



# Lincoln Log

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## Parent and Child Activity

Don't watch TV tonight. Read, play games, or put together a puzzle instead.

Have your child choose a newspaper headline. Turn it into a question. Does the article answer the question?

At bedtime, allow a few moments after the light is off for quiet conversation.

*Source: Parent Institute*

## Calendar

Mar.	3	Star Writing Test Gr. 4 CUSD Writing Test Gr. 3,5
	4	Read Across America Day Star Writing Makeup Test CUSD Writing Makeup Test
	5	6:30pm Pirate Play Rms 13, 18, 30
	6	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester Ends
	9, 10	MARs Test Gr. 4
	11	University Day Gr. 3-5
	12	University Day Gr. K-2

## The Pirates From Grammar Island

On Thursday, March 5 the third grade students from rooms 13, 18, and 30 will perform "The Pirates From Grammar Island." There will be two performances during the day for classes and an evening performance for parents. Students must arrive in the MP room by 6:00 pm. The evening show will begin at 6:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you!

## Star Writing Test: March 3, 2009

Our fourth grade students will take the STAR Writing test on Tuesday, March 3, 2009. This date is set by the State Board of Education. It is important that our students be at school on the testing day. Aside from state accountability, the test is one of the multiple measures used in assessing and improving our academic programs. Please do not schedule appointments or family trips on this date. The STAR Writing makeup test will be given on March 4, 2009.

## Read Across America Day:

### Dr. Seuss's Birthday

Read Across America Day is on Tuesday, March 3, 2009. In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, children across the country celebrate reading. Lincoln's kindergarten and first grade classes, as well as several other classes, will celebrate with guest readers and activities. The following article offers ideas for fostering a love of reading at home:

## Increase Literacy Skills with Fun Reading and Conversation

Research points to two simple strategies that can make your child a better reader:

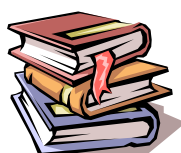
1. **Make reading enjoyable** for your child.
2. **Hold family discussions.** Exposure to new words and the flow of conversation improve children's vocabulary and comprehension.

Here's what you can do:

- **Choose books** that reflect your child's interests. Take him to the library to select what he likes.
- **Show your child** that you enjoy reading. Read books, newspapers, catalogs and magazines in front of her.
- **Get your child to talk** about what he's reading. Sit with him and ask questions.
- **Start discussions** of interest to your child. Vary topics from day to day. Get her to share her thoughts and opinions.

*Source: Parents Make a Difference*

Happy Reading!



## Student Directory Use

A gentle reminder that the PTA Directory contents are confidential and for personal communication purposes only. The Directory is not to be used for commercial purposes or made available to outside organizations.

## From our Nurse:

### When to keep children at home due to illness

The best way to prevent the spread of disease is by hand washing and hand sanitizing. However, there are times when, despite our best efforts, children become sick. When this happens, the sick child should be kept at home. This is for the child's own comfort and recuperation and to limit the spread of germs that may cause illness.

The symptoms listed below are examples of when to keep your child home from school.

- Fever of 100 degrees or higher. The child should remain home until s/he is without a fever for 24 hours
- Complaints of feeling ill which do not seem to be associated with school avoidance or other non-illness reasons
- Runny nose (very thick or greenish) or severe nasal congestion
- Infectious diseases such as: Strep throat. (After 24 hours of antibiotics your child may return.)
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting
- Complaints of ear pain, pink eye/red-crusted eyes
- Lingering cough from an illness

Over-the-counter and/or prescription medications may be given at school **if**: (1) a **Medication Authorization** form has been completed by your doctor **and** (2) the medication is labeled in its original container. Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter.

If a student is sent home from school for feeling ill, the child may not return that day. **A doctor's note for absences over five (5) days is required.**

If you do not have health insurance, the Children's Health Initiative of Santa Clara County will help your family obtain free and low-cost health, dental and vision insurance.

There are three insurance programs: Medi-Cal, Healthy Families and Healthy Kids. Please call 1-888-244-5222 to speak to an intake worker (many languages are spoken) who will work with you to see which program your child qualifies for.

## **PTA**

### **Thank you to the Cover Contest participants!**

Thank you to all the students who participated in the Cover Contest - it shows that Lincoln has a lot of great artistic talent! We are so amazed and proud! The winning front cover and back cover artwork will be announced in March. We are looking forward to another beautifully designed yearbook!

### **Don't forget to Pre-order your Lincoln Yearbook and One for Teachers!**

If you haven't already, you can still guarantee yourself a yearbook! Yearbook pre-orders are \$20 and when you add another \$1, you can help provide yearbooks for all your favorite teachers. Just complete the information on the order envelope and include a check payable to: **Lincoln PTA**. Additional order envelopes are in the office.

There will be a limited amount of yearbooks for sale during distribution at a first come basis, but at a higher price. Don't miss out and save! Deadline for pre-orders is **March 20th**.

### **Reflections Program 2008-09**

The Reflections committee is thrilled to announce that Sachi Bansal from Lincoln Elementary was one of the winners of this year's Reflections program in the Intermediate Dance Choreography category at the Sixth District level.

She will be honored at the Sixth District Reflections reception at the County Office of Education on Monday May 11th.

We are proud of all the students at Lincoln who participated in Reflections for attempting to express themselves and for showing the enthusiasm to participate. Their entries will be returned to them soon, along with a certificate.

## **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.

## **Mathematics Speaker Series**

**"Beside the Book! What else can students do to meet their yearning for learning more mathematics..."**

**Thursday, March 19, 2009 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Collins Elementary School, GLC**  
**10300 N. Blaney Avenue**  
**Cupertino, CA 95014**  
**No RSVP Needed**

District students and their parents are invited to participate in the final installment of the Mathematics Speaker Series. The previous speakers have been focusing on middle school students. The target audience for this presentation is students in grades four and five who are eager to learn more, deeper mathematics (to go Beside the Book!) and their parents; interested sixth grade students and parents are also welcome.

The speaker will be Joshua Zucker, a very talented and knowledgeable teacher whose accomplishments in the field of mathematics have been recognized both in his tenure as a writer for the national MATHCOUNTS competition and as the Director of the Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival. Mr. Zucker discovered his love for number theory at Dr. Arnold Ross's summer program at Ohio State University many years ago. As a student, he was invited to the US Math Olympiad Summer Program and was a member of the first US Physics Olympiad team as well as a top-10 scorer on the Putnam. Joshua is an excellent presenter who will challenge students with insightful, intriguing problems and offer parents words of wisdom about math education that will help them work with their sons and daughters in productive ways.

The Speaker Series is part of the district's Math Initiative Plan and is sponsored by the Cupertino Educational Endowment Foundation (CEEF) and a grant from Microsoft Corporation.

### **De Anza College Summer Extended Year Program 2009**

De Anza College in partnership with the Cupertino Union School District will offer the Extended Year Program this summer, mornings only, from June 22 to July 17, 2009.

#### **Students entering grades 6 through 10**

Classes will be held at Cupertino and Miller Middle Schools, and will include: Speech and Debate, Japanese, Advanced Writer's Workshop, Intro to Algebra 1&2, Geometry, Lego Robotics, ML Cad Design, PSAT Prep-Verbal, Fashion Design, and many others.

#### **Students entering grades 1 through 5**

Classes will be held at Collins Elementary School, and will include: Math Applications & Concepts, Writing: Paragraphs to Essays, Reading Intensive, Geology, Math & Art, Mandarin, Journalism/Writing, First Grade Block, and more!

Program brochures will be sent home in early March and will also be available at your school office. More information is available at [www.extendedyear.deanza.edu](http://www.extendedyear.deanza.edu).

Early registration is by mail only and will begin on March 9, 2009 and ends on May 23, 2009. There will also be walk-in registration available from June 1 to June 8, 2009.