



# Lincoln Log

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## Parent and Child Activity

Read a newspaper article with your child. Help him learn what's fact and what's opinion

Play a card game with your child that uses math skills.

Challenge your family to learn a new word today. Use it at least three times.

*Source: Parent Institute*

## Calendar

Mar.	26	6:30pm	HSA Awards, 5th Grade Musical Performance and Ice Cream Social
	31	3:00-3:30pm	<b>Incoming</b> Kinder Orientation
Apr.	2	3:40pm	School Site Council Mtg
	6-10		Teacher Appreciation Wk
	8		Bud White Spring photos
		7pm	PTA Mtg in GLC
	9	6:30-7:30pm	Open House

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

Tonight, 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.

### Updating Residency Information

Please be aware that district guidelines require that any change of residence must be reported to the school office within ten (10) days. This guideline is in place to ensure that the address and contact information that the school has on file is accurate, since this crucial information is used to send official school/district correspondence and in the case of an emergency. Failure to provide current residency information could result in the immediate withdrawal of your child. If you have any questions regarding this guideline, please contact your school office.

### National "Take Your Child to Work Day" is April 23rd

Each year many companies in our area support this special day for children to visit the workplace of their parents. **The State endorses this program even though they will not give us ADA for absences on this day. In order for the student to have an excused absence, the parent must request the day off in writing in advance.** In the last several years, many of the programs are only in the morning and students return later in the day to school. Returning to school ensures State funding.

### Before You Make Travel Plans

At the end of the school year, a student must be in attendance on the last day of school to retain his/her place on the roster for the following year. For this school year, students must be in school on June 12, 2009, to retain their space for the 2009/10 school year.

At the beginning of the school year, a student must be in attendance on the first day of school, August 20, 2009, or they will not retain their place on the roster. When you are making travel plans, please consider the possible ramifications. If you have any questions, please contact Student Assignment at (408) 252-3000, ext 110.

### Appropriate Attire for Physical Fitness Activities

The elementary school physical fitness activities and games provide an opportunity to keep our students healthy and fit. In order to ensure that your son or daughter is able to safely participate, please ensure the following:

- **Students wear comfortable clothing that does not restrict or limit movement.**
- **Shoes are secured to feet and have a low heel.**
- **Flip flops and slip on shoes/sandals are not appropriate or allowed.**

### Mom was Right About Breakfast

What simple activity can help increase student attention, decrease illness and absenteeism, and increase test scores? Eating breakfast! Breakfast consumption reduces the physical symptoms of stomach pain, headache, muscle tension and fatigue, all of which interfere with learning. Making sure that students have breakfast goes a long way toward facilitating their success. Research studies indicate that children who eat breakfast:

- have improved attention in late-morning task performance
- retrieve information more quickly and accurately
- make fewer errors in problem-solving activities
- concentrate better and perform more complex tasks

What a child eats for breakfast is also important. A meal comprised of protein, fat, starch and sugar will prevent drops in blood sugar for several hours, whereas a breakfast of just starch and sugar will sustain a child for only one to two hours. A drop in blood sugar is associated with a decline in energy and the onset of hunger symptoms. Consequently, a meal that includes foods from several food groups provides the most benefit to the child, both educationally and physically. Simple breakfasts can be prepared quickly and easily:

- juice and cereal with low-fat milk
- toast with peanut butter and a piece of fruit
- a fruit smoothie made of yogurt

## **School Site Council Agenda**

April 2, 2009 GLC, 3:40 P.M.

Call to Order  
Minutes from March meeting  
Budget  
Principal's Updates  
Items of Business  
Final review of School Plan  
    Parent survey  
    DAC meeting update – Minae  
    GATE parent advisory meeting - Jackie  
Other Items of Business  
Adjourn

## **Destination Imagination (DI)**

Congratulations to the three Lincoln teams who recently participated in the Regional Destination Imagination (DI) Tournament. Thanks to Lincoln School for sponsoring these teams!

5th grade team "Extraordinary Imaginors" - Jill Wu, Gautham Kovvuru, Aashiq Shaikh, Anushka Tyagi (Team Managers:Laxmi Thota, Jahara Pagadipala) solved a Construction,/Art/Theatrical challenge.  
3rd/4th grade team "Firebolts" - Trisha Anand, Akhil Palla, Shyamankita Chaganti, Anand Sivaram, Aarushi Shah, and Prachi Gupta (Team Mgrs: Sridhar Palla and Manisha Anand) created a play with music, lyrics, choreography based on the story "Three Little Pigs".  
3rd/4th grade Team "Kritter Kids" - Anusha Agarwal, Sithara Menon, Amanda Hua, Alia Johnson, Chloe Greenstein, Madeleine Park (Team Mgrs: Julie Johnson and Beena Menon) created a play with music, lyrics, choreography based on "Tale of Despereaux."

DI is a world-wide program for students to foster lifelong skills in teamwork, creativity, and critical thinking. Each team spent several months creating a solution to a selected Central Challenge, as well as developing quick problem-solving skills for the 5 min. Instant Challenges. If you are interested in watching any of the entertaining solutions to challenges at the all-day State DI Tournament, mark your calendar for Saturday, April 4, at Independence High School in San Jose. Look for more details in next weeks Lincoln Log.

## **PTA**

### **Teacher Appreciation Week**

Parents, we need your help! April 6<sup>th</sup> to April 10<sup>th</sup> is Teacher Appreciation Week. We want to encourage and thank our teachers and staff by making this week special for them by providing food for their breaks and doing yard duty for them. Thank you to everyone who has sent in money or volunteer forms so far. But, in order for this to work, we need more people to BRING FOOD. We especially need food Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please look for the volunteer form in the MESH folder and fill it out and return it tomorrow. Do not delay turning in your form. If you have already turned in a form, no need to turn in another. In the past this has been a high light for the teachers and staff. If every family helps in some way, we again can show that our Lincoln community appreciates our teachers. Any questions, call Gail Nordby 253-5716, Alex Levy 865-1615.

## **Don't Forget to Order Scrip for Teacher**

### **Appreciation**

Show your favorite teachers and staff how much you appreciate them by giving them Scrip gift cards! There are a wide variety of merchants to choose from - Macy's, Barnes & Noble, Starbucks, AMC theater and many more. Also, every order earns a percentage back to our school to help fund various PTA sponsored programs, school equipment maintenance and supplies. Give thanks and help our school! Scrip order forms are in the MESH today and will be ready by April 2-3 in time for Teacher Appreciation Week! Order now! For more information, please email at: [lincolnscrip@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnscrip@gmail.com).

## **Yearbook Pre-Orders Extended to 3/27/09!**

Tomorrow is absolutely 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. Send in your Child's name and Room number with a check payable to: **Lincoln PTA**. Additional order slips are in the office. A very limited amount of yearbooks will be for sale on a first come basis during distribution in June, but at a higher price \$25. Save by ordering now and guarantee yourself this treasured keepsake!

## **DISTRICT**

### **2009 STAR Testing Dates**

STAR Multiple Choice Testing will begin the week of May 4, 2009 and continues for two weeks. The STAR Program is a state accountability measure that helps us assess how we are meeting the needs of our students. You can help prepare your child for the test by ensuring your child goes to bed on time, eats a good breakfast, and leaves for school with a positive attitude. Please do not schedule any family trips or doctor appointments during this time.

### **CUSD State Preschool Accepting Applications**

The Cupertino Union School District is currently taking applications for its free State Preschool Program for the Fall of 2009. The program, which serves low-income three- and four-year-old children, is located at Sedgwick Elementary School, 19200 Phil Lane in Cupertino. Children who will be three or four-years-old by Dec. 2 may qualify. Priority is given to children who will be four by Dec. 2, 2009.

This free, parent participation preschool offers children many exciting learning experiences including math, pre-reading, science and creative arts, as well as the opportunity to work and play in group situations. Preschool activities are designed to help children make a successful transition to kindergarten. Children attend three hours per day, five days a week.

Parents interested in enrolling their children should contact Ruth Wachob at Sedgwick Elementary School, (408) 252-3103, Ext. 202.