



# Lincoln Log

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## Parent and Child Activities

Set aside some time today to work on a hobby with your child.

With your child, make a fall table decoration.

Take your child out for breakfast, or serve a favorite breakfast at home. Make this a regular habit.

*Source: Parent Institute*

## Reminder: Back Parking Lot Closing on October 28

In our continuing effort to improve traffic flow and safety around Lincoln School, we will be permanently closing the back parking lot to parent traffic on Tuesday, October 28th. **The back parking lot will be for staff only and there will no longer be any student drop-off or pick-up in the back lot.**

This decision was made based on the limited amount of cars utilizing the lot, and the reallocation of staff supervision to support the front parking lot. In addition, both the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department and the City of Cupertino recommend closure of the lot to support student safety and traffic flow on McClellan. All parent traffic will go through the front parking lot. In the mornings we have our student valets in the front lot to assist with drop-off and we will have additional teachers out front after school to help with pick-up. This information was shared with our School Site Council and PTA earlier this month.

We understand that this change will be an adjustment for everyone, but we ask for your patience and cooperation as we bolster overall safety for students, parents, and staff.

## PTA Family Book Fair Tonight

The PTA sponsored Scholastic Book Fair is open tonight, October 23, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. 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 p.m. 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. Blue Parking Permits will be sent home in this week's MESH for this event. Please allow time for parking, as we are anticipating the attendance of about 100 parents, in addition to families attending the Family Book Fair at this time as well.

## Halloween Parade

Lincoln's Halloween Parade will take place on Friday, October 31. Our annual parade will be at 1:30 p.m.

## Calendar

Oct.	23	6:00-9:00 pm	Family Book Fair
	27	6:00-7:00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> grade Lit. Night- Library <b>Staff Learning Day</b> <b>No School</b>
	28-31		Red Ribbon Week
	31	9:15 am	Kinder Halloween Parade
		1:30 pm	1-5 Halloween Parade & class celebrations
Nov.	2		Daylight Savings Ends

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. Parking permits for October 31, will be available in the office for pickup starting Wednesday, October 29.

## Staff Learning Day: October 27

A district wide Staff Learning Day is scheduled for Monday, October 27. The Lincoln staff will spend the day with Missy Mathews 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. Mathews modeling strategies in the classroom with students and teachers on Tuesday, October 28. We value the time as a staff for professional development in order to support student learning. A LEEF grant made Ms. Mathews' visit possible. Thank you LEEF!

## Red Ribbon Week

October 28-31 is National Red Ribbon Week. This year marks the 23rd 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](http://www.cadfy.org), [www.drugfreeca.org](http://www.drugfreeca.org), and [www.safestate.org](http://www.safestate.org).

## **PTA**

### **Box Tops**

Thank you to all the families who have turned in box tops! Our mail-in day is October 31 so please keep bringing them in.



Visit the Lincoln PTA website at [www.lincoln-pta.org](http://www.lincoln-pta.org) for a list of participating products and for more information on how your online shopping can earn cash for our school at the Box Tops Marketplace. Keep cutting and collecting!

### **PTA Reflections Program 2008-09**

Thank you to all the students who submitted wonderful works of art for this year's Reflections Program. We had **33 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 and may also be displayed for everyone to see – more details later. We are proud of the effort and talent of all the participants! Thank you also to the office staff for all their support and help!

### **PTA Reflections Theme Search**

If you have an idea for a future Reflections theme, and would like to enter a competition, please pick up a Theme Search entry form from the office. For a list of the past themes, visit :

<http://www.capta6.org/reflections/parents.html>. The deadline for submission of the Theme Search forms to the Lincoln office is noon on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> (or you can mail it yourself to the address at the bottom of the form by the final due date). If you have further questions, please contact Bhavini Kamarshi at [bhavini111@yahoo.com](mailto:bhavini111@yahoo.com).

### **Already an eScrip member?**

#### **Renew your Safeway card by Nov. 1**

Do you already have a Safeway Club Card registered with <http://eScrip.com>? In order to continue your automatic donation of 1% of Safeway grocery purchases, please go to <http://www.escrip.com> by Sat. Nov. 1 (less than 1 week). Then click on the "Renew" Safeway picture in the lower-left corner to avoid having to re-register your Safeway card.

Questions or need help in renewing your Safeway card with eScrip? E-mail [ESCRIP@lincoln-pta.org](mailto:ESCRIP@lincoln-pta.org) with your name and phone number, or leave a note for "PTA ESCRIP" in the Office.

If you haven't yet registered your Safeway card with eScrip, please wait until November for details on setting Lincoln PTA as the designated support group. Lincoln PTA Scrip (gift cards), which is different from eScrip, will also be available later.

## **Support Your Child's Healthy Habits In The Lunchtime Running Program!**

Starting next Wed. Oct. 29, students in Grades 1-5 can establish healthy habits by running every Wed. and Fri. during lunchtime. As a parent, you can support this program by encouraging your child to have fun running one or more laps around the field. Please remind your child to wear running shoes.



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 for one or more days (Wed./Fri. 12:30-1:30pm) each month. 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, or e-mail [LunchRun@lincoln-pta.org](mailto:LunchRun@lincoln-pta.org) with your name, child's name/room #, your e-mail and phone #, in order to access a monthly online sign-up sheet.

### **From our Nurse:**

#### **When to keep children at home due to illness**

The best way to prevent the spread of disease is by hand washing and hand sanitizing. However, there are times when, despite our best efforts, children become sick. When this happens, the sick child should be kept at home. This is for the child's own comfort and recuperation and to limit the spread of germs that may cause illness.

The symptoms listed below are examples of when to keep your child home from school.

- Fever of 100 degrees or higher. The child should remain home until s/he is without a fever for 24 hours
- Complaints of feeling ill which do not seem to be associated with school avoidance or other non-illness reasons
- Runny nose (very thick or greenish) or severe nasal congestion
- Infectious diseases such as: Strep throat. (After 24 hours of antibiotics your child may return.)
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting
- Complaints of ear pain, pink eye/red-crusted eyes
- Lingering cough from an illness

Over-the-counter and/or prescription medications may be given at school **if**: (1) a **Medication Authorization** form has been completed by your doctor **and** (2) the medication is labeled in its original container. Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter.

