



Lincoln Log

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Parent and Child Activity

Help your child fill out a calendar with homework due dates and school events.

Label one place as a "special place" for important papers-a box, basket or folder.

Source: Parent Institute

Calendar

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| Sept. | 3 | 6:30-7:15pm 7:00-7:15pm 7:15-8:00pm | 4-5 Back to School Night Mission Springs Info (5 th) K-3 Back to School Night |
| | 7 | | Labor Day-NO SCHOOL |
| | 9 | 7:00pm | PTA Meeting – GLC |
| | 17 | 5:30-7:00pm | Fall Welcome Dinner |
| | 18 | | Staff Learning Day NO SCHOOL |
| | 29 | | Bud White Student Photos |

Principal's Message

We are off to a wonderful start for the 2009-2010 school year. We welcomed approximately 710 students to Lincoln on Thursday morning. Our thanks go to the parent volunteers and the PTA for the many hours of help they provided as we prepared for opening day. The support of Lincoln's community continues to be impressive and appreciated. Please contact your child's teacher or the office if you are available to volunteer.

The faculty eagerly planned and prepared for the arrival of our students. Their success was evident in the smiling faces of students as they were actively involved in learning last week. We have 33 teachers in both full and part time capacities this year. The staff and I are looking forward to collaborating with you to insure a successful year for your child. We are honored to work in partnership with you to create a love of learning in your children.

Labor Day – September 7 – No School

School is closed on September 7 in honor of Labor Day.

Forgotten lunch? Office Drop Off Table

In the front office there is a table specifically for items that are dropped off, such as lunches. Please clearly mark the item with your child's name and room number. Make sure your student knows that we are unable to interrupt the class, and he/she is responsible for claiming the item at recess or lunch. We do not interrupt instruction with a call to the classroom.

Back to School Night

Back to School Night will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2009. Fourth and fifth grade teachers will make presentations from 6:30 to 7:15 pm. Kindergarten, first, second and third grade teachers will make presentations from 7:15 to 8:00 pm. Teachers will outline their grade level curriculum and individual classroom procedures. They are eager to share the many enriching and educational activities they have planned for the year.

Back to School Night is an adult only evening.

There is no child care and no supervision on the playground. The purpose of the evening is to keep parents informed on how best to support their child's learning this year. Your dedication to your child's progress is valued and appreciated.

Fifth Grade Parents: Mission Springs Info Meeting

After you visit your child's classroom during Back to School Night, please plan to attend a brief presentation on the Mission Springs Science Camp overnight in the Multi Purpose room from 7:00 to 7:15pm.

Absences and Tardies

Attendance and punctuality are important in establishing good behavior and building responsibility in young children. Please ensure that your child is at school every day and that she/he arrives on time. If your child will be absent, please call our attendance line (252-4798 ext. 6). If your child arrives at school late, she/he must report to the office for a late slip before entering the classroom.

Parents of Primary Students: Please Remember that School is in Session for 4th and 5th Grade Students until 3:25pm

If you are waiting for upper grade students to be released from class between 2:55 and 3:25pm, please remember that half of our students are still in class learning. Parents and siblings of intermediate students may wait at the covered shade structure on the intermediate side of the playground ONLY. The noise level on these first few days of school has been disruptive to students who are still in class. Waiting students may not play on the playground or play structure. Please be vigilant in supervising your children so that they are not disrupting classes. In addition, the playground may be needed for upper grade classes between 2:55 and 3:25pm. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep the learning environment as quiet as possible from 2:55 to 3:25pm for our upper grade students.

Chorus begins for Grades 3-5

Chorus for third, fourth and fifth grade students begins on September 1, 2009 at 12:35 pm in the Multi Purpose Room. Bring your own lunch, we eat first all together and sing together until the bell rings. Permission slips are in today's MESH folder and should be brought by September 1 to participate in the chorus. Our first performance is Thursday, September 17 at the Welcome Back Dinner. Mark your calendars!



LEEF (Lincoln Education Enrichment Fund) Donations: Help Support Our Enrichment Programs

The primary goal of direct donations to the Lincoln Educational Enrichment Fund (LEEF) is to pay for Lincoln staff members who teach your child primary music, primary P.E. and staff who help your child in the library, technology lab, and classroom.

Salaries/benefits are paid through LEEF donations, **NOT by funds from the school district or taxes.**

Please take the time to find the LEEF form included in this week's MESH folder and support these programs.

Questions regarding Corporate Matching or LEEF donations? Send e-mail to LEEF President Susanne Millar, info@LincolnLEEF.org or leave a note for LEEF in the school office.

LEEF website <http://www.LincolnLEEF.org>

DISTRICT NEWS
GATE REFERRAL PROCESS
TESTING SCHEDULE

Fall Testing Only For: "New-to-District" students (Grades 4 – 8)

Referrals will be accepted beginning: August 24, 2009
Deadline for Fall GATE Referrals: September 25, 2009

(Referrals received after September 25, 2009 will be returned to the school site.)

The focus of Cupertino's Gifted and Talented Education Program is to identify and serve those students who have demonstrated exceptional intellectual ability and outstanding academic achievement. Referrals for Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) testing may be initiated by teachers, parents, or the student. If you have a current "new-to-district" student you would like to have tested this fall for the Gifted and Talent Education program, please contact your child's teacher or school office for a referral form.

If you have questions about the screening process, please call the GATE office at (408) 252-3000, Extension 199, between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm or the GATE website at: <http://www.cupertino.k12.ca.us>.

NOTE: Fall testing for new-to-district students will take place late October 2009.

INITIAL AND ANNUAL CELDT TESTING

The Cupertino Union School District will administer the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) to all students eligible for English Language Development services. This test will be administered from the beginning of September through the end of October. Based on your child's last years CELDT scores if their proficiency level is limited, withdrawn or transitional, your child will be included in the annual CELDT test at their school. The initial CELDT will be given to kindergarten students whose primary language on the home language survey is a language other than English. A letter will be sent home with your child prior to the initial and annual testing date at your school. The test consists of four skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Grades K–8 are tested in all four areas. This year only reading and writing for kindergarten and first grade students will not affect their overall proficiency level. You will receive the official results after January 2010. If you have any questions, please contact your school office.

2009-2010 District Calendar

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| 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, 26 & 27, 2009 | Thanksgiving Recess |
| Dec. 21, 2009 - Jan. 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 |

