

Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Students have enjoyed participating in many excellent lessons and activities during the first month of school! Thank you to our students, staff, and families for all of your efforts during the first month of school. I am very proud of the student work that I see in each classroom!

We look forward to seeing families at our PTO event on Friday, September 30 at Otium from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Thank you to our PTO for organizing the after school activities. The students have been enjoying the tennis club and they are looking forward to the sports and running clubs! We have space in both the sports and running clubs if you want to sign up your child.

On Tuesday, October 11, we will have the opportunity to help clean up part of the Chapman and DeMary trail in Purcellville. Families are encouraged to meet at the trail at 4:30. On Friday, November 11, we will host a Veteran's Day program. We invite all veterans and families to attend this program and we look forward to honoring veterans.

One new program that I have started this year is a Read to Me program. Throughout the year, I will read part of a book with each child. Your child will receive a free book to bring home. This program is in memory of Kathy Hwang, who was the principal at Sanders Corner Elementary. I am starting this program with kindergarten students!

Sincerely,

Dave Michener

Upcoming Events

- 9/30 Lincoln PTO Event at Otium Cellars 5:00-9:00 p.m.
- 10/3 Tennis Club 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 10/4 Running Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 10/5 Sports Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 10/5 Girl Scouts 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 10/6 Tennis Club 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 10/10 Columbus Day Holiday No School
- 10/11 Chapman and DeMary Trail Clean up 4:30 p.m.
- 10/11 Running Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 10/12 PTO Meeting 8:00 a.m.
- 10/12 Sports Club 2:45-3:45
- 10/12 Internet Safety Program at Purcellville Town Hall 7:00 p.m.
- 10/13 Tennis Club 2:45-4:00
- 10/14 Spirit Wear Orders are Due
- 10/14 Lincoln Pride Day Wear Green Yellow
- 10/17 Fifth Grade Field Trip to Camp Highroad
- 10/17 Tennis Club 2:50-4:00 p.m.
- 10/18 Running Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 10/19 Sports Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 10/19 Girl Scouts 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 10/20 Tennis Club 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 10/21 Spirit Day Favorite Team Day
- 10/24 K, 1, and 2 Grade Trip to Wayside
- 10/24 Tennis Club 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 10/25 Running Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 10/26 Sports Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 10/27 Tennis Club 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 10/28 PTO Fall Festival 12:15-2:30 p.m.
- 10/31 Tennis Club 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 11/7 Teacher Work Day No School
- 11/8 Teacher Work Day No School
- 11/11 Veterans Day Program 10:00 a.m.
- 11/13 Turkey Trot 5K
- 11/15 Music Program Grades 3-5 7:00 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.

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 26 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.

Music Mrs. Stetz

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, and la patterns. The third, fourth, and fifth graders will begin learning music for their musical coming up on Tuesday, November 15 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, "Broadway Beats."

Art Ms. Schiavo

We've jumped into a colorful world here in the art room! Our late September through mid-October focus is on the projects for the *PTO Original Works Fundraiser*. Each grade has a theme, and they all fill the page with color. Art vocabulary to reinforce at home (gr.2-5): *sketch, overlapping, and contrast*.

First graders are making fantastic frogs that are full of personality! Children are using what they know about lines and shapes to draw the frog. We'll be painting the background to complete the pond scene.

Second graders are drawing and painting insect portraits. Get ready to see some beautiful color and pattern on these projects.

Third Graders are drawing and painting feathered birds in their habitats. Drawn details and color choice really bring the birds to life.

Fourth Graders are making a flower composition of overlapping blooms. We'll use watercolor pencils and blending to make each piece shine.

Fifth Graders are making a realistic fish friend, blending warm and cool watercolor paints on these detailed beauties.

Ciao for now! Ms. Schiavo

PTO

- Join other Lincoln families and members of the community at Otium Cellars this Friday, September 30th from 5:00-9:00 PM. A portion of the sales will be donated to the school, so this is an excellent opportunity to not only relax with friends, but to also support the school.
- Our next PTO meeting is **October 12, 2016 at 8:00 am** at Lincoln Elementary School. Everyone is welcome and parent participation is encouraged. The PTO is made stronger by your involvement.
- After school activities are in high gear! Students are enjoying afternoons in Spanish, Tennis, Sports, and Running Clubs. More enriching activities to come, so watch your Friday folders for more information!
- Fundraising: Thanks to everyone for working to support the PTO's financial goals, and ultimately, our students. Below are the current fundraising activities:
 - o *October's Domino's Dough Raising night will be on 10/27.*
 - o *Box Tops are due soon! Ziplocs and submission sheets will be coming home with your child to collect Box Tops. Our first submission is due on November 1st, so continue to collect those pink and white Box Tops from your favorite products.*
 - o *Candle orders are due 10/3.*
 - o *Daffodil bulb orders are due on 10/7.*
- The next Lincoln Pride Day is October 14th – students should wear school colors and spirit wear.
- Show Lincoln Pride and help the community and environment by participating in the Chapman and DeMary Nature Trail Clean-up on October 11th from 4:30-7:00 PM. This is a fantastic way for our students learn about community service.
- Calling all artists! Create an original piece of artwork for the “Farm to School” art contest. The theme this year is “What Farm to School Means to Me.” The grand prize winner will have their artwork featured on the 2017 Loudoun Spring Farm tour signs. All submissions are due on 10/30 by 9:00 PM. Visit www.lcpshealthycafe.org for more details.
- Internet Safety and How to Symposium October 12th from 7-9 pm, to be held at the Purcellville Town Hall.

The Purcellville Police Department will be hosting a town hall meeting about online safety for children in October to kick off National Cyber Security Awareness Month. The event will be on Wednesday October 12, 2016 from 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. at the Purcellville Town Hall located at 221 South Nursery Avenue, Purcellville, Virginia.


The town hall meeting will provide parents with an understanding of online threats to children and key tools to ensure their safety. The event is facilitated by Matt Foosaner. Mr. Foosaner has over 20 years of experience

designing and delivering mission-critical technologies to government agencies and for the past 11 years has been a member of the Law Enforcement Committee on the Board of Directors for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Mr. Foosaner created this parental seminar based on his passion for facilitating the safe use of technology among children.

Purcellville Mayor Kwasi Fraser said “The internet is an extension of the real world and as parents we must teach internet safety to our children whether it be about social media etiquette, online privacy, cyber bullying, viruses, phishing, and any other online threats”

Please join us for this important event.

October Birthdays

1	Abbey	
2	Arleigh	
6	Solenna	
7	Ethan Ms. Schiavo	
18	Ezra	
20	Ethan	
30	Iman	

P.E. Mrs. Clark

What a great September we have had in Lincoln PE! It has been so wonderful getting to know the Lincoln Elementary family. In PE this month, our first and second graders have been working on keeping good personal space during our games and activities. Our third, fourth, and fifth graders have been working on some team building games, as well as practicing our Physical Fitness testing. For the month of October, the younger grades will work on throwing and catching, jump ropes, and fall games, while our older students will football skills, jump rope, and fall games.

After school jogging club and sports club are back for the fall. If you plan to participate, please return your forms as space is limited.

Just a few reminders for PE days:

1. Please remember to have students wear sneakers on PE days. No boots, sandals, crocs, or flip flops.
2. If a student is unable to participate in PE, they may bring a note from a Parent to excuse them from participating for up to one week of PE. After one week, the note will need to be from a doctor.

I hope everyone has a great October! Find time to get outside and move as a family! ☺

Guidance

Mrs. Walton

“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 we have been focusing on two character words, Respect and Responsibility. All throughout the school discussions about respectful and responsible behavior 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 these two important character traits mean.

This year we will continue our Student of the Month program. 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 respectful and responsible behavior.

Kindergarten – Evelyn O’Rourke and Ezra Smith

1st Grade – Harper Ostrander and Bryden Reiter

2nd Grade – Holden Colio and Ashley Galletta

3rd Grade – Emme Hallett and Ethan Ballinger

4th Grade – Alexa Blome and Kyle Galletta

5th Grade – Lizzie Brubaker and Emory Hill

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

Library
Mrs. Dillon

Welcome back to school, and congratulations to anyone that read over the summer. I hope everyone enjoyed some quality time with great stories or learning about their favorite topics!

September library visits have been all about reviewing library manners, checkout procedures, use of our online library catalog, and how to choose a “just right” book. Please encourage your kids to bring home books that interest them that they can read independently or with little help as well as ones that need to be read to them. Third through fifth grade have also had their first lessons on digital media literacy.

In October, Kindergarten will be sequencing and making connections with Fairy Tales. First and second graders will be exploring the elements of fiction and non-fiction, and our older students will be continuing to work on digital citizenship. For more information about this curriculum, please refer to www.commonsemmedia.org. Our fall book fair will take place at the end of November.