



Lincoln Log

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Parent and Child Activity

It's Hunger Awareness Month. Do something to relieve hunger in your town or in the world.

Have everyone pitch in for a half-hour "blitz" of house cleaning. It teaches responsibility.

Source: Parent Institute

Calendar

Oct.	22	6-9:00pm	Family Book Fair
	22	6-7:00pm	First Grade Literacy Night, GLC
	22	7-8:00pm	DI Information Night, GLC
	26		Staff Learning Day No School for Students
	27-30		Red Ribbon Week
	29	11:30am	4 th & 5 th Grade Sing-a-long
	30	9:15am Kinder	Halloween Parade
		1:30pm Gr. 1-5	Halloween Parade & class celebrations

Community Response

As a school community, we continue to grieve for the loss of one of our students. Many of you have expressed the desire to support Nelson's family, and others have asked for clarifying information. Because the accident occurred off campus, the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department is conducting the investigation. As a result, the school will not be receiving detailed information and we do not want to contribute to unverified versions of the incident. Our desire to respect the Wei family, and the families of the witnesses, continues to be our number one priority. I know many of you want to offer your support, however at this time we ask that you wait until we hear further from the family. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please call me here at school.

PTA Book Fair (October 19-22)

The PTA sponsored Scholastic Book Fair is open tonight, October 22, from 6:00-9:00pm. Proceeds benefit all students at Lincoln. Don't forget to bring your raffle ticket. Ten \$5 gift certificate prizes will be given out tonight to be used at the Book Fair. See you there!

First Grade Literacy Night

Tonight from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Lincoln GLC, our first grade teachers will host a Literacy Night for first graders and their parents (no siblings please). They will discuss how to read with your child and to promote stronger reading comprehension skills, as well as how to complete the upcoming Blue Book Bag assignment. Please allow time for parking, or better yet, walk, as we are anticipating the attendance of about 100 parents, in addition to families attending the Family Book Fair at this time as well.

4th and 5th Grade Sing-A-Long

Parents of 4th and 5th graders are invited to our "Rattlin' Bog" sing-a-long on Thursday, October 29 at 11:30am in the Multi Purpose Room. The music team is piloting a sing-a-long music-sharing model for the 4th and 5th grades this year. The goal is to provide an opportunity for our students to experience music making together in an informal setting and hear that "big sound" and for our parents to be a part of this joyful process. We respectfully ask that no videotaping occur since our goal is to have parents participate with the students in the musical sharing. This is not a formal concert. Please join us for this fun day if you would like to join in the singing.

Destination ImagiNation Information Night

Have you thought about joining Destination ImagiNation? Interested parents and students should plan to attend an informational meeting **tonight** at 7:00 pm in the Lincoln GLC.

CUSD Board Members Visit Lincoln

A special thank you to CUSD Board members Phyllis Vogel and Anjali Kausar for coming to visit Lincoln School on Tuesday afternoon. They enjoyed observing our students and teachers engaged in classrooms. We really appreciate their interest and book donation to our library.

Staff Learning Day Monday, October 26

A district wide Staff Learning Day is scheduled for Monday, October 26. **There is no school for students on Monday.** The Lincoln staff will spend the day with Gari Meacham from Public Education and Business Coalition. Our school wide focus on reading comprehension strategy instruction will be supported through demonstrations, in-depth discussions, and research-based articles. We are fortunate to also have Ms. Meacham modeling strategies in the classroom with students and teachers on Tuesday, October 27. We value the time as a staff for professional development in order to support student learning. A LEEF grant made Ms. Meacham's visit possible. Thank you LEEF!

Red Ribbon Week

October 27-30 is National Red Ribbon Week. This year marks the 24th anniversary of Red Ribbon Week during which children are educated about making the right choices against drugs, tobacco and alcohol. At Lincoln we initiate spirit days to encourage students to adopt healthy habits and respect themselves by saying NO to drugs. Please be a part of this event by encouraging your child to participate in the spirit days. For more information go to www.cadfy.org, www.drugfreeca.org and www.safestate.org.

Halloween Parade

Lincoln's Halloween Parade will take place on Friday, October 30. Our annual parade will be at 1:30 p.m. and end at approximately 2:00 p.m. (Kindergarten students will parade through classrooms at 9:15 a.m.) Classroom celebrations will follow the parade. Please contact your room parent if you are interested in donating healthy food items.

Please help your child choose a costume appropriate for school that does not reflect violence. In accordance with the district's Zero Tolerance policy, students may not bring any toy weapons as part of their costume. Plastic swords, toy guns, and other weapons are not allowed on campus. Make-up and dyed hair are not permitted. Students should come to school dressed in their regular clothing (except Kindergarten.) Please send costumes to school in a bag marked with the child's name and room number. They will change into their costumes after lunch.

Thank you for preparing your child for our Halloween celebration. Our priority is to ensure a safe, appropriate environment and to promote a positive and fun celebration. Parents are invited to join us for our Halloween festivities. Please sign in at the school office. Don't forget your camera!

PTA **Lunchtime Running Program Starts** **Wednesday!**

Starting next Wednesday, October 28, students in grades 1-5 can establish healthy habits by running or walking the Lincoln track every Wednesday during lunchtime. As a parent, you can support this program by encouraging your child to have fun running or walking one or more laps around the field and remind your child to wear running shoes every Wednesday.

Adult volunteers are also needed to make this program possible. Come and cheer on your child and his/her friends while helping to punch cards as students complete each lap.

Sign-up to help! We need many volunteers every Wednesday from 12:30-1:30pm. Or you can help from home once a month by entering data into a spreadsheet. To help with this program, either leave a note for "PTA Lunch Run" in the office.

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

Thank you to all the students who submitted wonderful works of art for this year's Reflections Program. We had **50 entries** in total! These entries will now be judged, and the winning entries in each category/age level will go on to the Cupertino-Fremont Council Level. Results of the winning entries will be posted in next week's Lincoln Log. In addition, a list of all the participants will be posted outside the office. The entries will be displayed on the back wall of the office next week for everyone to see – do stop by to admire our amazing talent! Congratulations to all the participants for their effort and talent! Thank you also to our wonderful office staff for all their support and help in coordinating the Reflections Program!

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 remaining meetings:

- **Thursday, October 29, 2009 - 6:00-7:30 pm**
Lawson Middle School, Event Center
(10401 Vista Drive in Cupertino)
- **Monday, November 2, 2009 - 6:00-7:30 pm**
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.

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