Dear Parents,

Thank you to Mrs. Ramey, Ms. Woodcheke, our guest presenters, parent volunteers, Lincoln teachers and staff, and the Lincoln students for an outstanding Earth Day last Friday! The presenters at each station shared interesting information. The students enjoyed the activities and this was a special event!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who participated in our planting event at JK Community Farms and the Tree of Life community service dinner. It is very rewarding to see our Lincoln students, families, and staff continue to make a positive difference for local Loudoun families. We will plan to continue our partnerships with JK Community Farms and the Tree of Life next year.

Our Lincoln Talent Show will be held on Friday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. Thank you to Mrs. Allen for all of her work on the Talent Show and we are looking forward to the in person program this year! All students, families, and staff members are invited to attend this event. If your child is participating in the show, please arrive to Lincoln at 6:00 p.m.

Staff Appreciation Week will be held from May 2-6. Thank you to Mrs. Reiter and the Lincoln PTO for all of their efforts to organize special recognition for the Lincoln teachers and staff. Each staff member works extremely hard every day to support the Lincoln children. In addition to our activities, it is a great idea for students to make a card for a Lincoln teacher and other staff members.

I thank the Lincoln PTO for all of their work throughout the year. We are excited about our PTO Bingo and Silent Auction event on Friday, April 29! We hope many students and families are able to attend this event! The baskets look amazing and we have many teacher experiences and other great items for the auction! This is our main fundraiser for the school year and the PTO supports the students in each grade with books, educational resources, technology programs, assemblies, field trips, and several additional items. I appreciate our Lincoln families and our PTO. Our next PTO meeting will be held online on Monday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. I welcome all Lincoln parents to attend and I hope to see you during this meeting! The Google meet code is LincolnPTO. If you have any questions, please call me at (540) 751-2430 or email me at Dave.Michener@lcps.org.
Sincerely,
Dave Michener

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**Calendar**

April 29 Lincoln PTO Bingo Night and Silent Auction 5:30-8:00 p.m.
May 2-6 Staff Appreciation Week
May 2 No School Holiday
May 4 Talent Show Rehearsal 2:35-3:35 p.m.
May 4 Basketball Club with Mr. Waters 2:35-3:35 p.m.
May 5 Poker Club 2:35-3:35 p.m.
May 9 PTO Meeting Online 7:00 p.m.
May 11 Basketball Club with Mr. Waters 2:35-3:35 p.m.
May 12 Poker Club 2:35-3:35 p.m.
May 13 Pastries with Parents 7:20-7:45 a.m.
May 13 Talent Show Rehearsal 2:35-3:35 p.m.
May 18 Basketball Club 2:35-3:35 p.m.
May 19 Fifth Grade Reading SOL Test 8:15 a.m.
May 19 Poker Club Will Not Meet Today
May 20 Talent Show 6:30 p.m.
May 24 Third Grade Reading SOL Test 8:15 a.m.
May 24 Fourth Grade Reading SOL Test 8:15 a.m.
May 24 Fifth Grade Science SOL Test 8:15 a.m.
May 25 Third Grade Math SOL Test 8:15 a.m.
May 25 Fourth Grade Virginia Studies SOL Test 8:15 a.m.
May 25 Basketball Club 2:35-3:35 p.m.
May 26 Poker Club 2:35-3:35 p.m.
May 26 Fifth Grade Math SOL Test 8:15 a.m.
May 26 Fourth Grade Math SOL Test 8:15 a.m.
May 30 No School Holiday

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**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](https://lincoln.ptboard.com).

Wow, we have A LOT going on this spring! We are certainly going to hop in and enjoy every minute. Hold on tight, this is a longer than usual update, and a lot is happening! April 20th at JK Community Farm was a wonderful opportunity to plant onions, fig trees and prune asparagus! Thank you to all the families that participated! Before the field trip, Mrs.
Christi Porter took a spring school picture. Standby for details on how you can get yours! We had our final Tree of Life dinner of the year on April 21st! Thank you to all who were able to drop food off and serve. Lincoln is great with community service!

Our first Earth Day event in three years was a hit! Students had hands-on demonstrations from the Virginia Cooperative Extension, where they learned about the watershed; Master Gardeners talked about plants and seeds - and many came home with a pole bean seed to germinate; Joan Gardiner, Loudoun Beekeepers Association, showed the children drone bees and they got to taste local honey (thank you to Andrew Fleming, for donating his honey). Our arts and crafts station included making solar s'mores (even if the chocolate melted a little earlier than we hoped), made fortune tellers and had a take home bracelet kit. Becky Shore and the Wildlife Ambassadors started the program with an assembly where the children saw a parrot, a type of tarantula, a type of lizard, and a stinkless skunk! This is always a great program that the kids love! They also learned to look for a label on grocery items that protects the rainforest. A shout out to Manhattan Pizza for their pizza box donations! Truly, the vendors and students had a blast! If you want to learn to make a solar s'more at home, check it out: Earth Documents

So, that is what has just happened - such a busy week! Now for what is coming up! Our first annual (we hope) Family Bingo and Silent Auction night will be held on Friday, April 29th from 5:30-8 pm. This truly will be a fun, live event for all the family, staff and the community to participate in. There are some great grade baskets and art projects as well as teacher experiences! Bingo cards will be for sale at the door. We will also have a 50/50 raffle, and 5th grade will be selling concessions. Please bring cash for the game and raffle. Please see here for all the fun items we have already! A sneak peek at our Auction Items. Checks will be accepted for the silent auction. If you want to volunteer, the sign up sheet is live for our Bingo and Silent Auction night for anyone who wants to help. Here is the link to the volunteer sign up: Bingo and Auction volunteer sign up.

Julie Reiter is working her magic to plan Teacher Appreciation Week (TAW), beginning May 3rd through May 6th. This is always done so well and we can’t wait to see what is planned this year! If you would like to send a gift card to be raffled off to the staff during the week, please bring it in an envelope and give it to Ms. Gillis. This is always appreciated!

A huge thanks to Alev Baki’s (of 2nd grade) family for offering to host our next and last spirit night on May 6th. A Parent’s Night Out at their Ruby Sunset Event at Hillsborough Winery. Featuring live music, unbeatable views and great friends. Weather permitting children can play outside but this event is more for adults. Can’t find a sitter, check this out: Babysitting.

Save the date: Our next/LAST PTO meeting will be held on Monday, May 9th at 7:00pm. This is the LAST meeting of the school year! At this meeting, the bylaws will be approved (yes, we are still working on this), and the new board will be elected for 2022-2023. Again, here is the link to the bylaws and board and committee roles: PTO Information. Please watch for our flier for login information to the meeting.

May 13th is Pastries for Parents. What is this? This is a way for us to shower the parents with a morning treat. Parents are invited to come before school to share pastries with their child/children. The Talent Show returns on May 20th! We can’t wait for this event!
Thank you to Melanie Pawluk for all your hard work with spirit wear. The tye-dye was a huge hit again! Tumblers, although requested, did not make the minimum again, so those who ordered, will have their money returned, and the size medium purple tye-dye is also out of stock. We are excited to see our Lincoln families wearing our updated spirit wear! Let's give Harriet Wegmeyer a huge thanks for another great lineup of after school clubs to end our year! We have a Pokémon Club club- please send a big thanks to Corwin (and Mrs. Stephan) who has determination for making this a go again; a self-defense club; and Coach Christian Waters (also our social worker) is starting our first basketball club, thank you Coach Christian Waters. This is already sold out and all proceeds will be donated to the PTO to purchase an adjustable basketball hoop, so ALL grades can play! Coach Waters- THANK YOU! Mrs. Wegmeyer, you are certainly leaving your tenure with a great selection of after school clubs!

Save the date:
● Please see the PTO Calendar here: PTBoard Calendar
Also, should you be inclined to donate to the Lincoln PTO, please see our letter here: Fundraising letter. We are a 501c3 and your donation is 100% tax deductible. Thanks and enjoy all the upcoming festivities!

Mrs. Clark
Physical Education

This past month, our students got the chance to learn animal walks, balances, and other skills during our educational gymnastics unit. During the month of May, we will work on dribbling skills, golf skills, complete some components of fitness assessments as well as learn about hydration and hydration choices.
Have a marvelous May!

Counseling Connection
Mrs. Smith, School Counselor

May greetings families! As we look forward to sunny days and nights, we also get ready to spring into wrapping up our school year. We will soon transition to the next grade and to middle school.

In April, kindergarten and first grade students discussed honesty and why it is so important to everything we do! In second grade, we focused on having a growth mindset so we continue to grow and stay open to all new possibilities! In 3rd - 5th grades, we focused on setting goals, good study habits, and utilizing our growth mindset in our learning. Third grade students will make fortune tellers for coping strategies and fourth and fifth grade students can show you
their learning styles sheets. In May, we will be utilizing our growth mindset moving into next year through good habits in transition!

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School Counselor  
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Health Clinic  
Ms. Oliver

May is Better Hearing and Speech month and it is Healthy Vision month. All LCPS elementary school students receive a vision and hearing screening in kindergarten and third grade, and any year and grade they enter LCPS as a new elementary student.

Parents of our fifth grade students, please update your child's immunization records in preparation for entering middle school by providing me with record of receiving the Covid-19 vaccine, Tdap booster vaccine, HPV vaccine, and meningococcal conjugate vaccine. If you have any questions or need assistance with a vaccine plan, please do call me on 540-751-2430 anytime throughout the school day.

Please note: All parents of any student are encouraged to provide updated physical and immunization records for your child to Ms. Oliver any time throughout the school year-keeping all our Lincoln Leopards heathy and safe.  
Have a happy, healthy and safe May and Memorial Day weekend!

Music  
Mr. Duggan

Greetings from Music! It's hard to believe that we're in the final quarter of the school year. Fifth graders will begin learning songs for their end of year ceremony. They will also begin planning and practicing for our Fifth Grade Music Video (more information coming soon!) Fourth graders will continue reading staff notation as well as arrangement music for barred percussion such as xylophones. Third graders are starting our folk dance unit starting with a variation of the Virginia Reel. Second graders will spend time reviewing dynamics (loud/quiet) and will begin using various small percussion to play along with music. First graders will master singing Sol Mi and La and will apply various instruments to play steady beat. Both first
and second will also continue learning about specific instruments building on their previous knowledge of piano and violin.

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Music Specialist, Itinerant
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Library
Mrs. Dillon

It finally feels like Spring! In April students explored poetry in the library. Some created interactive poems using Makey Makeys and Scratch programming, while others wrote their own Haikus or Diamante poems. As we move into May older grades will be playing literacy skills review games before the SOL’s, while younger grades will work with read-alouds that have proven popular in past years.

Our Spring Book Fair is also coming up! This will be an in-person fair, open from May 16th - May 20th. Students will have the opportunity to shop the fair before school each day, during their class library time for that week, and after school. The fair will also be open on the evening of Friday, May 20th, the day of our talent show, from 4 - 6:15 pm. We will be asking for parent volunteers to help set up and to run the fair during after school hours.

SEARCH
Mrs. Cornell

I don’t know about you, but that April snow caught me by surprise and makes any warm day feel all the more precious. As the seasons change, it’s time to think about what kids can do outside that will not only be fun, but can also share some positive educational aspects.

Children certainly need lots of time for unstructured play, but it can also be beneficial to consider a family gardening experience. Whether you have a patio, a balcony, a small backyard, or an acre, children can be involved in growing and taking care of plants.

Involve your child in planning out a garden - either flowers, vegetables, or both! Explain “freeze zones,” and let your child explore and discover geographic information to find out the freeze zone in which your home is located. Buy a pH testing kit at a garden center to help your child explore some basic chemistry.

Take a trip to a garden center to buy plants that require the kind of soil you have discovered in your own yard or investigate how you can amend the soil to adjust the pH levels. To research appropriate plants for a backyard garden or a planter box, take your child to the library to read about plants that are appropriate for your zone, soil type, and lighting. This is a good time to explain photosynthesis to your child so that he/she will understand the relationship of light and plant growth.
As you plant seeds or seedlings and watch them grow, encourage interdisciplinary activities by encouraging your child to keep a written and photographic journal. If a camera is not readily available, incorporate art by having your child sketch the garden or planter box once a week. Happy planting and happy SPRING!

Art
Ms. Bright

Happy Spring!
In the art room the following students are working on the following projects. Kindergarten and first graders are in the process of making a recycle trash truck with a movable trash compacter. Second graders are making a tulip and windmill Netherland landscape. They will show perspective with paint and oil pastels. Third graders will be making a Leaning Tower of Pisa relief sculpture. Fourth grade will be designing and building a three-dimensional tree house in the coming weeks. Fifth grade will study architecture and produce a new type of building with humor and personality.

May Birthdays

May 5 Naya
May 10 Bode
May 12 Ava H.
May 14 Abby D.
May 16 Brooke
May 20 Charley
May 31 Mrs. Webster