



Lincoln Log

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Parent and Child Activity

April is Math Education Month. Take time to review math with your child each day this month.

Help your child figure the perimeter and area of his/her bedroom.

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week. Encourage your child to write a thank you to a favorite teacher.

Source: Parent Institute

Calendar

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
13-17		Spring Break No School

HSA Award Recipients Honored

Last Thursday the PTA hosted our Honorary Service Awards ceremony and Ice Cream Social. The recipients of the 2009 HSA awards were presented with certificates, pins, hugs and flowers last week as a thank you for their volunteer activities at Lincoln. Many of the great programs and activities our students enjoy would not be possible without their generous gift of time. Congratulations to Lorinda Rodrigues, Gail Nordby, Lizbeth Nastari, Minae Lee, Dorothy Pickler, and the family of Lalitha Palamadai. Special thanks to Mrs. Harrison for organizing the musical entertainment and to Barbara Corriero, Kevin and Lydia Moore for organizing the Ice Cream Social, and Cindy Springsteel for chairing the HSA committee. What a wonderful community building event!

Bud White Spring Photo

Bud White will be here next Wednesday, April 8 to take Spring photos. Please look for the flyer in the MESH today for further details.

Open House – April 9

Come and tour your child's classroom on April 9, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Open House is a special time for your child to share all of the projects and activities of the school year. We hope you can attend! Thank you in advance for keeping your children with you as you visit classrooms. The playground is not open for play during Open House. Skateboards, rollerblades, scooters and dogs are not allowed on campus.

Lost and Found

With our beautiful spring weather upon us, take a moment to check the Lost and Found for those missing sweatshirts and jackets your student wore to school in the chilly morning before the afternoon warmth. There are also lunchboxes and a variety of items waiting to be claimed. The Lost and Found bin is outside the main office between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:30 pm. Any items left after April 10 will be donated to charity.

Are you Teaching your Child How to Live a Healthy Life?

Today, one-third of all children are obese or at risk of becoming obese. Parents play an important role in fighting this health crisis. Are you doing all you can to help your child be healthy and happy? Answer *yes* or *no* to each of the statements below to find out:

- I encourage my child to drink lots of water.
- I build exercise into our daily routine. Whether we are just running around in the yard or going on a bike ride, our family tries to exercise together.
- I involve my child in chores that help keep him active. Washing the car and walking the dog burn lots of calories.
- I limit my child's "screen time." Kids burn about 60 calories in an hour of staring at the TV or computer, compared with 200 calories in an hour of playing outside.
- We try to eat meals together regularly. Kids who eat family meals at home get more fruits and vegetables – and fewer sweets and soft drinks – than those who don't.

How well are you doing?

Each *yes* answer is a step toward a healthier life for your child. For each *no* answer, try an idea from the quiz above. *Parents Make the Difference*

Word of the Month: Motivation

Motivation means to have that inner drive or incentive to act on something or to do something. There are many good reasons to be motivated. PeaceBuilders can be motivated:

- while working with a group to finish their project and do a good job.
- to do their homework after they get home from school so that they have time left to play.
- to help them right wrongs. You have to be motivated to take that extra step to make things right.

Destination Imagination (DI)

The State DI Tournament is this Sat. April 4 at Independence High School in San Jose.

If you want to learn more about DI, come and watch the entertaining solutions to different challenges.

State Tournament Schedule and Maps:

<http://tinyurl.com/DIState09>

Printed maps will be available at "DI Central", located at Bicentennial Hall. Website describing the various challenges:

<http://tinyurl.com/DI-0809>

DI is a world-wide program for students to foster lifelong skills in teamwork, creativity, and critical thinking. There are several local schools (Lawson Middle School, Garden Gate) that are participating at the State level. Three Lincoln teams participated at the Silicon Valley Regional level in early March.

PTA

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week (April 6th to 10th) is next week!!!! We have had a great response from the Lincoln community. Thank you to all those who have volunteered their time to do yard duty, bring in food, and donated money so far. It is greatly appreciated. Final yard duty assignments will be sent through your child's MESH folder. Please check in the MESH for your assignment. If you do not get an assignment in the MESH for yard duty, this means we have enough people to cover the shift you volunteered for. We will be calling you to remind you of your commitment to bring food, and to do yard duty. Please bring in food to the office prior to 10:30 am on the day you are scheduled to bring food. Let's make this next week shout, "WE APPRECIATE LINCOLN TEACHERS AND STAFF" by remembering to keep your commitment to bring in food or do yard duty. Questions about food donations call Alex Levy 865-1615. Questions about yard duty call Gail Nordby 253-5716.

Want to be Principal for a day? Here's your chance!

Sign up for Lincoln's Walkathon -Friday, May 15th!

What: Lincoln 's first Walkathon!

Where: At the Lincoln Track

When: 3:30-6:30pm, Friday, May 15th

Who: You, your family, and friends

Why: Promote physical activity, provide opportunity for families to be together, and raise discretionary funds for teachers to purchase classroom supplies

Win Big: The student who collects the most sponsorship money will be Principal for a day!

What else: Look for announcements in the MESH!

Don't Forget to Pick up your Scrip Order

Scrip order are in and will be available for pickup at the Scrip Table outside the office today and tomorrow or sent home in the your child's MESH folder.

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.

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.

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.