



Lincoln Log

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Parent and Child Activity

Have a contest – how many words can family members make from the letters in OCTOBER?

Take a walk and look for signs of fall. See if your child can identify the trees you pass on your walk.

Today, help your child do something nice for someone.

Source: Parent Institute

Calendar

Oct. 1	3:40 pm	School Site Council, GLC
5-13		Parent Teacher Conf. Dismissal 1:25 pm 1st-5th
7		Walk to School Day
14	7:00 pm	PTA Meeting, GLC
19-22		Book Fair
22	6-9:00pm	Family Book Fair
26		Staff Learning Day No School
27-30		Red Ribbon Week
30	9:15am Kinder	Halloween Parade
	1:30pm Gr. 1-5	Halloween Parade & class celebration

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 grade through 5th grade students will come to school at 8:55am and be released at 1:25pm. Kindergarten will be on their regular schedule.

Since there is 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.

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.

Parent Rep. Needed for District English Language Advisory Council

We are looking for an ELD parent to represent Lincoln Elementary School at the District English Language Advisory Council (DELAC) meetings. The meetings are held in the district office boardroom from 4:00-6:00pm on the following dates: October 7, January 6, March 3, and May 5. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Eye Glass Donation Drive

Cupertino Union School District is very excited to partner with Vision Service Plan (VSP) to help others see well through the **Eyes Of Hope** program. This program will run from September thru December of this year.

There is a collection box in the school office to drop off any used glasses, including prescription glasses, readers and sunglasses. Both plastic and metal frames are accepted. Cases can also be donated with the glasses inside. VSP will ensure that the glasses are recycled and distributed to children and adults throughout the world.

Do you know the ABCs of Parent-Teacher Conferences?

Children learn their ABCs when they start school. You can also use the ABCs to get the most out of your parent-teacher conference.

Here's how:

A Ask questions. Before the conference, jot down a list of questions you want the teacher to answer. Bring the list with you to the conference. Here are the kinds of questions you may want to ask:

- What skills will my child be expected to master this year?
- What will my child learn this year?
- What are my child's strengths and weaknesses?
- How does my child get along with other children in the class?
- How can I best help my child be a successful learner?

B Be honest. You know things about your child that can help the teacher help him learn more. So share what you know. She'll want to know his likes and dislikes. She'll also want to know if there are any problems or concerns. If a grandparent has just died or a family member has lost a job, your child may be worrying about those things in school.

C Cooperate. A teacher may share a concern about your child during the conference. If that happens, work with the teacher to come up with a plan to address it. You and the teacher both want what's best for your child. Decide what you'll do at home and how she'll help your child at school. Set a date to meet and review how the plan is working.

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Word of the Month

The word for the month of October is EFFORT.

PeaceBuilders can show effort when you attempt to do something. There are many ways to show effort:

- by making time to talk to and play with your friends
- by doing your class work and seeing the results on your report card
- by working your hardest to reach a goal

PTA

PTA Reflections Contest 2009-2010: "Beauty is..."

The theme for this year's **National PTA Reflections Program** is "**Beauty is...**"

Entry forms and rules are available in the school office. The deadline for entries for the Reflections Program this year is Friday, October 16th. Visit <http://www.capta6.org/reflections/parents.html> for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Bhavini Kamarshi at bhavini111@yahoo.com

LEEF

Volunteer Hours Matched with Corporate Check

Some companies (i.e. Lockheed, salesforce.com, Applied Materials) will convert an employee's volunteer time at Lincoln into a corporate donation check. Please contact your Human Resources (HR) department or website to find out details for converting volunteer time into monetary donations. Questions can be emailed to info@lincolnleef.org

DISTRICT NEWS

CUSD BUDGET UPDATE MEETINGS

Given the unprecedented magnitude of the state budget crisis and the uncertainty surrounding Cupertino Union School District's funding, Superintendent Phil Quon will be holding a number of budget update meetings throughout the District during October 2009. The Superintendent would like to invite all interested parents and community members to attend and hear what steps the district is taking to try and weather the state budget crisis. Please attend any meeting that is convenient for you. Here is a list of schedule and location of the meetings:

- **Tuesday, October 6, 2009 – 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**
Hyde Middle School, Multi-Purpose Room (19325 Bollinger Road in Cupertino)
- **Monday, October 12, 2009 – 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**
Kennedy Middle School, Multi-Use Room (821 Bubb Road in Cupertino)
- **Wednesday, October 14, 2009 – 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**
Miller Middle School, Gymnasium (6151 Rainbow Drive in San Jose)
- **Thursday, October 29, 2009 – 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**
Lawson Middle School, Event Center (10401 Vista Drive in Cupertino)
- **Monday, November 2, 2009 – 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**
Cupertino Middle School, Gymnasium (1650 S. Bernardo Avenue in Sunnyvale)

If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Nishihara at (408) 252-3000, Extension 323.

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.

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