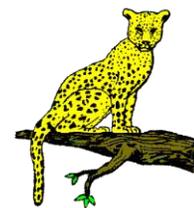


Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support during the first few months of school! Thank you to our PTO and volunteers for organizing an outstanding fall festival! The children enjoyed all of the activities today! Thank you to our PTO for delicious staff lunches and for providing the funds for a bus for the fourth and fifth grade trip next week. We also thank Sara Brown for organizing this special opportunity. We have been involved in several special project this fall. We are currently collecting food for the Tree of Life food pantry in Purcellville. Thank you to students and families who joined me in helping to clean up our local Chapman and DeMary Trail in October! I heard from the families that several people did not know that this trail is located right in Purcellville. I encourage your family to participate in their trail day activities on November 6.

We will celebrate two special events at Lincoln in November. On Friday, November 11, we will recognize veterans with a Veterans Day program at 10:00 a.m. All veterans, parents, and family members are invited to attend this assembly. During the week of November 14-18, we will also celebrate American Education Week. You are invited to join your child's class during their special activity listed on the calendar. Please also join us for lunch. On Tuesday, November 15, everyone is invited to attend our music program, Broadway Beats at 7:00 p.m.

I wish each Lincoln student and family a relaxing and safe Thanksgiving holiday! Take the time to enjoy your friends and families during the break!

Sincerely,

Dave Michener

Upcoming Events

- 10/27-11/1 Food Drive
- 10/31 Spanish Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 10/31 Tennis Club 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 11/1 Running Club 2:45-3:45
- 11/1 Boy Scouts 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 11/2 Fourth and Fifth Grade Field Trip to The Capitol
- 11/2 Girl Scouts 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 11/2 Sports Club 2:45-3:45
- 11/3 Pink Impact Aid Cards Sent Home
- 11/3 Wild Bunch 2:45-3:45
- 11/4 Pink Impact Aid Cards are Due to Office
- 11/4 Lincoln Pride Day Green and Yellow
- 11/6 Chapman and DeMary Trail Activities
- 11/7 Teacher Work Day No School
- 11/8 Teacher Work Day No School
- 11/9 Third Grade Field Trip Ballentine Farm
- 11/9 Sports Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 11/10 Picture Make-up Day
- 11/10 Wild Bunch 2:45-3:45
- 11/11 Veterans Day Program 10:00 a.m.
- 11/11 Students and Staff Wear Red, White, and Blue
- 11/13 Turkey Trot 5K and Fun Run 8:00 a.m.
- 11/14-11/18 American Education Week
- 11/14 Jamestown Program for 2nd Grade 12:15
- 11/14 AEW Activity 4th Grade 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- 11/14 Spanish Club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- 11/15 AEW Activity Kindergarten 9:15-10:15
- 11/15 Boy Scouts 2:45-4:00
- 11/15 Running Club 2:45-3:45
- 11/15 Music Program Grades 3-5 7:00 p.m.
- 11/16 PTO Meeting 8:00 a.m.
- 11/16 AEW Activity 2nd Grade 10:30-11:15
- 11/16 AEW Activity 3rd Grade 10:30-11:15
- 11/16 Girl Scouts 2:45-4:00
- 11/16 Report Cards Sent Home
- 11/17 AEW Activity 1st Grade 10:15-11:15
- 11/17 Wild Bunch 2:45-3:45
- 11/17 Domino's Night
- 11/18 AEW Activity 5th Grade 11:00-11:45
- 11/18 Spirit Day Hat Day
- 11/23-11/25 Thanksgiving Break No School
- 11/28-12/2 Book Fair

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, November 9 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

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 second 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 third, fourth, and fifth graders are busy learning the music for their upcoming show. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. for a fun evening of Broadway Beat!

Art Ms. Schiavo

Looking toward fall, we've got some new projects cooking in the art room.

First graders are making "*Kandinsky Circle Quilts*" with contrasting colors cut out of paper in the abstract style of Russian artist Wassily Kandinsky.

Second graders are drawing and painting "*Bald Eagle Portraits*" as we talk about patriotic symbols and honor community members on Veteran's Day.

Third Graders are drawing and painting "*The White House*" using shapes, scale and repetition to make their drawings stand out.

Fourth Graders are making an expressionistic "*Hairy-Scary Portrait*" using paper folding techniques to bring their wacky hair to life. Think *The Scream* meets *The Simpsons*.

Fifth Graders are creating covers for the yearbook cover contest. Who will the finalists be?

Ms. Schiavo is looking for donations of baby food jars. Thank you!

Health Clinic Assistant Mrs. Oliver

Sharing – learning to share and building friendships with their classmates is a big part of every school day for your child. But there is one part of the school day when sharing is *not allowed* and is *not safe* – sharing food & drinks during lunch and Kindergarten snack. For your child and their classmate's safety, please talk with them about the importance of not trading or sharing their food & drinks. Students with severe food allergies and each family's personal food choices need to be protected and respected for every student, every day. Have a happy and healthy November *and* Thanksgiving holiday!

PTO

Fundraising Successes

The PTO has started the year with many new fundraising activities and a few oldies but goodies. The Friday night family outing to Otium Cellars at the end of September was super-fun time and a big success as we saw both Lincoln alum families as well as current families. Both the adults and the students enjoyed a great evening in the cozy pavilion with good friends, tasty food, and an exciting raffle. A percentage of the proceeds from the evening were donated to the school.

Four volunteers from Lincoln Elementary directed traffic at the Waterford Fair and raised over \$400 for our school. A BIG THANKS to Andrew Blome, Sara Brown, Maria Lush, and Cara Orenzuk for their time!

Another new tremendously successful fundraiser this fall is the flower bulb sales which is expected to raise over \$1400 for the school. Plant your daffodils now so that you can enjoy these happy heralds of spring! Gold Canyon candle sales also raised \$300 to help support our students.



The Trex plastic recycling program is off to a great start! Please continue to send in soft plastics to be used towards our goal of collecting 500lbs. and earning a new bench for the school.



The PTO is still looking for a parent volunteer to coordinate Science Fair activities in the spring. The Science Fair Chairperson is a short-term commitment and could fit into a busy schedule.



Don't forget to re-link your favorite shopping cards to Lincoln. It's easy and it's free money for the school every time you shop. More information can be found on the left side of the Lincoln home page.



Please continue to clip and submit Box Tops to raise money for the school.

After School Programs

After school programs are in full-swing with tennis, sports, running, and Spanish clubs. In November, the PTO will offer a perennial favorite, The Wild Bunch, so parents should be on the look-out for the fliers. The PTO is also hoping to offer mini programs that would run for 3-4 weeks between Thanksgiving and the Winter Break. Suggested after school programs include crafts, chess/board games, and community service activities. To make these programs possible, parent volunteers are required. If you are interested in helping with a mini-session, please contact Sara Brown.

Reminders

The next PTO meeting is November 16, 2016 at 8:00 AM.
Domino's Dough Raising night is November 17, 2016.

November Birthdays

1	Mrs. Bussey	
8	Holden	
14	Mrs. Oliver	
16	Brady	
16	Evan	
17	Alicia	
24	Marisah	
26	Elli	

P.E. Mrs. Clark

What wonderful October in Lincoln PE! This month, we spent time working on throwing and kicking skills. The students were hard workers and we all had fun learning together! We also finished up our Fitnessgram assessments for the third, fourth, and fifth grade students.

As the weather turns cooler, please remind your children to be prepared to go outdoors with jackets. In addition, if your child decides to wear boots to school on PE days, please help remind them to bring sneakers along so they can actively participate!

I hope everyone is enjoying the fall weather. Take advantage of the beautiful scenery and go for a family hike, walk, or just play outside together. Family time being active is great way to help your whole family live a healthy life.

Guidance

Mrs. Walton

“Whether you think you can, or you think you can't—you're right.”

– Henry Ford

Our character word of the month for October has been Empowerment. Here are some things that were shared with the students during class and guidance lesson to help them understand what it means to be an empowered citizen.

Empowerment means...

- Standing up for what you think is right (and making your voice heard) without hurting anyone else.
- Being a Leader (*not being bossy*... There is a difference)
- Does not tattle- will report true problems only!
- Helps others when they are treated unkindly.
- Does not let friends control them in negative ways.
- Speaks up when you don't understand something.

What does empowerment look like:

- Tells people what they want in a calm voice.
- Makes good eye contact.
- Makes a great leader for a team and is always fair!
- Makes their own choices, doesn't listen to peer pressure that is negative.
- Uses stop, walk, and talk.
- Speaks up for other kids.

Thank you to these students who were selected student of the month for October for showing empowered behavior.

Kindergarten – Alicia Ocasio and Khalid Hassan

1st Grade – Cohen Ballinger and Sawyer Colio

2nd Grade – Bryna Sheehan and Ruby Edwards

3rd Grade – Olivia Creese and Brady Harrell

4th Grade – Hannah Henriquez and Emma Tayloe

5th Grade – McKenna Palmer and Jackson Lush

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

Library
Mrs. Dillon

We have been enjoying fall in the library. The younger grades have been learning about the seasons and exploring the differences between fiction and non-fiction books. Older classes are finishing their digital literacy lessons and will be moving into using reference tools.

We have our fall book fair coming up at the end of the month. It will run from November 28th-December 2nd. Thank you in advance to any and all who are willing to help with that. Last but not least, thank you to the volunteers who are helping with shelving!