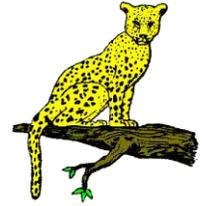


# Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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## Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the Lincoln PTO and the Lincoln Community League for organizing the field trips to Oakdale for our kindergarten, first, and second grade students! The children enjoyed learning about our local Lincoln history and it was fantastic to see all of the great costumes!

We also thank the Lincoln PTO and volunteers for organizing an excellent Fall Festival for the students! Thank you to the Wegmeyer family for donating the pumpkins. The students participated in all of the activities and I appreciate the efforts in making this a special event. Thank you to the PTO for providing a delicious lunch for the Lincoln staff.

Our next PTO meeting is Monday, November 13 at 8:30 a.m. All parents are invited to attend! We are also looking forward to American Education Week during November 13-17. We hope that you will be able to join the classes for special programs during this week. Also, all families are encouraged to attend our Veterans Day program on Friday, November 10 at 10:00 a.m. We appreciate the help and support from staff members and parents as we prepare for this program. Please contact me at (540) 751-2430 if you have any questions. I encourage each family to follow Lincoln on Twitter @Lincoln\_ES.

Sincerely,

Dave Michener

## Upcoming Events

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| 11/1     | Girl Scouts 2:45-3:45 p.m.   |
| 11/2     | Tennis Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.   |
| 11/2     | Pink Impact Aid Card Sent Home   |
| 11/3     | Pink Impact Aid Card Due to Office   |
| 11/3     | Lincoln Spirit Day Fan Day   |
| 11/3     | Pokemon Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.  |
| 11/6     | Teacher Work Day No School   |
| 11/7     | Teacher Work Day No School   |
| 11/7     | Odyssey of the Mind  |
| 11/8     | Running Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.  |
| 11/10    | Students and Staff Wear Red, White, and Blue                                       |
| 11/10    | Picture Retake Day 8:00-8:30 a.m.  |
| 11/10    | Veterans Day Program 10:00 a.m.  |
| 11/10    | Pokemon Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.  |
| 11/12    | Turkey Trot in Purcellville 8:00 a.m.  |
| 11/13    | PTO Meeting 8:30 a.m.  |
| 11/13-17 | American Education Week  |
| 11/14    | Odyssey of the Mind  |
| 11/15    | American Education Week Activity for Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grades 10:00 a.m.    |
| 11/15    | Report Cards Sent Home   |
| 11/15    | Boy Scouts 2:45-3:45 p.m.  |
| 11/15    | Girl Scouts 2:45-3:45 p.m.   |
| 11/15    | American Education Week Activity Family Board Game Night 6:00-7:00 p.m.            |
| 11/17    | American Education Week Activity Kindergarten, First, and Second Grades 10:00 a.m. |
| 11/21    | Odyssey of the Mind  |
| 11/22-24 | Thanksgiving Break No School   |
| 11/23    | Happy Thanksgiving   |
| 11/28    | Odyssey of the Mind  |
| 12/1     | Spirit Day Holiday Socks Day   |
| 12/4     | <u>Pirates</u> Musical Grades 3-5 6:00 p.m.  |

**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.**

# PTO Notes

## Fundraising

Fundraising events are underway. Parent's had a chance to taste-test the pizza & cookies from Joe Corbi's at Back-to-School night in September. Your orders were delivered last month and raised \$425 for the school! Families participated in the first Spirit Night of the school year at Chik-fil-A in early October, along with the first Domino's Pizza night later in the month. A percentage of what you order for these events will go to the school. It's a great way to get out and mingle with fellow Lincoln families and help fund school events. Orders were placed for spiritwear, daffodil bulbs, and yummy apple cider donuts from Wegmeyer Farms. The TREX plastic recycling program is off to a great start as well! Send in your soft plastics to be used towards earning a new bench for the school. Don't forget to collect your Box Tops and link your shopping cards to Lincoln (must be re-linked each year). More information can be found on the school's website <https://www.lcps.org/lincoln>.

## After School Programs

After-school programs are underway with strong participation from our students! Tennis, Running, Pokemon Club, and Girl Scouts are active now. Keep your eye out for more activities to come.

## Events

How do the fundraising events help? The "Have Your Filled a Bucket Today?" assembly took place this month with the support of PTO funds is one great example. The students enjoyed this program, as well as the field trip to Oakdale School in Lincoln, celebrating their bicentennial celebration this year. The annual Fall Festival is another great benefit from your fundraising participation. Students celebrated a lovely fall afternoon outside having their faces painted & hair sprayed spooky colors. They mastered the obstacle course, decorated pumpkins, raced in a scavenger hunt, and made "ghost rockets." We appreciate all of the participation from our parents and particularly those who planned, built, and ran the events.

## Reminders

Our next PTO meeting is November 13, 2017 at 8:30 am at Lincoln Elementary School. Please participate. Your ideas, your feedback, and your involvement make us a stronger organization! Notes from previous meetings are posted to the Lincoln PTO Facebook page.

## 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, November 15 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

Students have been preparing for the upcoming Veterans Day Assembly. Fourth and fifth grade students made huge poppies out of coffee filters and liquid watercolors. They will be attached in various areas of the stage. Third grade students finished poppy landscapes to be hung within the school.

First and second grade students made red, white, and blue decorative star pictures. They used crayon rubbings within each star. Kindergarten students made textured hearts in patriotic colors and strung them together to make a banner for the stage.

# Happy November Birthdays to

8	Madelyn		17	Alicia
10	Esme		23	Sophia
14	Ms. Oliver		24	Marisah
16	Brady		26	Elli

## P. E. Mrs. Clark

Happy November!

In PE this past month, we've been learning about bones! From craniums to phalanges our students have been naming the bones in the body using our skeleton friend, Davey Bones!. Ask your children to share with you some of the ones they know! We have also been practicing soccer skills, as well as a little bit of tennis skills too.

During the next month, we will continue practicing the bones, as well as work on learning nutrition concepts through some games and activities. I hope you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving full of memories and time spent with family and friends.

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## Health Clinic Specialist Ms. Oliver

Autumn is upon us and, along with cooler weather and more time spent **indoors**, children and families may begin to experience symptoms of a Cold or the Flu. The most important daily activity to prevent the spread of infections is practicing good and frequent Hand Washing – that means rubbing your hands with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds or more – just hum the *birthday song*!

In addition, plan ahead for your child to be spending time **outdoors** – students have daily Recess and dressing in layers ensures they are comfortable while playing, running and keeping active! Remember to wear sneakers on your scheduled PE class days during the week.

Have a happy & healthy November *and* Thanksgiving holiday!

## **Music**

### **Mrs. Stetz**

What a fun first quarter! 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 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are busy learning the music for their upcoming show. Please mark your calendars for Monday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. for a rollicking evening of *Pirates – The Musical!*

## **Mrs. Walton**

### **From the Counselor's Corner**

Here is what we have been doing during our guidance lessons in October:

Kindergarten – We have been talking about being a good whole body listener.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – We have been discussing big problems, things we tell the teacher right away and small problems, things that we try to solve on our own first before getting adult help.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – We have also been discussing big and small problems.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – We have been talking about the difference between mean moments, conflict and bullying.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – We have been discussing how to identify if a situation is a bullying behavior situation.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – We have been focusing on bullying behavior situations, and being an up stander.

## **Student of the Month**

This year our focus is on kindness; what it means, what it looks like and how to spread it. Each month our word of the month will be kindness. Thank you to these students who were selected Student of the Month for October for showing kindness to others.

Kindergarten – Teresa Grys and Lake Green

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Trinity Ludtke and Khalid Hassan

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Aly Iverson and Liam Seeley

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Sofia Ocasio and Solenna Hye

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Lily Hewatt and Ethan Ballinger

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Sarah Pape and Kyle Galletta

## **Mrs. Dillon**

### **Library**

We have been enjoying fall in the library. The younger grades have been learning about the seasons and weather while exploring the differences between fiction and non-fiction books. Older classes are finishing their digital literacy lessons. Fifth grade has been creating characters and dialog with a fun end goal in mind. They will be using Tinkercad to create 3D versions of their characters which we will then print out on our 3D printer.

Our fall/winter book fair is scheduled for December this year. It will run from December 11-15. Thank you in advance to all who are willing to help with the book fair.

Last but not least, thank you to Mary Lou Seal (Tripton and Grace Kestler's grandmother) who has been a tremendous help in the library both last year and this year.

### LEAP Information

The Loudoun Education Alliance of Parents (LEAP) was established in 1989 to provide an active forum for local parent groups, teachers, administrators and the School Board to discuss and explore important educational ideas and issues.

We meet the second Wednesday of every month at the LCPS Administration Building in Ashburn, VA, at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to the public and all are welcome. This year, we have started by focusing on student mental health and youth drug use and prevention. You can find our meeting summaries on Google Drive and we hope you find them useful.

You can help identify additional meeting topics and work closely with LEAP on shaping the activities for the year by providing delegates; each school can have two voting delegates to work closely with the parent groups at their school. School delegates can also identify topics for meetings, form committees, introduce recommendations for improvements, obtain the latest information on a range of issues, execute projects and programs, and introduce and vote on Alliance motions.

A list of the schools who have registered delegates, the 2017 – 2018 Delegate Registration Form, and more information about the Alliance is available on Google Drive. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. Agenda items will include:

- Electing a new executive committee member! Nominations for Secretary will be accepted during the meeting.
- Refining our student mental health and suicide prevention recommendations, and more.

**Find the 2017-18 Delegate Registration form, information about the Alliance, a description of the Executive Committee Secretary role, meeting summaries, and more on [Google Drive](#).**

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.

