
5	Brady Colio		24	Marisah Rowe
8	Holden Colio		26	Elli Leach
14	Mrs. Oliver			
16	Brady Harrell Evan Leiden			
18	Keira MacMillin			

Guidance - Mrs. Walton

From the Counselor's Corner

"One's philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes... and the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility."

-Eleanor Roosevelt

Our character word of the month for October has been responsibility. 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 responsible citizen.

Responsibility means...

- Being in control of your own behavior.
- Being trusted with important jobs.
- Having your work finished on time.
- Doing your part when working together.
- Cleaning up.
- Planning ahead.
- Being accountable for your words and actions.

Thank you to these students who were selected Student of the Month for October for showing responsible behavior.

Kindergarten – Nikka Mallette and Lilah Clark

1st Grade – Bryna Sheehan and Holden Colio

2nd Grade – Lily Hewatt and Ayden Iverson

3rd Grade – Caitlin Mitchell and Zachary Hall

4th Grade – Domina Mallette and Emory Hill

5th Grade – Reagan Field and Jack Thornton

Looking ahead to November, our character word will be gratitude.

Art Mrs. Fuller

Lincoln artists created wonderful artwork for the Original Works Program. This program benefits Lincoln and helps the PTO so thank you for participating!

First grade-artists are learning about shape, color and different types of lines. They finished shape, line and color robots and are working on watercolor. Second grade artists finished learning to draw with scissors and made "Beasts of the Sea" collages based on artist Henri Matisse. They are learning about warm and cool colors now. Third grade artists are working on drawing fall trees and learning about science through art. We read Sky Tree by Thomas Locker, available in the library! Fourth grade artists are creating radial symmetry name designs. They are really proud of their work! Fifth grade artists are working metal foil designs and they are turning out awesome!

Search Mrs. Bussey

Taking it Easy with our Gifted Children

A recent article in Psychology Today explored a common issue in gifted education—asynchronous development of intellect and emotional maturity. The author, Christopher Taibbi who is both a teacher of the gifted and a consultant to many school districts, states the problem this way:

"It seems obvious to some but it's a common paradoxical mind trap to new parents or teachers of the gifted: the child who is generally so utterly *capable* in so many settings... is equally and seemingly *incapable* of exhibiting similar control in other circumstances."

Most teachers of gifted children are quite familiar with this seeming conflict. The child who can focus for long periods of time on complicated problems, who can engage in abstract philosophical discussions will, nonetheless, act as silly as any child his age, sometimes with a creativity that far exceeds the silliness of his classmates.

Both parents and teachers alike tend to 'expect more' of their gifted children. The author contends that this is an unfair expectation for a gifted child, with the emphasis being on the word, "child." Just because a child excels academically, parents should not forget that their gifted child is still a child. She probably is developing emotionally at a more normal rate than she is mentally, and this asynchronous development can cause her almost as much frustration as it causes her parents.

As teachers and parents deal with the emotional needs of gifted students, it's important to remember a few observations:

- Gifted children often have a very idiosyncratic sense of humor. What might seem clever and humorous to them, often appears just silly to others. Ask your child to talk about what he finds humorous in a situation or why he laughs at certain actions but not at others. Try to understand what amuses your child.
- The gifted individual is often quite sensitive. Sometimes, as a defense mechanism, the gifted child resorts to silly behavior to avoid uncomfortable situations.
- In an effort to "fit in," gifted children will attempt to assume the role of class clown. Help your child learn to find other ways to make friends, perhaps with a project or cause that particularly interests her.

As parents and teachers live with the young gifted individual, it's important always to remember that "giftedness does not exempt that individual from going through the same behavioral developmental stages and benchmarks that any other person must inevitably go through." In other words, your gifted child is still a child!

<http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/gifted-ed-guru/201302/when-its-time-cut-your-gifted-child-some-slack>

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, November 18 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.

American Education Week

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK will be celebrated in Loudoun County Public Schools the week of November 16 - 20, 2015.

Each grade level at Lincoln has chosen a day to highlight their particular programs: Monday – First Grade 1:30-2:45 and Kindergarten 9:45-10:45 , Tuesday Fourth Grade 10:30-11:15 AM, Wednesday Third Grade 10:00-11:00 a.m., Thursday – Fifth Grade 11:00 –11:40 a.m., and Friday- Second Grade 10:15-11:15. If you would like to **join us for lunch, please complete the reservation form below and return it to Lincoln before Friday, Nov. 6th.**

Monday, Nov. 16	Tuesday, Nov. 17	Wednesday, Nov. 18	Thursday, Nov. 19	Friday, Nov. 20
Breaded Chicken Sandwich	Beef Nacho Grande	Pasta with Meat Sauce	Chicken Drumstick	Cheese Pizza
Cheese and Bean Burrito	Fiesta Bean Nacho Grande	Pasta with String Cheese	Mini Cheese Calzones	Pepperoni Pizza
	Grilled Cheese Sandwich			Pulled Pork BBQ Sandwich

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK LUNCH REQUEST

Please mark the quantity for each entree on all lunch choices above for siblings and adults who will be eating with us.

TEACHER: _____

OF ADULT LUNCHES @ \$4.10 EACH: _____ Lunch Date: _____

OF SIBILINGS ATTENDING FOR LUNCH @ \$3.10 EACH: _____

Please Prepay for siblings and adults.