



# Lincoln Log

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## Parent and Child Activity

Teach your child how to sew on a button today.

Show your love for your children by reading to them every day.

Learn a tongue twister. At dinner, challenge everyone to repeat it three times fast.

*Source: Parent Institute*

## Calendar

Feb.	12	Winter Success Inc. ends
	13	Twin Day
	<b>16-20</b>	<b>Mid-Year Recess</b>
		<b>No School</b>
	25	PTA Year Book Cover
		Entries Due
Mar.	3	Star Writing Test Gr. 4
		CUSD Writing Test Gr 3,5

## Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Students have been learning about President Lincoln's contributions to unite this country. President Lincoln's humble beginnings are an inspiration to many that we can achieve the goals we set for ourselves. We are proud to bear this president's name at our school. Like our namesake, we set our goals to provide a balanced and rigorous academic program, attending to the development of skills, knowledge base, values and beliefs to enable all students to become successful, life-long learners.

## Mid-Year Break

Lincoln School will be closed for the mid-year break from February 16 – 20. Enjoy the time with family and friends!

## PeaceBuilder T-shirt Sale

Help your child become a proud PeaceBuilder! Order a PeaceBuilder t-shirt for your child so that he/she can proudly wear it on Lincoln PeaceBuilder Fridays. The deadline to place your t-shirt order is Friday, February 13. Extra order forms are available in the office. If you are not sure about what size to order, sample sizes are in the office. Everyone, including teachers and parent volunteers, can show their PeaceBuilder spirit by wearing a PeaceBuilder t-shirt on Friday.

## Second Session of Success Inc.

Our second session of Success Inc. begins on Monday, March 9, 2009. Permission slips will go home to students who qualify. Only those students who meet certain qualifications may attend the support program. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 408-252-4798.

## Parking on February 13

In preparation for our classroom parties on Friday, February 13, parking permits will be available Thursday afternoon in the school office. Please feel free to utilize these permits for parking on the surrounding streets. Happy Valentine's Day!

## Important Hot Lunch Information

If your student is having a hot lunch, please make sure they have a positive balance in their lunch account. You can check online at [www.PayPams.com](http://www.PayPams.com) to review their balance. There is no charge to view the account online. Thank you for your help to assure that your child gets a hot lunch as planned.

## Truancy and What It Means

Compulsory attendance is the law in California from age six until the age of eighteen (Education Code: 482600). A student who has three unexcused absences or three tardies of more than 30 minutes, or any combination thereof, without a valid excuse is considered legally truant. A student who has six unexcused absences or six tardies or absences of more the 30 minutes, or any combination thereof, is considered habitually truant and will be referred for further action.

### How does truancy impact students?

- Students suffer academic set backs when frequent absences occur.
- If tardy by even a few minutes, students start their day behind other students who have had a chance to organize and are focused on instruction.
- Students in school on a regular basis and on time do significantly better in school.
- Studies have shown that students struggling in high school developed patterns of absenteeism in elementary school.

These are just four items out of a long list of issues that negatively impact children when they are absent or tardy. Simply getting to school on time is one of the greatest gifts you can give your child. It teaches responsibility and punctuality: qualities every profession values. Let's make every effort to have our children in their seats when the school day begins.

## LEEF - Donation Receipts

The \$100,000 fundraising goal to pay for the enrichment staff and programs has been successfully reached because of the donations from Lincoln families and corporate matching gifts. Since these enrichment programs are funded by LEEF donations, they are protected from California state budget cuts. Much gratitude and thanks for your financial support for these programs:

Receipts for LEEF donations are being mailed or sent home in the MESH this week. If your family donated online through a company, it can take 90+ days for companies to mail a check. As remaining checks are received, receipts will be sent out. Questions? Contact LEEF Treasurer, Frances Chan at "treasurer@LincolnLEEF.org" or leave a note for LEEF in the school office.

	Computer Lab	Librarian	Music	PE	In-class Aides
Grades K-3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓(Combo classes)
Grades 4-5	✓	✓	✓Chorus (Gr. 3-5)		✓(All classes)

## PTA

### Yearbook Cover Contest

If you haven't entered the contest yet, there is still time! Students can work on their Cover Contest artwork over the Mid-Year Break. All entries are due **Wednesday, February 25th by 3:30pm in the office**. Remember to write on the back of your entry: your full Name, Grade/Teacher/Room #, Parent's Name with Phone number, and specify if your artwork is for the Front cover or the Back cover. One entry per a currently enrolled Lincoln student please. Additional Cover Contest guidelines flyers are on the office counter. Have fun and be creative! For more information, please email the Yearbook Committee at: [leopard.yearbook@gmail.com](mailto:leopard.yearbook@gmail.com).

### Box Tops for Education

We will be mailing in our next group of box tops on February 27th so please continue turning in the box tops coupons and watch out for expiration dates! For a list of participating products and how your online shopping at the Box Tops Marketplace can benefit our school, please visit the Lincoln PTA website at: [lincoln-pta.org](http://lincoln-pta.org) or pick up flyer at the office counter. Keep cutting and collecting!



## Scrip

Check your child's MESH or come by the Scrip Table for your orders. For more information, please email the Scrip Committee at: [lincolnscrip@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnscrip@gmail.com). Please return binder clips to the office - thank you!

## 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).

## Pre-order your Lincoln Yearbook and One for Teachers!

Yearbook pre-orders are \$20 and when you add another \$1, you can help provide yearbooks for teachers. Just complete the information on the order envelope and include a check payable to: **Lincoln PTA**. Additional order envelopes are in the office. Deadline for pre-orders is **March 20th**.

## DISTRICT

### STAR Writing Test

Students in grades 4 and 7 will take the STAR Writing Test on 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 read a task and write a first draft of their essay. First drafts are submitted to the state for scoring.

The two-week multiple choice STAR Test window begins May 4, 2009.