Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support during the first month of school and students and staff enjoyed an excellent first month! Thank you to several students and parents for your help with our first community service project this year at JK Community Farms. I enjoyed picking a variety of peppers with the Lincoln families! We will work with JK Community Farms in December on a project to bag sweet potatoes for local families. I am also excited that we will volunteer with Tree of Life on October 21 to prepare and serve a meal for our Purcellville community.

Thank you to Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Wegmeyer, Mrs. Orenzuk, and Mrs. Johnson for their work with the Lincoln after school programs. It is exciting to see the students enjoying these opportunities each week! We plan to offer additional after school clubs in the winter and next spring. There is an Odyssey of the Mind parent presentation on Thursday, September 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Harmony Middle School if parents would like to learn more about this program.

Thank you to several Lincoln families for joining us online for our first PTO meeting! It was great to have many families join this meeting and it was nice to have new families also attend. We welcome all Lincoln parents to join us for our next PTO meeting online on Monday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m.

In October, we will have a PTO fall festival for students on Thursday, October 28 from 12:15-2:15 p.m. We thank the Lincoln PTO for organizing this outside event for students. Students should not wear costumes for the fall festival.

I continue to be very proud of the hard work and excellent behavior from each Lincoln student as I visit classrooms each day. Thank you for your work at home with your child and I am looking forward to working with students, staff, and families throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Dave Michener

Calendar
PTO News

We value you and your time which is why we are going to try to keep things short and sweet this year. For events, special announcements, questions and answers and all other things PTO please reach out to one of your officers directly or click the link below to access PT board: https://lincoln.ptboard.com/.

Top 10 things to know:

1. **PTBoard**: Where everything you want to know about can be found. Want to know what is happening on a monthly basis? Check out the calendar: **PTBoard Calendar**. You will be able to find after school programs, holidays, spirit night information etc. Did you miss the last PTO Meeting? Here are the PTO meeting minutes: **PTO Meeting Minutes**. The agenda and the meeting days are also located on PTBoard under “PTO Meeting Schedule” **PTO Meeting Schedule**. What to know about what is coming up? Check out our “Announcements” **Announcements**.
2. Lori Erdman is our PTBoard Administrator for Lincoln, feel free to contact her directly if you need any assistance with PTBoard. LoriErdman@gmail.com or reach out to ptolincolnes@gmail.com.

3. Remember to re-link your Harris Teeter account. You can sign up online: Harris Teeter Card Renewal or go to customer service at the store. Our school code is 1601 and it takes just a few minutes at the store.

4. Sign up for Amazon Smiles so that when you purchase from Amazon the school gets a reward. We all shop at Amazon, right? Here is the link to support Lincoln: Smile Amazon.

5. Thanks to Melanie Pawluk we sold 80 pieces of spirit wear, earning the school a total of $128. Please reach out to her with any feedback: quality, cut, color, things you'd like to see, etc. We will host another spirit wear store in the spring. Items should arrive in the first couple weeks of October. And a big thanks to Christi Porter who took the school picture this year! We sold 32 pictures and those will be coming home soon too!

6. The next virtual PTO meeting is Monday, October 18 at 7 PM. You can sign up through your child's chromebook or if you have their account linked under your gmail, you can sign in there too. Google Meet: LincolnPTO

7. Save the date for a Monks/Tipped cow spirit night on October 19th from 4-9pm. See you there, it's a date!

8. Thursday, October 21st is the next Tree of Life dinner sign up. We will be looking for Italian dinner donations and volunteers. Unfortunately, the students are not allowed to serve inside at this time. Here is the link to sign up: Tree of Life Volunteer.

9. The chunky blanket workshop has been postponed until November 16th. Please sign up now so you can get your yarn and be ready to start some wonderful holiday gifts! Chunky Blanket Making Class.

10. With limited classroom volunteer opportunities the yearbook is a great way to get involved. Let us know if you might be interested in helping on the yearbook committee. It would be a huge help to Dania Hye and may involve attending events, taking pictures, and
helping organize. There is also a page right on PTBoard that you can just take your pictures and upload right away! Yearbook Pictures to Upload.
Let’s keep healthy, happy and going to school!

PE Mrs. Clark

Happy October!
This month in PE our students will continue with throwing and catching skills through games like team handball and football skills. We will also start talking about the major bones in our body and the three macronutrients: fats, carbohydrates, and protein.
As a reminder, please remind your children to wear sneakers on PE days. In addition, we try to go outside as much as we can, so appropriate dress for the ever changing Autumn weather is important as well.
Have a fantastic month!
Kelly Clark
Lincoln Elementary
Emerick Elementary

Counseling Connection
Mrs. Smith, School Counselor

October is upon us and it is also National Bully Prevention Month. I will be visiting your students’ classrooms with lessons on this very important topic. As the month begins and lessons start, it is my hope students will come home and share ways to help others:
1. Ask a trusted adult for help
2. Be a good friend
3. Set a good example with your words and actions
4. Respect other’s differences
5. Don’t give bullying an audience.
Here are some activities to do at home this month also:
Discuss: 4 types of bullying and what they can look like
Ask: Who is a trusted adult at school your student could go to if they are bullied or witness bullying to ask for help?
Share: Ways to stand up for others who are being bullied
Discuss: Ways to include others in games and activities at home and at school

Our September Rockstar Students are below! We are so proud of them showing the September trait of responsibility.

Kindergarten - June Herbert
1st grade - Faith Stice
2nd grade - Wil Barrett
3rd grade - Liana Pawluk
4th grade - Madden Reiter
5th grade - Colden Wegmeyer
Congrats to our responsible students!!

Wishing all families an awesome October!

Health Clinic
Ms. Oliver

Learning to share and building friendships with their classmates is a big part of every school day for your child. However, there is one part of the school day when sharing is not allowed and is not safe – sharing food and drinks during lunch.

For your child and their classmate’s safety, please talk with them about the importance of not trading or sharing their food and drinks. Students with severe food allergies or dietary restrictions and each family’s personal food choices need to be protected and respected for every student, every day.

Have a happy and healthy October!

Art News
Ms. Bright

October Newsletter Art Room News
All students are finishing their Original Works Self Portraits.
All work must be submitted by Tuesday, October 12.

Kindergarten lessons for October are about cutting out concentric circles and gluing them one on top of each other until they have five colors from biggest to smallest. First graders are learning some painting skills with abstract line drawings that are completed with watercolors. Second grade is beginning a painted landscape with farmland in the background. A Scarecrow will be added to complete the scene.

Third grade is drawing pumpkins to be painted and then adding their favorite candies throughout the background. Fourth grade is drawing a Hundertwasser inspired landscape with black crayons. Watercolor paint will be added for completing the artwork. Fifth grade is drawing sugar skulls with Day of the Dead designs. They will use markers to finish the artwork.

Looking Ahead:
The popular after school ornament class will be offered to grades 1st through 5th grade beginning on November 8. There will be 5 after school classes total. Please look for further information to be posted on the Lincoln PTBoard site and sign up for this club will be on the PTBoard site.
Music
Mr. Duggan

Music continues to thrive this year! Our students are all catching up with all the instruments we’ve missed in the room. We started on resonator bells and will soon upgrade to the full-sized barred percussion including a brand new one thanks to the amazing PTO. Kindergarten will continue experiencing many of the unpitched percussion instruments with our ever-changing animal song. First graders are working on basic rhythms and are continuing with graphic notation for short and long sounds. They are also practicing their singing voices alone and in small groups. Second graders have played short melodies on bells and will soon apply steady beat with what we call a simple bordun on xylophones. Third graders will experience turning a book into music while using xylophones to accompany the song. Fourth graders are applying the creative process by arranging rhythms for instruments. Fifth graders will learn music with more advanced syncopations and apply them to pitched percussion and will soon begin studying significant recordings of music by master composers and musicians.

Spencer I. Duggan
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Music Specialist, Itinerant
Banneker & Lincoln Elementary Schools

Library
Mrs. Dillon

I can already tell that it’s going to be another great year at Lincoln ES. August and September library visits focused on reviewing library manners, checkout procedures, use of our online library catalog, and how the library is organized. K – 2 have moved into strategies for choosing a “just right” book, while 3-5 have had more time learning about how to find what they want independently.

Please encourage your kids to bring home books that interest them that they can read on their own or with little help as well as ones that need to be read to them.
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 working on digital citizenship. For more information about this curriculum, please refer to www.commonsensemedia.org.

“I’m so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.”

~ L.M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables

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Mrs. Cornell
SEARCH

In our SEARCH lessons this past month, students have been flexing their creative muscles! Two stories I shared with the kids are, “Most Marshmallows” by Rowboat Watkins and “The Couch Potato” by Jory John and Pete Oswald. We had a lot of fun in class exploring different ways of thinking and trying out new ideas, no matter how wild.

Creativity is a trait that is present in every person and one that can be improved with practice! In fact, creativity is more skill than inborn talent. Creativity is not limited to artistic and musical expression—it is also essential for science, math, and even social and emotional intelligence. Creative people are more flexible and better problem solvers, which makes them more able to adapt to technological advances and deal with change—as well as take advantage of new opportunities.

How can you help your child be creative? Here are just a few suggestions:

1. Provide resources to your child - the most precious resource being time. Allow time for your child to try out new ideas! A creative mind needs time to think, wander, and wonder.
2. Encourage your child to embrace their mistakes and view failures as opportunities. Let them know it is ok to flub up - share your own mistakes and laugh together about them. Creativity involves a certain amount of risk, and it is ok to be wrong or make mistakes.
3. Foster a creative atmosphere and celebrate innovation. Solicit a high volume of different ideas, but resist the urge to evaluate the ideas your kids come up with. At dinnertime, for example, you could brainstorm activities for the upcoming weekend, encouraging the kids to come up with things they’ve never done before. Don’t point out which ideas aren’t possible, and don’t decide which ideas are best. The focus of creative activities should be on process: generating (vs. evaluating) new ideas.

October Birthdays

Tristan October 18
Ezra October 18
Amelia October 20
Elizabeth October 20
Eleanora October 24
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