



# Lincoln Log

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**August 26, 2010**

## Parent and Child Activity

Help your child fill out a calendar with homework due dates and school events.

Label one place as a "special place" for important papers-a box, basket or folder.

*Source: Parent Institute*

## Calendar

Sept.	1	6:30-7:15pm	K-3 Back to School Night
		7:15-8:00pm	4-5 Back to School Night
		7:45-8:00pm	Mission Springs Info (5 <sup>th</sup> )
	6		<b>Labor Day-NO SCHOOL</b>
	8	7:00pm	PTA Meeting – GLC
	15		Bud White Student Photos
	16	5:30-7:00pm	Fall Welcome Dinner
	17		Staff Learning Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>

## Principal's Message

We are off to a wonderful start for the 2010-2011 school year. We welcomed approximately 740 students to Lincoln on Thursday morning. Our thanks go to the parent volunteers and the PTA for the many hours of help they provided as we prepared for opening day. The support of Lincoln's community continues to be impressive and appreciated. Please contact your child's teacher or the office if you are available to volunteer.

The faculty eagerly planned and prepared for the arrival of our students. Their success was evident in the smiling faces of students as they were actively involved in learning last week. We have 33 teachers in both full and part time capacities this year.

The staff and I are looking forward to collaborating with you to insure a successful year for your child. We are honored to work in partnership with you to create a love of learning in your children.

## Labor Day – September 6 – No School

School is closed on September 6 in honor of Labor Day.

## Forgotten lunch? Office Drop Off Table

In the front office there is a table specifically for items that are dropped off, such as lunches. Please clearly mark the item with your child's name and room number. Make sure your student knows that we are unable to interrupt the class, and he/she is responsible for claiming the item at recess or lunch. Maintaining instructional time with minimal disruption continues to be a priority.

## Back to School Night

Back to School Night will be held on Wednesday, September 1, 2010. Kindergarten, first, second and third grade teachers will make presentations from 6:30 to 7:15 pm. Fourth and fifth grade teachers will make presentations from 7:15 to 8:00 pm. Teachers will outline their grade level curriculum and individual classroom procedures. They are eager to share the many enriching and educational activities they have planned for the year.

**Back to School Night is an adult only evening. There is no child care and no supervision on the playground.** The purpose of the evening is to keep parents informed on how best to support their child's learning this year. Your dedication to your child's progress is valued and appreciated.

## Fifth Grade Parents: Mission Springs Info Meeting

After you visit your child's classroom during Back to School Night, please plan to attend a brief presentation on the Mission Springs Science Camp overnight in the Multi Purpose room from 7:45 to 8:00pm.

## District Wellness Policy

Due to an increased rate of childhood obesity and diabetes, federal and state law requires school districts with a federally-funded meal program to maintain wellness policies which address nutrition and physical activity.

Food served during the school day and for school activities must meet the required nutritional standards. **Classroom celebrations held during the school day involving food will be limited and must meet nutritional requirements. Birthdays are celebrated in a healthy way without sugary treats.** Schools need to meet physical education standards for all students in all grades involving daily physical activity.

Why should children eat healthy?

- Helps kids feel and look their best
- Is linked to higher grades in school
- Helps kids grow normally

### Lincoln Celebration Guidelines

#### Birthday Celebrations:

- **Healthy food only (examples: fruit, popcorn, cheese sticks, yogurt, 100% juice boxes, pretzels, granola bars)**
- **Donate a book to the classroom**
- **No goodie bags**
- **Teachers determine guidelines for their classrooms within these agreements**

#### Classroom Parties:

- **We encourage crafts, games, healthy food treats**
- **One non-healthy treat only**

We look forward to working together to teach our students healthy life skills.

## Parents of Primary Students: Please Remember that School is in Session for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students until 3:25pm

If you are waiting for upper grade students to be released from class between 2:55 and 3:25pm, please remember that half of our students are still in class learning. Parents and siblings of intermediate students may wait at the covered shade structure on the intermediate side of the playground ONLY. The noise level on these first few days of school has been disruptive to students who are still in class. Waiting students may not play on the playground or play structure. Please be vigilant in supervising your children so that they are not disrupting classes. In addition, the playground may be needed for upper grade classes between 2:55 and 3:25pm. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep the learning environment as quiet as possible from 2:55 to 3:25pm for our upper grade students.

### **Absences and Tardies**

Attendance and punctuality are important in establishing good behavior and building responsibility in young children. Please ensure that your child is at school every day and that she/he arrives on time. If your child will be absent, please call our attendance line (252-4798 ext. 6). If your child arrives at school late, she/he must report to the office for a late slip before entering the classroom.

### **Chorus begins for Grades 3-5**

Chorus for third, fourth and fifth grade students begins on August 31, 2010 at 12:35 pm in the Multi Purpose Room. Bring your own lunch, we eat first all together and sing together until the bell rings. Permission slips are in today's MESH folder and should be brought by August 31 to participate in the chorus. Our first performance is Thursday, September 16 at the Fall Welcome Dinner. Mark your calendars!

### **PTA**

#### **PTA Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

The Lincoln Elementary Parent Teacher Association (PTA) invites you to join us for the first PTA meeting scheduled for Wed., September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Lincoln library.

### **School Directory**

Add your family contact information to the Lincoln School Directory by going online to [Lincoln-PTA.org](http://Lincoln-PTA.org), then click on the link Online Directory Membership Form <<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/lincolnmembershipdirectoryonline>> for the school directory. All families are welcome to submit their information. Directories are provided free of charge to all Lincoln PTA members; non-members may purchase a directory for \$10.

### **Volunteering**

Want to get involved with Lincoln? There are volunteering jobs to suit many different interests and schedules. From helping with the Running Program to serving as a library aid, helping with the Welcome Back Dinner or the Book Fair. Or, you might want to work in the classroom, be a room parent or chaperone field trips. To learn more, go to <http://www.lincoln-pta.org/>, and click on Lincoln Volunteering. Or, contact Lata Raghuram at [lraghuram@lincoln-pta.org](mailto:lraghuram@lincoln-pta.org).

### **Membership**

Why join the PTA? The Lincoln PTA and its volunteers enable many programs and activities to support our school community including the Lincoln School Directory, Welcome Back Dinner, Book Fair, teacher and staff appreciation lunches, Red Ribbon Week, Running Program, University Day and the Walkathon. At the state and national level, your membership adjoins your voice with millions of others making the case for education and children. This includes the recent historic lawsuit by the California PTA and others challenging the state of California to ensure a school finance system that provides all students equal opportunity.

The PTA's budget is based solely on membership dues, school-wide fundraisers and tax-deductible donations. So please show your support by joining today. Membership is \$10 for a single parent/guardian household and \$15 for a two-parent/guardian.

Your support is greatly appreciated. For more information on the PTA, contact Vidya Sinha at [vsinha@lincoln-pta.org](mailto:vsinha@lincoln-pta.org)

### **PTA Bookfair is Coming Soon!**

Do you love books? Do you want to encourage reading within our school community? Yes? Then you are just the person we are looking for to be a Book Fair Volunteer! There are lots of ways you can help. If you have a lot of time, or only a little, we would love to have you on our Book Fair Team. To find out more, please join us on Thursday, September 2nd at 9:10am in the Library. Please RSVP to Jyothi at: [jyothina@gmail.com](mailto:jyothina@gmail.com) or (408) 252-1998 Or Swati at: [srkeddia@hotmail.com](mailto:srkeddia@hotmail.com) or (408) 865-1098

### **LEEF (Lincoln Education Enrichment Fund) Donations: Help Support Our Enrichment Programs**

The primary goal of direct donations to the Lincoln Educational Enrichment Fund (LEEF) is to pay for Lincoln staff members who teach your child primary music, primary P.E. and staff who help your child in the library, technology lab, and classroom. Salaries/benefits are paid through LEEF donations, **NOT by funds from the school district or taxes.** Please take the time to find the LEEF form included in this week's MESH folder and support these programs. **Questions regarding Corporate Matching or LEEF donations?** Send e-mail to LEEF President Linda Hull, [info@LincolnLEEF.org](mailto:info@LincolnLEEF.org) or leave a note for LEEF in the school office. LEEF website <http://www.LincolnLEEF.org>

### **DISTRICT NEWS**

#### **OPENING DAY PACKET BOOKLET**

In effort to consolidate information and save on duplication costs, the Cupertino Union School District has included in the Opening Day Packet one form covering the Receipt of Information on Parents Legal Rights, Student Acceptable Use of Technology Policy and the Multimedia Withhold Form. This form is located in the front of the Opening Day Packet. Please review the corresponding pages, sign each section, and return to the school site as soon as possible.

### **STAR TESTS RESULTS**

The district has received the 2009-2010 STAR Student Reports from the state and we are in the process of sending out the almost 14,000 district reports. If you do not receive your child's STAR Report by September 1, please contact your school office.

### **CELDT TESTING**

The Cupertino Union School District will administer the CELDT (California English Language Development Test) September through October 30, 2010. Based on your child's last years CELDT scores, if their proficiency is limited, withdrawn or transitional, your child will be included in the annual CELDT test at their school. A letter will be sent home with your child prior to the testing date at your school.

The initial CELDT will be given to kindergarten students whose primary language on the Home Language Survey is a language other than English.

The test consists of four skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. Students in grades K-8 are tested in all four areas. You will receive the official results after January 2011. If you have any questions, please contact your school office.

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