



Lincoln Log

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Parent and Child Activity

Saturday is the birthday of Claude Monet, a French artist. Paint a picture with your child.

Squash is a native American food. When you're in the grocery store, choose a new squash to try.

Source: Parent Institute

Calendar

Nov.	13		1 st Trimester Ends
	18-20		5 th Grade-Mission Springs
	25-27		Thanksgiving Recess
			NO SCHOOL
Dec.	1	11:00am	Bud White Picture Day
	4		Report Cards Go Home
	21-Jan. 1		Winter Recess
			NO SCHOOL
Jan.	4		School Resumes

Thank you Wells Fargo Foundation

Special thanks to the Wells Fargo Foundation for their grant of \$1,000.00 to Lincoln Elementary School.

Lincoln Disaster Drill

Lincoln's Disaster Drill was held on Friday, November 6. During the drill, students and staff reacted to a simulated earthquake as they would in the case of an actual emergency. The drill included activating our Search & Rescue team, First Aid station, Command Center (where all communication takes place to report damages), and Student Release station. This simulation offers hands-on practice for our staff. Not only did our staff emergency teams spring into action, but our students did as well. Designated students feigned various injuries for our First Aid station and others were strategically placed for our Search & Rescue team to locate. The purpose of the drill is to practice our emergency procedures and determine areas for improvement. A special thanks to our PTA for providing updated equipment and to our parent volunteers who tested our student release procedures.

Be Prepared in the Event of an Emergency

- Discuss with your child the arrangements that you have made for him/her in the event of an emergency. Reassure your child that he/she will be cared for by our staff until your arrival.
- **Be sure that your child's emergency card lists the names of adults who are authorized to pick your child up from school.** The emergency card is kept in our office and will be used for student release.
- Walk to school, if at all possible. You may get here faster on foot. The streets may be backed up with cars and will need to be kept clear for emergency vehicles.
- Go to the Student Release Station located on the blacktop. **You must sign and show ID to have your child released from campus.** A runner will take a card to your child's teacher located on the field. The teacher can only release your child if the card is handed to them. This is the only way for us to account for every student on campus.
- If you can volunteer to help with traffic, first aid, or calming children, please come by the Command Center (on the blacktop) to see where assistance is needed.
- Please take time to discuss emergency procedures you have in place at home, as well as at school. The better prepared we are, the more confident our students will be in the event of a real emergency.

Independent Study – District Policy

With the holidays approaching, it is important to schedule your vacations so your child misses as few days as possible. If you plan to be away from school for a minimum of five days and a maximum of ten days, please contact your teacher and the school office at least one week before your departure date to arrange for an Independent Study (IS) contract. **These policies are consistent across the Cupertino Union School District.**

- A student must be enrolled for three consecutive weeks before an IS Contract can be initiated.
- To receive credit for the days away, the contract homework must be completed while you are gone, and returned to school the first day your child is back in school. If the Independent Study work is not completed and returned, the days missed will be recorded as unexcused absences.
- **Students who are absent for more than 10 consecutive school days will be dropped from the district rosters.** When the dropped student returns, they will be reinstated in their home school, if there is space available. If there are no spaces available, the student will be assigned to another school in the district, and put on the waitlist at the home school.
- If you are traveling for less than 5 days, your child's absence will be recorded as unexcused.

Christmas in November

Let's teach our kids how to give to others by bringing in a new, unwrapped toy for disadvantaged families in our community. We will be collecting the toys till Monday, Nov. 30th. Drop off the new toys to the library, the office, or to your classroom. Thank you for bringing Christmas to many homeless children in the Bay Area.

PTA

Holiday Donation Campaign

The holidays are a difficult time for many families in our community. It is a time when even small contributions can be of great help. In your student's MESH today, you will find the Holiday Donation Campaign flyer. Please consider donating \$2 per student, or any amount you feel comfortable donating. This is a great opportunity to give back to those less fortunate this holiday season.

Call for New PTA Board Members

The 2009-10 PTA Board is in need of two additional members. If you are interested in joining this year's board as Recording Secretary or Parliamentarian, please contact a current board member by Nov. 17. The PTA is a volunteer organization and the participation of Lincoln parents is the only way many of the programs and activities can continue. You can give your name to any board member for consideration. Read job descriptions at <http://www.capta.org/sections/resources/downloads/toolkit-2009/toolkit-en-10.pdf>

Lincoln PTA Goals

- To raise the quality of the Lincoln experience for all students and their families
- To support the work of the state and national PTAs in securing laws for the care and protection of children and youth
- To create a closer relationship between parents, teachers and staff that allows for greater cooperation and innovation in building programs that benefit Lincoln students
- To help restore key programs or services which have been adversely affected by state budget cuts

We welcome your input and appreciate your support.

DISTRICT NEWS

PARENT SPEAKER SERIES

SELPA II (Special Education Local Plan Area II) is proud to host the following guest speaker presentation to parents of students with special needs.

Thursday, November 19, 2009

"Parents Helping Parents"

Speaker: Lonnie Allen

PHP helps families who have children of any age with special needs. This workshop will focus on recent changes to the IEP and 504 processes and what parents need to do to navigate the new process.

The event takes place at Bishop Elementary School (450 N. Sunnyvale Avenue in Sunnyvale) in the auditorium from 6:30-8:30 PM. There is no registration required to attend the event. Onsite childcare is available, but registration is required for childcare and closes one week prior to the event, with no exceptions. For childcare contact Linda Toda at (408) 522-2474.

CEEF'S 2010 GALA: "DREAMS ARE MADE OF..."

Saturday, January 30, 2010

5:30 p.m.

Fairmont Hotel, San Jose

Save the date and plan now to join friends in celebrating our children's dreams for the future at the Cupertino Educational Endowment Foundation's (CEEF) annual Gala on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose. Proceeds from our 2010 "Dreams are made of..." themed Gala will benefit arts and innovative technology programs at each of our district schools.

For more information or to add your name to the invitation list, please email CEEF at gala@ceefcares.org.

DO YOU FEEL YOUR CHILD HAS A SPEECH OR LANGUAGE DELAY?

The Cupertino Early Intervention Preschool offers a Special Education program for preschool children between the ages of three (3) and five (5) who demonstrate a significant delay in speech and/or language development. Parents, teachers and/or day care providers interested in having a child tested may call Pupil Services at the CUSD District Office, 252-3000 to request an evaluation and receive an information packet.

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 your 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

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

Holiday Donation Campaign Supporting Lincoln Families



The holidays are a difficult time for many families in our community. It is a time when even small contributions can be of great help.

Students and families who are able and want to help can do so through our Holiday Donation Campaign. The money collected will be used to purchase gift certificates for these families to buy groceries and gifts. We are suggesting a donation of \$2 per student. However, any amount you feel comfortable donating is appreciated.

All contributions should be put in an envelope marked "Holiday Donation" and returned through the MESH or dropped off at the front office by Friday, December 4th. Cash or checks are accepted. Check should be made out to Lincoln Elementary.



Thank you for your support.

