November Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Thank you to Mrs. Reiter, the Lincoln PTO, the Wegmeyer family, parent volunteers, teachers, staff members, and students for an outstanding Fall Festival! The students and staff enjoyed each of the activities. Several students came up to me after the event and told me about their favorite stations. I appreciate all of the work and support from everyone.

We wish Mrs. Beard the best in her retirement and we thank her for working in the front office at Lincoln for over 14 years! In addition to working at Lincoln, Mrs. Beard served several positions on the Lincoln PTO while her three children attended Lincoln. In total, she has served the Lincoln students, staff, families, and community for over 25 years!! To show our appreciation for Mrs. Beard, we will plan to have a car parade through the bus loop of Lincoln on Wednesday, December 8 beginning at 2:45 p.m. We encourage all families to participate and decorate your cars and students can make signs for Mrs. Beard.

I am excited to share the news that Ms. Evelyn Gillis will be our administrative assistant for Lincoln starting on December 20. Ms. Gillis has worked at Lincoln as our site based substitute for the past two years. She has shown exemplary skills with the Lincoln children, staff, and families. Ms. Gillis has substituted for Mrs. Beard and is already familiar with the computer programs and other skills required for this position. Ms. Gillis also attended Lincoln Elementary for grades K-5. Congratulations to Ms. Gillis and we welcome her to this new position!

As we approach the holiday season, we appreciate the generosity of Lincoln families over the years and a reminder there is not an expectation that families purchase gifts for staff members. We appreciate any gift that students and families give to a staff member. A reminder also that it is illegal for anyone to possess alcohol on school grounds and we appreciate your support with not making these purchases for staff.

Sincerely,

Dave Michener
Calendar

November 1 No School Teacher Work Day
November 2 No School Election Day
November 3 Teacher Work Day Asynchronous Day for Students
November 4 No School Holiday
November 5 Teacher Work Day Asynchronous Day for Students
November 8 School Resumes
November 8 After School Art Club 2:35-3:35 p.m.
November 11 Veterans Day Students and Staff Encouraged to Wear Red, White, and Blue
November 12 Fall Picture Day
November 15 After School Art Club 2:35-3:35 p.m.
November 15 PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. Google Meet Online
November 16 Chunky Blanket Workshop 6:00-7:00 p.m.
November 22 After School Art Club 2:35-3:35 p.m.
November 24-26 Thanksgiving Holiday No School
December 8 Car Parade Celebration for Mrs. Beard 2:45 p.m.

PTO News

We continue 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/](https://lincoln.ptboard.com/).

What is going on this month?

1. **Fall Festival**: Fall Festival was held on Thursday, October 28th. We sure hope your kids had as much fun as the volunteers!
2. **The chunky blanket workshop** is scheduled for 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](#) *to note, check yarn prices and availability soon, Hobby Lobby yarn does go on sale every other Sunday*.
3. **Odyssey of the Mind** is returning to Lincoln Elementary! A big thank you to Mrs. Jen Hergenroeder for helping bring this back to Lincoln. Thank you to all the parents who are interested and will volunteer their time too. Please see the flyer for more information! [Odyssey of the Mind](#)
4. **After School Clubs**: Thank you to Mrs. Jennifer Reed for leading newspaper club! The kids also had a great time with tennis. Math Olympiads will be coming for 4th and 5th graders led by Mrs. Mendez- this announcement will only go to those in 4th and 5th grade. Ornament Class will be starting on 11/8 by Mrs. Bright for those in 1st through 5th: PTBoard.com *there are only 4 spots left for this class if your child wants to sign up. Animal Ambassadors will be starting up November 9th for ALL grades- please watch for the announcement to come out.

5. **They are back! The 2021 Holiday Ornaments** will be up for sale November 12th for $12.

6. Our annual **Cookies with Santa** will be held this year on December 9th. A big thanks to Christi Porter who will be leading this event. Please watch for details.

1. **Yearbook**: Don’t forget to upload any pictures for the yearbook. 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.

8. **Just a reminder -PTBoard**: Where everything you want to know about can be found. Want to know what is happening monthly? 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.

1. The next **virtual** PTO meeting is Monday, **November 15th 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**

Thank you and have a safe and happy Halloween and a good week!

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**Mrs. Clark**

**Physical Education**

It has been a busy month of October in PE! We played games with throwing and catching, did a few dances, learned some of our bones, and ended the month with soccer/kicking skills. The weather has allowed us to be outside most of the month, and we will continue to be outdoors as much as we can in the coming months, so please remind your children to pack a jacket for PE days.

This month, we will be working on tennis skills, jumping rope, as well as talking about healthy hydration choices. With the winter months coming, making sure we are hydrated is important. It boosts our immune system as well as helps with keeping our brain ready to learn!

I hope everyone has a wonderful November!

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**Counseling Connection**

**Mrs. Smith, School Counselor**

Greetings from the Counseling Office!

This is my favorite time of year with the leaves starting to change color and eventually fall to the ground. We are continuing to fall into kindness with our anti-bullying lessons that will take
us through November. Our lessons are interactive and always go back to being safe and respectful to each other at school and at home. I hope students are coming home and sharing ways they are safe and respectful to each other at school. Some ways I have seen students do this during our lessons include:

- Listening when a peer or adult is speaking.
- Patiently waiting for a turn during an activity or situation (i.e., raising your hand or waiting for a turn in a game)
- Following directions or the rules.
- Being honest.
- Demonstrating kindness to others.
- Helping others in the school community

Here are some activities to do at home regarding our continuing lessons:

Discuss: Being thankful and respectful
Ask: What are the 3 people we are thankful for at school and/or at home
Share: Ways to show people we are thankful for them
Discuss: Ways we are respectful to each other

Our October Character Rockstars are below! We are so proud of these students’ respectful attitudes, our October trait!

K - Ava Heel
1st - Carter Fitzjarrell
2nd - Madelyn Hye
3rd - Charley Ahalt
4th - Drake Green
5th - Ezra Smith

Congratulations to our respectful students!

Health Clinic
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 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.

Stay well hydrated – encourage your child to bring their water bottle/thermos to school every day. Drinking water throughout their school day helps to ease and often eliminate symptoms of headache, stomachache, constipation, muscle cramps and nasal and chest congestion.
Drinking plenty of fluids boosts physical energy and promotes mental sharpness that play an important role in a successful day of learning & growing for all our Lincoln leopards. Have a happy and healthy November and Thanksgiving holiday!

Art News
Ms. Bright

Happy November Lincoln Leopards!

There are still a couple of spots left for the Christmas ornament afterschool program which begins Monday November the 8th. We will be making terra cotta gingerbread houses, cinnamon stick trees and a decorative air-dry clay tree with lights by using our fingerprints, plus more. The fee is $120 for 5 classes, this includes the materials fee.

Fifth grade students will be working on the yearbook cover with assistance from me. They will make the cover relevant to their experiences at Lincoln.

Fourth graders next lesson is about gratitude. Students will make paper feathers and incorporate meaningful words. Third grade students will make their own colorful mosaic Indian corn. Second grade students are finishing a scarecrow on the farm, a landscape. Next, they will move on to making a colorful cornucopia painting. First grade and kindergarten students will be making various versions of a turkey color wheel. Kindergarten will continue making their butterfly pages for the end of the year butterfly book.

Music
Mr. Duggan

Thank you to all students for their wonderful Veterans Day recordings! In music, students will continue learning many great new things. All students are practicing singing in tune including echo songs, partner songs, and songs to sing together. Fifth graders will continue with familiar and new syncopated rhythms, and they will add more songs to their canon repertoire. Fourth graders will also continue with syncopated rhythms with songs for body percussion and classroom instruments. Third graders will begin learning and reviewing some of the standard instruments in Western music such as violins, guitars, or trumpet and will begin reading dotted half notes.

Second graders will return to reading rhythms with traditional (albeit simplified) notation. They will also arrange short musical poems to be played with various percussion instruments. First and second grade students will also work with our bigger xylophones and metallophones to accompany simple songs. Kindergarten students are focusing on singing in tune, creative movement in a musical context, and reviewing many of the unpitched percussion instruments from our farm unit.
Library
Mrs. Dillon

We are welcoming the changing of the seasons, upcoming holidays, and a closer to normal year in the library. I so love having our students back in person for lessons and book browsing. I missed seeing them look for books together and share favorite titles with each other.

In November, the younger grades will be introduced to some of the Virginia Readers’ Choice titles. Older grades will continue with a mix of digital citizenship and research lessons. Fourth and Fifth graders have been introduced to the WeVideo editing tool. Many of them seem excited to have this as an option for their research presentations.

Our “Fall” Book Fair will also be back this year, and will be open the week of December 6-10. We are planning for it to be open for students during their library lessons, as well as to families during the evening of the Cookies with Santa event. Look for more information closer to December!

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Mrs. Cornell
SEARCH

With daylight hours waning, late fall and winter are always my favorite times of the year to snuggle in with a good book. Reading aloud with kids is excellent for creating a sense of connection and getting into conversations.

Did you know that kids are never too old for read alouds? The frequency of parents reading aloud to their children begins to decline after age 5, again after age 8, and yet again after age 11. Yet 40% of kids (ages 6-11) whose parents stopped reading to them, say they WISHED their parents had continued. It can be so very hard to find time in our busy schedules to sit down and read aloud, but if you can find a way, the benefits -for everyone- are enormous! Here are three tips for carving out some time to read together with your child - no matter what age.

1. Look for snippets of time in your family routine. Storytime doesn't have to happen at bedtime. Maybe while the kids eat breakfast is a better option, or right after dinner. Find what works for you!

2. Take advantage of waiting times. Carry a book with you when you head to an appointment or while you wait in the parking lot for a sibling to finish up sports practice.

3. Share interesting new stories or magazine articles. Read alouds don't have to only be story books. Kids are fascinated by animals, weird but true situations, the latest world
November Birthdays

November 8 Madelyn
November 14 Addison F.
November 14 Ms. Oliver