



# Lincoln Log

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**March 12, 2009**

## Parent and Child Activity

Turn off the TV this evening! Plan on reading or playing games instead.

Take a walk with your child and use all five senses to observe the world around you.

*Source: Parent Institute*

## Calendar

Mar.	13	1:45pm	Rms. 19, 20, 21, 23 Play Performance - MP
	<b>16</b>		<b>Staff Learning Day No School</b>
	20		Report Cards go home
	26	6:30pm	HSA Awards, 5th Grade Musical Performance and Ice Cream Social
	31	3:00-3:30pm	<b>Incoming Kinder Orientation</b>

## End of Second Trimester

Friday, March 6, marked the end of the second trimester of school. During goal setting conferences, you were able to meet individually with your child's teacher and set goals for the remainder of the year. Your child's report cards will come home on Friday, March 20. The standards-based report card should help you see your child's progress as it relates to meeting the expected standards for the grade level. Remember to review your child's progress, praise successes, and help him/her set reasonable goals for the remaining trimester.

## Hansel and Gretel Eat Right

On Friday, March 13, half of our third graders will perform the musical *Hansel and Gretel Eat Right* for the school at 10:15 and 11:30 am. There will be a performance at 1:45 pm for parents. The musical is based on the traditional story with a modern day twist! The theme highlights healthy eating and staying fit. Thanks to Mrs. Bhatnagar, Mrs. DeSagun, Mrs. Enchell, Mrs. Renaghan and their students for their efforts.

## Learning Day

A district wide Staff Learning Day will take place on Monday, March 16. The Lincoln staff will spend the morning focusing on writing prompts, rubrics, and scoring the district writing assessments of our students. The process allows for calibration between and within grade levels, in addition to identifying areas for growth. The rest of the day will be spent in technology training through Apple. Staff Learning Days provide us with the valuable opportunity to learn new strategies to support student learning.

## Excessive Tardiness/Unexcused Absences

Students need to be on time for school every day. Late arrivals must report to the office for a late slip. A daily record is kept for each child. Excessive tardies result in a letter being sent home. If tardiness or excessive absences continue, a truant officer will be notified and the parent(s) and child will be required by law to attend a School Attendance Review Board (SARB). Failure to comply or attend the SARB will result, by law, in a required appearance and Truancy Court. Students who are consistently late miss valuable class time and disrupt the learning of other students.

## HSA Awards, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Music Performance and Ice Cream Social

Thursday, March 26 is a busy and exciting evening at Lincoln School! Please join the PTA in honoring volunteers receiving Honorary Service Awards. The 5th grade classes and 4th/5th combination class will entertain with a music performance at 6:30pm. The awards presentation will follow immediately after the performance. Ice cream will be served after the ceremonies are complete. It is a wonderful community-building event. We hope you can join us!

## PTA

### Teacher Appreciation Week

It is time to start planning for Teacher Appreciation Week. The week of **April 6 to the 10** is our chance to thank the teachers and staff at Lincoln for all the time, effort and care they pour into our children every day. During this week Lincoln parents provide food, drinks, and yard duty as a way to say thank you and encourage our teachers and staff. **Look for the flyer in the MESH and send in your volunteer forms today.** All our children benefit so much from the wonderful teachers and staff we have at Lincoln. Let's make sure they know that we appreciate them. We are also looking for people to help with being on the committee to help make this event take place, if you can help this way please call Gail Nordby at 408-253-5716 or Alex Levy at 408-865-1615.

### Ice Cream Social

We need your help! This year the Ice Cream Social will be held on Thursday, March 26. We need parent volunteers to make this event run smoothly. Please consider volunteering and helping out with this community building event. A separate flyer is enclosed in the MESH.

### Yearbook Pre-orders due next week!

You still have time to preorder your Lincoln Yearbook for \$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. A limited amount of yearbooks will be for sale during distribution on a first come basis, but at a higher price. Save by ordering now and guarantee yourself this treasured keepsake! Deadline for pre-orders is next week **March 20**.

### **Yearbook Cover Contest Winners**

A big thank you and a round of applause for all 70 yearbook cover entries! We know everyone did their best artwork and it showed. We were so impressed with the amazing cover designs and so proud of your phenomenal talent. It was a tough decision for our teachers, but we finally have our winners...

The 2008-2009 Front Cover Design winner is **Melody Wang** (Rm. 10)

2nd place - Anna Hsaio (Rm. 11)

3rd place - Grace Chyu (Rm. 26)

The 2008-2009 Back Cover Design winner is

**Matthew Lau** (Rm. 29)

2nd place - Carina Johnson (Rm. 1)

3rd place - Roshan Fernandez (Rm. 31)

Congratulations to you all for your beautiful artwork!

All the wonderful cover contest entries will be displayed in the Library until March 20 so please come by to check them out. We appreciate the time and artistic talent you have put in for your designs. Thank you to all the fabulous Lincoln artists!

### **Lawson Middle School Pops Concert**

You are invited to attend the annual Lawson music program "Pops Concert". It will be held in the Lawson Event Center on March 18th, 6-9pm. It is a great showcase of Lawson's FANTASTIC music program!

### **Attention Lawson-bound 5th grade parents**

- See you on 3/19 in the Lawson Event Center for the Parent Information Night, 6:30 - 7:30 PM (no students, please)

- Another way to get a head start at connecting to Lawson is to check out the morning announcements - they are podcast daily by students. To subscribe, visit: <http://lawsonms.ca.campusgrid.net/home/Announcements>

- The Lincoln Outreach contact at Lawson is a former Lincoln parent. Feel free to contact her for any parent or Lawson PTA related questions: Alysa Sakkas - [asakkas@gmail.com](mailto:asakkas@gmail.com)

## **DISTRICT**

### **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.

### **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.

### **Adult and Community Education-Citizenship Classes**

The Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult and Community Education will be offering two evening citizenship classes. These two classes are an ESL/Citizenship Preparation Class, for those students who are at an intermediate level of English proficiency, and a Citizenship Preparation Class, for students who are advanced English speakers. Both of these free classes are on Monday and Wednesday evenings and start on Monday, March 23, 2009. The ESL/Citizenship Class hours are from 6:30-9:30 p.m., and will be held in room 82 at Fremont High School. The Citizenship Class hours are from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and will be held in room 83 at Fremont High School. In these classes students will learn about American history and government, fill out the N-400 application, and practice for their oral interview. In addition, there will be several speakers who will talk about the naturalization process, local government, and voting.

For all of these classes, students should register in class. For more information about these classes or for ESL/Citizenship at Home, please call (408) 522-2703.