



# Lincoln Log

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## Parent and Child Activity

What is the one thing your child wants to accomplish this year?  
Help your child write a plan to achieve this goal.

Talk to your child about courage. Look for examples of people who demonstrate courage.

*Source: Parent Institute*

## Calendar

Jan.	15	6pm	CUSD Budget Impact Mtg at Kennedy MS
	<b>19</b>		<b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>M.L.King Jr. Holiday</b>
	21	7pm	CUSD Budget Impact Mtg at Miller MS
	23		Class Photo Day

### NO School on Monday

There will be NO School on Monday, January 19, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Tuesday, January 20 is Early Release Day with student dismissal at 2:25 p.m.

### Kindergarten Registration for the 2009-2010 School Year

**\*Please share this article with your neighbors**

Any child who will be five years old on or before December 2, 2009, is eligible to attend kindergarten for the 2009-10 school year. Students must reside in the district at the time of registration. **Kindergarten registration is scheduled to begin on Monday, February 2 at 9:15 a.m. and continues through February 12.** Registration packets will be available at neighborhood school beginning January 26, 2009. Registration packets are numbered sequentially. The registration number on the packet is valid for packets returned between February 2 – February 12, 2009. For more details check the district website at <http://Cupertino.CA.campusgrid.net>.

#### Registration Requirements:

**Child's original Birth Certificate or Passport**

**Child's original Immunization Record**

**Proof of residency:** original PG&E bill plus a current lease agreement (on-line bills will require an additional form or identification), a lease agreement on a 30-day conditional basis for a new resident, or original PG&E bill plus a current Property Tax Bill

**One additional form of identification with current address on it:** CA Driver's License, bank statement, pre-printed check, car insurance, car registration, etc.

**Registration packets will not be accepted until all five original documents are available.**

Lincoln School has two kindergarten sessions:

AM: 8:55 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

PM: 10:45 a.m. to 2:55 p.m.

**AM/PM requests will be granted on a first-come first-serve basis.** Please note that we will try to honor requests, but cannot guarantee that all requests will be met.

### Lunch Duty Volunteers Needed

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who have helped with yard duty supervision during our lunchtime, from 12:30 to 1:15 pm. We really appreciate your support! We still need additional volunteers to provide coverage for the remainder of the school year. If you can provide yard duty on a consistent basis, paid positions are also available, at

the rate of \$10.00/day. Please contact Jackie Browning at (408) 252-4798 x 105.

### STAR Writing Test: March 3, 2009

**(Writing Makeup Test: March 4, 2009)**

Students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade will take the STAR Writing Test on Tuesday, March 3, 2009. The STAR Writing Test addresses writing application standards for grades 4 and 7. At grade 4, these standards require students to produce one of four types of writing: narrative, summary, information report, or response to literature. The grade 7 standards require students to produce one of five types of writing: narrative, persuasive essay, summary, response to literature, or research report. Students at both grade levels have 75 minutes to read the tasks and write the first draft of their essays. First drafts are then submitted to the state for scoring.

Student responses to the writing tasks are scored on a 4-point rubric with 4 being the highest. Your child's scores will be reflected in the annual STAR Student Report in mid-August.

### STAR Testing: May 4 – May 15, 2009

**(Makeup Testing: May 18 - 21)**

The standardized testing dates for second through fifth grade are listed above. The State Board of Education sets the dates. It is important that our students are in school during the testing period. Aside from state accountability, the STAR test is one of the multiple measures used to assess and improve our academic programs. **Please do not schedule appointments or family trips during this time.**

### Notes from the Nurse

Exposure Notice.... Some unwelcome visitors have been detected at our school – head lice. While there are only a few cases and the problem can be easily controlled, we know that children and parents alike want to know more about this problem and how to control it. Lice, which are a common and age-old pest, are easily transferred from person to person. All age groups and localities are susceptible. They *may* be more frequent during cool weather. Cleanliness does not seem to be a significant factor; lice are attracted to all children. **It is important for parents to inform the school immediately if their student has been exposed to, or infected with head lice.** Children may return to school after treatment and an inspection reveals no nits or lice remain in the hair. **Please have your child check in the office before returning to his/her class.** Informational pamphlets on the subject are available in the school office.

## **PTA**

### **Upcoming Yearbook Events**

The Yearbook Cover Contest is coming up! Be the winning designers and it could be your artwork on this year's Lincoln Yearbook! Also coming are Yearbook Order Envelopes. When you pre-order a 2008-2009 Lincoln Yearbook, you not only guarantee yourself a yearbook, but you save money also! Remember to look for the Cover Contest flyer and your Order Envelope in next week's MESH!

### **Donate Photos to Yearbook**

To donate your pictures to the Lincoln 08-09 collection, please email them to the Yearbook Committee at: [leopard.yearbook@gmail.com](mailto:leopard.yearbook@gmail.com) <<mailto:leopard.yearbook@gmail.com>>. Include the name of the event in the Subject area of your email to help us organize the photos. Thank you and keep those shutters snapping!

For the safety of our students, please observe the Parent Photos and Video Guidelines published in the Lincoln Log dated 10/9/08 at the school website: [www.lincolnelementary.net](http://www.lincolnelementary.net)

## **Scrip**

Please check for your orders in the MESH. The next Scrip order will be due Jan. 23. Order forms can be printed online at the Lincoln PTA website: [www.lincoln-pta.org](http://www.lincoln-pta.org). For more information, please email the Scrip Committee at: [lincolnscrip@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnscrip@gmail.com). Please return binder clips thru the MESH or at the office. Thank you for your support!

## **DISTRICT**

### **CUSD Budget Impact Meetings**

Given the unprecedented magnitude of the state budget crisis and the uncertainty surrounding Cupertino Union School District's funding, Superintendent Phil Quon will be holding a number of budget impact meetings throughout the District during January 2009. The Superintendent would like to invite all interested parents and community members to attend and hear what steps the district is taking to try and weather the state budget crisis. Please attend any meeting that is convenient for you. Here is a list of schedule and location of the meetings:

- **Thursday, January 15, 2009 – 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**  
Kennedy Middle School, Multi-Use Room  
(821 Bubb Road in Cupertino)
- **Wednesday, January 21, 2009 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**  
Miller Middle School, Gymnasium (6151 Rainbow Drive in San Jose)

If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Nishihara at (408) 252-3000, Extension 323.

### **GATE Referral Process Testing**

#### **Schedule**

**Dates For Referrals For Spring Testing – Grades 3 and above**

Referrals will be accepted beginning: November 3, 2008

Deadline for Spring GATE referrals: January 16, 2009

(Referrals for the above grades submitted before the November 3, 2008 or after January 16, 2009 date will be returned.)

**NOTE:** GATE testing of CUSD grade 3 and above students will take place during Spring (March-April) 2009. This will be the only GATE testing offered during the 2008-2009 year.