



Lincoln Log

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Parent and Child Activity

Encourage your child to be a gracious winner or a good loser.

Have everyone in the family spend a half-hour picking up the house. Many hands make light work.

Help your child write a family newsletter. Interview family members and write up the news.

Source: Parent Institute

Calendar

Mar.	20		Report Cards go home
	26	6:30pm	HSA Awards, 5th Grade Musical Performance and Ice Cream Social
	31	3:00-3:30pm	Incoming Kinder Orientation
Apr.	2	3:40pm	School Site Council Mtg
	6-10		Teacher Appreciation Wk
	8		Bud White Spring photos
	9	6:30-7:30pm	Open House

Report Cards Go Home Tomorrow

This is a good time for you and your child to talk about school progress and set goals for the next trimester. Ask your child questions like these:

- What did you learn in (math, science, literature, etc.) this grading period?
- What was the most difficult?
- What was easy/easier for you this time?
- What was the most enjoyable?
- What do you wish you had done differently?
- What will you do differently for the next grading period?
- What help do you need?

Rewarding children for good report cards can build self-esteem, but it can also lead children to expect a reward every time they accomplish something. It's the type of reward that counts. Experts recommend that parents limit the use of rewards such as toys or money. One alternative is spending time doing something with your child that he/she enjoys. Avoid comparing your children with their siblings. Rivalry between brothers and sisters is common; however, report card time can make those problems worse. Be sure that no child ends up feeling badly about herself/himself or superior to a brother or sister. If your children have very different report cards, avoid comparing. Try not to praise one child in front of the other. Bragging should not be allowed. Use this time to teach your children values. Point out that everyone has different abilities and weaknesses.

HSA Awards, 5th 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!

Incoming Kindergarten Orientation

On Tuesday, March 31, from 3:00-3:30 p.m., our kindergarten teachers will host an information meeting for the parents of our incoming kindergarten students. Parents and students will have an opportunity to visit the kindergarten classrooms as well.

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 to review their balance. There is no charge to view the account online. Thank you for your help in assuring that your child gets a hot lunch as planned.

Promptly Pick up Your Student

It is important that all students are picked up promptly upon dismissal each day. Except morning Kindergartners, all students are dismissed Tuesdays at 2:25 p.m. All other days, K-3rd are dismissed at 2:55 p.m. and 4-5th at 3:25 p.m. There is no after school supervision. We appreciate your support and efforts to maintain student safety.

Attendance and Punctuality: A Key to Your Child's Success

Research shows that children with consistent school attendance learn more. Punctuality also promotes learning. A student who is 10 minutes late everyday will miss 30 hours of instruction during the year. Children who are late can copy notes or make up an assignment, but they can never get back what's most important – the discussion, the questions, the explanations by the teacher and the thinking that makes learning come alive. Your child's success in school depends on having a solid educational background – one that can only be gained through punctuality and regular school attendance. Research shows that attendance is the single most important factor in school success.

PTA

Teacher Appreciation Week

The week of **April 6 through 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 everyday. During this week Lincoln parents provide food, drinks, and yard duty as a way to thank and encourage our teachers and staff. This is a highlight for the teachers. It takes the whole Lincoln Community to pull this off.

PLEASE RETURN THE SIGN UP SHEET THIS WEEK. (If you need another form, you can get one in the office.) 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. Any questions, call Gail Nordby 253-5716, Alex Levy 865-1615.

Last Chance to Preorder your Yearbook Tomorrow 3/20/09!

Tomorrow is the last day for yearbook preorders. Lincoln Yearbook preorders 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. 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!

Scrip

Please come by the Scrip Table or check your MESH for your orders. The next order forms will be due March 27. Apologies for the incorrect order date printed on the form. For more information, please email the Scrip Committee at: lincolnscrip@gmail.com. Thank you!

Got Pictures? Donate to the Yearbook.

Parents, we are collecting pictures of grade-level activities. If you would like to donate your collection, please either send them on a CD or USB drive in care of the front office or email them to the Yearbook Committee at leopard.yearbook@gmail.com. We will return your USB drive promptly after uploading the pictures.

We are looking for pictures from plays, field trips, and seasonal projects such as the 100th-Day projects, Leprechaun traps, Mission field trip, etc.

Note that: 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.

DISTRICT

District Calendar 2008-2009 (all schools except Murdock-Portal)

April 13 - 17, 2009	Spring Recess
May 22, 2009	Staff Learning Day
May 25, 2009	Memorial Day
June 12, 2009	Last Day of School

District Calendar 2009-2010 (all schools except Murdock-Portal)

August 17 - 19, 2009	Teacher Work Days
August 20, 2009	Students Return
September 7, 2009	Labor Day
September 18, 2009	Staff Learning Day
October 26, 2009	Staff Learning Day
November 11, 2009	Veteran's Day
November 25-27, 2009	Thanksgiving Recess
December 21, 2009 - January 1, 2010	Winter Recess
January 18, 2010	Martin Luther King Day
February 15 - 19, 2010	Mid-Year Recess
March 15, 2010	Staff Learning Day
April 12 - 16, 2010	Spring Recess
May 28, 2010	Staff Learning Day
May 31, 2010	Memorial Day
June 10, 2010	Last Day of School