



Lincoln Log

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Parent and Child Activity

Visit the library with your child and check out a book on stars.

Help your child create a timeline of the past year.

Source: Parent Institute

Calendar

Dec.	19	1:30 pm	First Grade Musical - MP
	22-Jan. 2		Winter Recess
			NO SCHOOL
Jan.	5		School Resumes
	7		Vision Screening
	8	3:40 pm	School Site Council Mtg

School Resumes – January 5, 2009

School resumes on Monday, January 5, 2009. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new year!

The Reading Garden

A few weeks ago Boy Scout Pack #415, led by Ruth Stevens, cleaned up the reading garden. They removed debris, weeds, trimmed, turned soil, added mulch and power washed the wall. They were a huge help. Mr. Morgan, Ms. Roberson, and Mrs. DeSagun's classes then painted the planter boxes and planted flowers. The garden is now a nice spot to nurture plants, observe birds, and of course to read! Additionally, many of the plants are draught tolerant and native to California. We hope to continue to improve the garden. Donations of plants, mulch, and bark are always appreciated. Thanks for the school wide support!

Coat Drive Update

In November, our student council partnered with the Northwest YMCA and Sunnyvale Community Services in collecting 427 gently used jackets of all sizes. These jackets will be offered to families in need within the Sunnyvale community. Thank you for your support!

Soul to Sole Update

Room 15 students collected 300 pairs of shoes to donate to both orphanages in Africa and to new playgrounds in California. The usable shoes were donated to children and families in need through an outreach program, and the older or single shoes will be recycled into playground materials.

Vision Screening, January 7

Vision problems are common childhood health problems; however, when detected early, visual problems can be corrected or minimized. Conversely, failure to identify and treat these problems can lead to significant learning impairment, developmental delays and failure in school. Vision difficulties are often discovered during the school vision screening program, an essential component of the school health program. The district school nurses will conduct vision screening at Lincoln on Wednesday, January 7. Students in grades 1, 3, 6 and Special Day Classes will be tested. In addition, first grade boys will be tested for color vision. School vision screening does not substitute for a professional eye examination by an ophthalmologist or optometrist. If your child has difficulty with the vision screening, a note and a referral to an eye specialist will be sent home.

Parking Lot Concerns

Please remember to pull forward as far as you can so that we can clear cars off of McClellan Road. Please do not stop in front of the office/MP Room. If you need to walk your child to class and there are no parking spaces available in our parking lot, please park on the street and walk into the school. The back lot is Staff Parking Only. Do not park in the staff parking lot at any time before or during school hours.

Giving Thanks

As we approach the time of year when families reflect on what they are thankful for and express gratitude and appreciation for their loved ones, the following poem reminds us that the little everyday moments are where we teach our children life lessons.

Parenting

*If I had my child to raise all over again,
I'd build self-esteem first and the house later.*

I'd finger-paint more and I'd point fingers less.

*I would do less correcting, and more connecting.
I'd take my eyes off of my watch, and I'd watch more
with my eyes.*

*I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.
And I'd stop playing serious and I would seriously play.*

I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars.

I'd do more hugging and I'd do less tugging.

*I'd see the oak trees and the acorn far more often.
I would be firm less often and affirm much more.*

*I'd model less about the love of power,
and more about the power of love.*

Author unknown

Enjoy the little moments with your family over the long break. We look forward to greeting you in the New Year!

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Sincerely,

The Lincoln Staff

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL AGENDA January 8, 2009, GLC, 3:30 P.M.

Call to Order
Minutes from last month's meeting
Budget Update
Principal's Update
Items of Business
 School Plan (Review)
 DAC
 GATE
 Parcel Tax

Adjourn

Next Meeting: Feb. 5, 2009 @ 3:30 p.m.

PTA

PTA Reflections Program 2008-09

The Reflections committee is happy to announce the winners of this year's Reflections program at the Cupertino-Fremont Council level from Lincoln Elementary:

Literature – Primary: Pooja Desur
Dance Choreography – Intermediate: Sachi Bansal
Musical Composition – Primary: Trent Yu
Musical Composition – Intermediate: Dylan Evans
Photography – Primary: Vivek Kamarshi
Photography – Intermediate: Melissa Seaman
Visual Arts – Intermediate: Grace Qi

These entries now go on to the 6th District level, covering all of Santa Clara County. Results at this level are expected to be announced by early February.

The above students will be honored at the CFC PTA Reflections awards presentation on March 9. Congratulations to our talented students!

DISTRICT

CUSD Budget Impact 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 impact meetings throughout the District during January 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:

- **Thursday, January 8, 2009 – 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**
Cupertino Middle School, Gymnasium (1650 S. Bernardo Avenue in Sunnyvale)
- **Monday, January 12, 2009 – 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**
Hyde Middle School, Multi-Purpose Room (19325 Bollinger Road in Cupertino)
- **Tuesday, January 13, 2009 – 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**
Lawson Middle School, Event Center (10401 Vista Drive in Cupertino)
- **Thursday, January 15, 2009 – 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**
Kennedy Middle School, Multi-Use Room (821 Bubb Road in Cupertino)
- **Wednesday, January 21, 2009 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**
Miller Middle School, Gymnasium (6151 Rainbow Drive in San Jose)

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

Announcement Of Board Member Vacancy

The Cupertino Union School District announces an opening on the District's Board of Education. Eligibility for membership on the school board is described in the Education Code excerpt below. The position will be filled by appointment extending until the next general election in November 2009.

Citizens who are interested in membership on the school board may enter the appointment process by filing a completed application packet with the Superintendent on or before January 14, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. Application packets will be available starting December 17, 2008, during normal working hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) from the Office of the Superintendent, Cupertino Union School District, 10301 Vista Drive, Cupertino. Application forms will not be mailed. Please note that the District Office will be closed from December 22, 2008 through January 2, 2009, for Winter Break.

The Board of Education will conduct applicant interviews in public session starting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 26, 2009.

Eligibility

Any person, regardless of sex, who is 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the State, a resident of the school district, a registered voter, and who is not disqualified by the Constitution or laws of the State from holding a civil office, is eligible to be elected or appointed a member of a governing board of a school district. (Education Code Section 35017)

Desirable Qualification

An understanding of a public school district and the role of a member of the Board of Education is desirable.

2009 Spring Registration – Save your January or February PG&E Bill for Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2009-10 school year is scheduled to begin February 2 through 12. Registration packets will be available at the neighborhood school beginning January 26, 2009. Registration packets are numbered sequentially. The registration number on the packet is valid for packets returned between February 2 – February 12, 2009. **For more details check the district website at <http://Cupertino.CA.campusgrid.net>.**

