



Lincoln Log

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Parent and Child Activity

Today is Citizenship Day. What does being a "good citizen" mean in your family? In school? Community?

Have your child write a letter to a friend or relative telling about the first month of school.

Source: Parent Institute

Calendar

Sept.	17	5:30-7:00 pm	Fall Welcome Dinner
	18		Staff Learning Day NO SCHOOL
	29		Bud White Student Photos
Oct.	1	3:40 pm	School Site Council, GLC
	5-13		Parent Teacher Conf. Dismissal 1:25 pm 1st-5th
	14	7:00 pm	PTA Meeting, GLC

Academic Performance Index (API)

The California Department of Education recently released the API score for 2009. The index of school performance is currently based on the California Standards Test administered last spring. The API measures the academic performance of each public school in California. The state then sets targets for annual improvement and determines if growth targets have been met. The state goal for all schools is 800.

It is my great pleasure to share with you that Lincoln achieved an API score of 966, an increase of 3 points. In addition, our students meet all growth targets set by the state. Thank you for continuing to value the school/home partnership that creates a positive and challenging learning environment for our children. Congratulations to our students, staff and parents.

Conference Schedule

Families, please take note of the class times that have been set for Parent Teacher Goal Setting Conferences. The conference dates are October 5-13. During those dates, all 1st through 5th grade students will come to school at 8:55pm and be released at 1:25pm. Kindergarteners will maintain their regular schedule and kindergarten conferences will be scheduled in December.

Since there will be no adult supervision for students after the 1:25pm release time, arrangements for after school care need to be made. Students may not remain on campus, as teachers will be conferencing with parents. We thank you for your help in this matter.

Important Health Notice

In an attempt to address current concerns about the H1N1 virus, please read the detailed article from CUSD on the back of this newsletter. Your cooperation and support is greatly appreciated as we work together to keep students healthy and safe.

Walk to School on Wednesday October 7th

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 marks the International Walk to School Day. Please join the rest of the district in walking, cycling or carpooling to and from school on this day. To make this a fun day for our students, we are asking everyone to wear either mismatched shoes and/or mismatched socks on October 7th. Join the fun and help improve our children's health, air quality and the environment. In addition, data will be collected to assist the Public Safety Commission determine safer routes for our students to get to school.

Your donations and support of the PTA and LEEF directly translate to services and opportunities for our students. The following are some of the highlights of the ways our students benefit:

PTA

- Books and materials for the library
- Special supplies for classrooms
- Red Ribbon Week, University Day, Assemblies
- Fall Welcome Dinner, Ice Cream Social, Walkathon
- Book Fair
- Running Program
- Student Directory
- Yearbook

LEEF

- Technology instructor (K-5)
- Librarian (K-5)
- Two Instructional Assistants (combo and 4-5 classes)
- PE instructor (K-3)
- Music instructor (K-3), Chorus (3-5)
- Art Instructor (K-5) *funded this year due to State budget cuts
- School-wide reading comprehension strategy instruction
- Roving iBook Lab of 40 laptops for 4-5 student use (paid for by your company's matching grants)
- Six library computers (paid for by your company's matching grants)

We are very thankful for the level of community support for the Lincoln Education Enrichment Fund (LEEF). **If you have not yet made your contribution to LEEF this year, please consider sending it in today.** A special thank you to all families who put in the extra effort to submit a matching gift from their employer. It's never too late to join the Lincoln PTA. Membership envelopes are available in the office.

I encourage you to get involved in Lincoln's energetic and purposeful learning community. Your involvement can be tailored to your busy lives and schedule...and of course, your financial donations go a long way as well. Thank you, PTA and LEEF. You make a difference.

PTA

Fall Welcome Dinner is Tonight

Fall Welcome Dinner is this evening from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at Lincoln Elementary School grounds. Please BRING YOUR DINNER TICKETS (you should have received it in your child's homework folder or agenda book by September 15th 2009), a blanket to sit on, a light jacket if needed as well as a big appetite for good music, food, company and fun. Chorus begins at 5:30pm and dinner will be served at 6:00pm.

Volunteers, thank you for your gift of time and commitment to this event. Please be there by 5:15pm to get your instructions and to sign in with Lata Raghuram. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR DINNER TICKETS TO THE EVENT.

Looking forward to seeing everyone this evening.
The Fall Welcome Dinner Committee.

DISTRICT NEWS

H1N1 GUIDELINES

The Santa Clara County Public Health Department guidance recommends that, based on current flu conditions, students and staff with flu-like illness stay home until at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications (any medicine that contains ibuprofen or acetaminophen).

You can help keep our schools healthy by adhering to the following guidelines:

- Continue to enforce proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette - The recommendations continue to emphasize the importance of the basic foundations of disease prevention: stay home when sick, wash hands frequently with soap and water when possible or alcohol based hand sanitizer, and cover noses and mouths with a tissue when coughing or sneezing (or a shirt sleeve or elbow if no tissue is available).
- Leave accurate information as requested on the school's absence line if you child is sick. This will help the school identify any potential issues as soon as possible.
- Promptly pick up your child from school if they are sent home for being ill. The school will keep ill students separated from others until they can be sent home. Please make sure that the school office has your updated contact information.
- Any returning students after an illness with a fever will need to have their temperature taken in the school office before returning to class. Teachers will be sending returning students back to the office to have their temperatures taken if they arrive directly to the classroom without being cleared.

CUPERTINO FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday and Sunday September 19-20, 2009

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cupertino Civic Center Library Field

Free Admission

The Cupertino Fall Festival is an evolution of the very successful Cupertino Jubilee and Fall Festival that has been held for the past three years. The event is organized by the Rotary Club of Cupertino and will incorporate the Health and Safety zone which will be offering flu shots in addition of an Environmental Earth Zone hosted by the City of Cupertino. **In addition, the festival is trying to collect 15,000 lbs of food to benefit West Valley Community Services. Please consider bringing at least one canned food item to the festival.**

The key elements of FallFest 2009 are: Kids Fun Zone; Health and Safety Zone; Environmental Earth Zone; along with great food, beverages and wonderful entertainment. Additional information is available at www.cupertinofallfest.com.

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

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