Dear Parents,

Thank you to the Lincoln students, teachers and staff, and families for an amazing first three months of school! I continue to be proud of the progress that each child is making every week and we appreciate the teamwork and efforts by the students, staff, and families. I hope that each Lincoln family had a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving with their friends and family members.

Thank you to Ms. Bright, Mrs. Shore, Mrs. Hergenroeder, and Mr. Porter for organizing and leading our current after school programs! The students have enjoyed participating in our after school art and animal clubs. We are also excited for the return of the Odyssey of the Mind program at Lincoln!

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. Students are also encouraged to make a homemade card for Mrs. Beard. Her birthday is December 12, so this will also be an early birthday celebration!

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,
Calendar

November 29 After School Art Club with Ms. Bright 2:35-3:35 p.m.
November 30 After School Animal Club with Mrs. Shore 2:35-3:35 p.m.
December 1 Odyssey of the Mind K-2 2:35-3:35 p.m.
December 6 After School Art Club with Ms. Bright 2:35-3:35 p.m.
December 6-10 Book Fair
December 7 After School Animal Club with Mrs. Shore 2:35-3:35 p.m.
December 7 PTO Spirit Night at Velocity Wings 4:00-9:00 p.m.
December 8 Odyssey of the Mind K-2 2:35-3:35 p.m.
December 8 Car Parade Celebration for Mrs. Beard 2:45 p.m.
December 9 PTO Photos with Santa 6:00-8:30 p.m.
December 13 Lifetouch Make up Picture Day
December 13 After School Art Club with Ms. Bright 2:35-3:35 p.m.
December 13 PTO Meeting Online 7:00 p.m.
December 14 After School Animal Club with Mrs. Shore 2:35-3:35 p.m.
December 15 Odyssey of the Mind K-2 2:35-3:35 p.m.
December 17 Animal Assembly with Mrs. Shore 9:00 a.m. for K-2 and 10:00 a.m. for 3-5
December 17 Mrs. Beard’s Last Day
December 20-January 2 Winter Break
December 20 Ms. Gillis’ First Day
January 3 School Resumes

PTO News

Here is what’s HOT this month for the Lincoln PTO! For more information and access to all things PTO please reach out to one of your officers directly or click the link below to access PT board: https://lincoln.ptboard.com

At the last meeting PTO President, Krista Ramey, put out feelers regarding our major money maker, the annual auction (LES’ annual gala per se). At this time the future of this beloved event is looking rather dismal, not because of covid but because of lack of leadership. We are desperately in need of someone with prior LES auction experience and/or event experience to step up and take lead on this event.
As we are unsure of having our largest income producer this year, we are reaching out to you, your families, your friends to support our wonderful school! Please see this link to register on PTBoard: Fundraising Campaign or if you would like to send to grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, you may also send them a copy of our fundraising letter request. Please see the letter here: Letter for family and friends. This letter also shares our PayPal link as well as where checks can be sent. Thank you again!

Join us, the community and Lincoln alumni in our parade through the parking lot as we celebrate Mrs. Beard - not only her retirement but also her birthday! This event will be held on December 8th from 2:45-4:00. Feel free to decorate your cars with banners, window markers, music, etc. Let's do this big!

We are in the final stages of editing our LES tax deductible donation request letters. This is the perfect opportunity for local business, grandparents and all other generous supporters to give back just in time for tax season. If you have a creative way to get this information out there please let us know.

Harriet Wegmeyer is once again working on more fabulous after school opportunities. At the meeting we had several great suggestions for her to think about including a slime club and a Cotillion club just to name a few. If ever you have a great idea for after school enrichment feel free to reach out to Harriet Wegmeyer or any other board member.

Despite numerous obstacles, Christi Porter and her elves are at it again planning for a magical evening with Santa. This special event, formerly known as Cookies with Santa is scheduled for December 9th and will be a little different this year. Rather than cookies and craft stations amongst friends, families will schedule blocks of time to travel a one-way loop through Santa's workshop enjoying professional photos on vaccinated Santa's lap (or from a far if you're not comfortable), treats, ornament sales (if they're not already sold out - only 10 left), the book fair, and so much more! This event is a personal favorite. To sign up, please click here: Pictures with Santa! We will also be hosting our annual giving tree during this time. This year, our donations will support the Carver Center. If you are out doing some shopping, think about something to donate from their request list: Carver Center Giving Tree. Please also see the video link below about our Pictures with Santa event! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o0xADvXEzy8

MANY thanks to Jen Hergenroeder for rekindling LES' Odyssey of the Mind teams. We were thrilled with the level of interest from both students and volunteers. At this time there are only a few spots left in each team. Team 1, Grades K-2, will be led by Jen Hergenroder and Team 2, Grades 3-5, by Adam Porter. Best of luck this year!

Save the date:
December 7: Velocity Wings Spirit Night from 4-9
December 9: No cookies - Cookies with Santa
December 13: Lifetouch makeup day
January 11: Smokin' Willy spirit night
January 14-25: Read-A-Thon scheduled

If ever you have a brilliant idea or need assistance beyond PT Board please feel free to reach out to our board members: Krista Ramey, President | Sara Brown, Vice President & School Board Liaison | Megan Meyer, Treasurer | Tiffany Fleming Woodcheke, Secretary | Erica Scott, Volunteer Coordinator | Lori Erdman, Director of Fundraising | Harriet Wegmeyer, After School Enrichment Activities | Christi Porter, PR & Social Media and LCL Liaison | Dania Hye, Yearbook Coordinator | Julie Reiter, Parent-Teacher Liaison | Melanie Pawluk, Spirit Wear Coordinator

Our next meeting is scheduled the second Monday of December. On Monday, December 13th at 7pm join us virtually through your child’s chromebook or through your personal device if you have their account linked with your gmail. Google Meet: Lincoln PTO. Looking forward to new faces and fresh ideas!

Let’s keep healthy, happy and going to school!

Mrs. Clark
Physical Education

December is here!
This past month we worked on jumping rope and hydration. The kids really showed improvement in their jumping skills and the older students enjoyed learning many new jump rope tricks.
For the month of December, we will be moving on to one of my favorite units; bowling! I just enjoy watching the students work together and enjoy the slower pace. We will also be discussing ways we can keep active when it’s cold outside.
As always, please remind your children to wear the correct athletic shoes for PE. This time of year I tend to see boots start to make an appearance. Thanks for your help!
Mrs. Clark

Counseling Connection
Mrs. Smith, School Counselor

December is here and the recent mornings resemble the chill in the air! We will complete our bullying prevention lessons in early December. All parents were sent the Second Step At Home forms for what we talked about during our time together in October and November. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Ask your students too! They have all shown such great character traits through these lessons of knowing how to recognize, report and refuse bullying!
As 2021 comes to a close and we transition from bullying prevention to problem solving, conflict resolution, displaying good school and work habits, and always continuing to be kind, safe, and respectful at school and at home. Wishing all Lincoln families a well-deserved break of time together with family and friends.
Deb Smith
School Counselor
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Health Clinic
Ms. Oliver

Every school day I encourage students in practicing healthy habits to promote self-awareness of their and their classmate's well-being and safety – drinking water to stay well hydrated, tying their shoes to decrease injury from avoidable falls, and good handwashing throughout the day and especially before and after meals.

December 5 – 11 is National Handwashing Awareness Week and all our Lincoln leopards, students and staff, will be inspired to make good handwashing a daily routine at school and at home. This healthy habit truly makes a difference in preventing the spread of infection and decreasing instances of exposure to allergens for children and adults with severe food allergies.

If your child had their annual physical and well child health assessment during the months at the start of the school year, and looking ahead to 2022, please provide me the updates for your child's immunization and vaccine records and any new diagnosis such as seasonal allergies for me to add to their school health file. You may send in the documents with your child to deliver to me in the main office "Attn: Kathleen Oliver health clinic specialist" or email them to kathleen.oliver@lcps.org at any time during the school year. All medications whether over the counter or prescribed for your child to take during the school day are required to be brought to school by the parent with the accompanying LCPS documents. Your time and support of maintaining your child's complete school health records is very much appreciated!
Have a very happy and healthy December and winter break!

Art News
Ms. Bright

Art Room News

Fifth grade students are currently working on the Lincoln yearbook cover.
Each student will submit their two-dimensional piece of artwork that will be judged by secret ballot for the winner.
Third and fourth grade students will make a llama with a woven blanket on their backs.
Second grade students will make a reindeer relief using model magic.
First grade will learn about penguins and each make one floating on an iceberg.
Kindergarten students will be making pinch pots out of model magic.
Have a wonderful holiday season!
Season's greetings from music! Our first grade students are learning about the difference between steady beat and rhythm and will compose their own short music using rhythmic building blocks. Second graders will continue using the pitches 'Do' and 'Re' in a variety of short songs and games. Both first and second grade students will also learn about different pieces of music from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" ballet. Third grade students will continue practicing rhythms that contain whole notes and rests, half rests, and dotted half notes. They will also begin improvising using both body percussion and simple solfege. Fourth graders will use a piece from the Nutcracker to create a performance with body percussion and/or small unpitched percussion that will contain eighth note triplets and improvisation. Fifth graders are also improvising rhythms as well as singing songs that can be performed as a canon (or round).

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

Happy Holiday Season!
In the coming weeks our K-2 classes will be reading the Virginia Readers’ Choice selections for this year. In the spring they will get to vote (along with many other classes in Virginia) on their favorite. Students in third through fifth grade will also be introduced to the program and can choose to read four titles independently if they wish to vote. For more information on this fun program, see: https://www.vsra.org/virginia-readers-choice-program/. Upper grades have finished up the Common Sense Media Digital Literacy curriculum for this year and will be working on book reviews that they can share with each other. Our book fair will be open December 6-10. Students may purchase from the fair during their regularly scheduled library lesson. The fair will also be open during the photos with Santa event on the evening of Thursday the 9th, 5:00-8:00 pm. If you wish to order online, the following link will be active December 1-14: https://www.scholastic.com/bf/lincolnelementaryschool34. You can also use this link to set up an eWallet account for your student. EWallet funds can be a convenient way for students to shop without carrying money, but may only be spent with Scholastic. Any unspent funds will remain in the child's account and may be spent at the next fair or online at the Scholastic site. I am excited to be returning to an in-person fair!
Getting started on that holiday shopping list? Here are some ideas for gifts that fit the bill to be both fun and educational - without your child realizing it! Many toys and games on the market can actually promote thinking skill development, while also providing entertainment. Here are a sampling of games that the magazine editors and toy testers found mentally challenging, creatively challenging, and highly appealing:

- Catan board game (grades 4+)
- Uno Dice game (grades 1+)
- Kingdomino (grades K+)
- Izzi (grades K+)
- Hoot Owl Hoot (grades PreK-2)

And don't forget that books are always a phenomenal gift idea! Ken Jennings (of Jeopardy fame) published a series of books called “Junior Genius Guides” that address non-fiction topics in an entertaining way. Riddle books are always a treat, and don't forget about poetry! Jack Prelutsky and Shel Silverstein are both poets whose poems are hilarious and hold great kid appeal.

Wishing your family a safe and joyful holiday season full of all the things that you love! ~Mrs. Cornell

**December Birthdays**

- Hailey December 3
- Mrs. Beard December 12
- Faith December 16
- June December 18
- Claire December 18
- Ms. Gillis December 19
- Benno December 20
- Amanda December 21
- Abby B. December 22