



Lincoln Log

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Parent and Child Activity

Make a list of the best times you had during the last year. Schedule time on the calendar to do the same activities in 2009.

Source: Parent Institute

Calendar

Dec. 5 Report cards go home
12 10:20, 11:25 Chorus Singalong
22-Jan. 2 Winter Recess
NO SCHOOL

Report Cards

Report cards reflecting student achievement for the first trimester will go home with students tomorrow. Report cards are issued regularly to evaluate children's school progress. They are used to identify strengths and weaknesses and allow teachers, children, and parents to make plans for improvement.

Problems are created when report cards are used for rewards. When rewards are given for high proficiency levels, some children will work for the reward without striving to do their best for the sake of learning. Bright students will do what it takes to get by, while others may learn material for tests, which will be promptly forgotten. Rather than providing monetary or concrete rewards, praise children for good work and for doing their best.

Problems are also created when children are punished for low proficiency levels. Extreme pressure to succeed may cause children to develop a poor attitude about learning. They may become disruptive at school, show signs of frustration or just quit trying. Rather than punishing children by taking away privileges, degrading them, or spanking them, try some alternatives.

- **Don't be surprised.** Talk with your child about his/her progress in school throughout each trimester.
- **Talk calmly with your child** about each curriculum area. What does he/she think can be done to improve?
- Remember – **Report cards reflect what has already happened.** The past can't be changed.
- **Don't just focus on problem areas.** Even if your child's report card isn't as good as you'd like, look for something positive. Comment on an improved area or a teacher's comment about how hard your child is working.
- **Focus on the future.** Use an area of weakness as a platform for change.
- **Write a plan.** Sit calmly and discuss what your child can do to improve his/her proficiency level. Consider asking the teacher for ideas.
- **Put report cards in perspective.** They measure how students are doing in school. They don't measure a student's worth as an individual. Nor do they judge your success as a parent.

Report cards are only part of the overall evaluation of a child's school progress, reflecting both effort and ability. Used correctly, they can help build on strengths and improve weaknesses. When your child's report card arrives, remember to talk together and set goals appropriately to help your child maintain the best attitude toward school and learning.

Holiday Chorus Performance: Dec 12

Please join us as the Chorus sings seasonal and holiday songs on December 12, at 10:20 am for upper grades and 11:25 am for primary grades in the MP room. Thank you to Michelle Dellobuono, Lauren Hannigan and April Roberson for their musical leadership.

Outdoor Science School

Lincoln's fifth grade students spent 3 days at Outdoor Science School at Mission Springs in the Santa Cruz Mountains. I had the pleasure of visiting the students on Wednesday and saw students actively involved in learning about the environment, conducting scientific studies, and learning the importance of both self-reliance and collaboration. Thank you to Mrs. Hernlund, Mrs. Lowe, Ms. Ongbongan, Ms. West and Ms. Buckser for their time and effort.

Drop Off Advisory

Recently, morning valets have noticed an increase in drivers not following drop off rules. This has resulted in traffic backups on McClellan that could be prevented.

To insure speedy and safe drop offs, children must have their belongings on their lap or beside them in the car, and drivers must stay in their cars at all times. If a driver needs to help their child out of the car or pop the trunk open, you must park on Imperial or Orange and walk your child into school.

If you forget the rules, the valets will ask you to follow them and you should comply. They are doing it for everyone's benefit. The smoother the traffic flows, the faster you will be serviced and the safer everyone's drop off will be.

A Special Thank You

Thank you to all of the parents who helped with essential playground and parking lot supervision this school year. A very special thank you to all the volunteers who have helped regularly in our yard duty. We appreciate the time and dedication these parents have given to our school. We are currently in need of parents who can volunteer one/two days a week for next school year. Please contact the office if you are available.

Yard Duty

Jyothi Reddy	Fatma Elkolosy
Tuhina Pant	Anantha Vemulapati
Theresa Glazebrook	Linda Hull
Vadim Novikov	Taruna Tibrewala
Padma Nadhavajhala	Julie Johnson
Binli Peng	Susanne Millar
Vasanthi Naik	Gail Nordby
Kristine Phan	Mina Ang
Padma Vedantam	Sandra Murata
April Evans	Christine Kay
Ashwini Mahajan	Anita Tham
Inderpal Kahlon	

Valet Parents

Alex Levy	Chitra Subramanian
Sridhar Palla	Ann Ngo
Betty Bai	Lekshmi Muthuswami
Linda Hull	Maha Velpuru
Palmyra Pawlik	David Greenstein
Deepa Hedge	Ramana Murthy
Ritu Tyagi	Abha Sharma
Athena Lin	Michael Ross
Sylvia Chen	Andrea Grindeland
Helen Matharu	Kristine Phan
Shannon Willyoung	Teresa Lui
Tim Chiun	

LEEF

Please don't forget your tax-deductible LEEF donation which pays for staff salaries in the enrichment programs. (Library, Computer, Primary PE & Music, and in-class aides). Reminder letters are being sent through the MESH this week.

Thank you to more than 350 families who have contributed over \$84,000 toward the annual \$100,000 goal. These programs are not paid for by the school district or state government.

For more info, visit the LEEF website:
<http://www.LincolnLeef.org>

PTA

Yearbook

To donate your pictures to the Lincoln 08-09 collection, please email them to the Yearbook Committee at: leopard.yearbook@gmail.com. Include the name of the event in the Subject area of your email to help us organize the photos. Thank you and keep those shutters snapping!

For the safety of our students, please observe the Parent Photos and Video Guidelines published in the Lincoln Log dated 10/9/08 at the school website: www.lincolnelementary.net

SCRIP

Only two more opportunities to order Scrip before the holidays! Scrip make great gifts for everyone on your list and by buying Scrip, you not only save gas and the trip to the crowded malls, but you also help earn a percentage to our school for our kids. Check out the many merchants and the percentages they give back: Macys (10%), See's 1-lb. box (23%), Bath & Body Works (11%), Starbucks (5%), Marie Callenders (15%), and more. Even your grocery shopping can give back 2% to 5% from Safeway, Lucky's, Marina Foods, Ranch 99, Lion Foods, Tin Tin, and Han Kook Market. Don't miss out!

Order forms are in the MESH today or you can print one online at: lincoln-pta.org. Orders are due tomorrow thru the MESH or by 3:30pm in the office and will be ready by next week 12/18-12/19. The last order before winter break will be due Dec.12. For more information, please email the Scrip Committee at: lincolnscrip@gmail.com. Order now!

Lunch Running Program

As an Adult Volunteer, you can help punch cards, provide water, and cheer for your child and fellow students while they run during lunchtime. If you are interested in volunteering once a week, twice a month, or whatever fits your schedule, take a look at the online sign-up form for December at :

<http://www.tinyurl.com/LincolnRunWalk>

It is not necessary to sign-up, but check the online form for dates that may be canceled due to a special event. Please read the important information on that form regarding possible rainy days.

DISTRICT

Updating Residency Information

Please be aware that district guidelines require that any change of residence must be reported to the school office within ten (10) days. This guideline is in place to ensure that the address and contact information that the school has on file is accurate, since this crucial information is used to send official school/district correspondence and in the case of an emergency. Failure to provide current residency information could result in the immediate withdrawal of your child.

If you have any questions regarding this guideline, please contact your school office.

CEEF'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY GALA: "FROM LONDON WITH LOVE"

Saturday, January 17, 2009

5:30 p.m.

Fairmont Hotel, San Jose

The CEEF Gala has been acknowledged as the Valley's premiere "party with a purpose" – raising critically needed funds for arts and innovative math and technology resources at each of our district schools. Join us in celebrating educational excellence in our schools and honoring our Teachers of the Year on Saturday, January 17, 2009 at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose. Superintendent Phil Quon has challenged all 25 schools to organize a table of 10 with the promise to serenade the audience if the goal is met!

For reservations or more information, please call 408 446-2333 or email CEEF at gala@ceefcares.org.

2009-2010 REGISTRATION & OPEN ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

- **Kindergarten registration: February 2 – 12, 2009 at the neighborhood school.** Parents may pick up a registration packet at their 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. **Students must be residing in the district at the time of registration and be available for any necessary testing.**
- **Open enrollment requests: February 6 - 12, 2009 at the school of desired attendance.**
- **Alternative education program requests (Faria and Murdock-Portal grades K-5, McAuliffe, Mandarin Immersion and Home Study grades K-8) February 6 - 12, 2009 at the alternative program of your choice.**
- **Registration for new students in grades 1 – 8 begins March 2, 2009.**

Parents may only apply to one school or program other than their neighborhood school.

Detailed registration and open enrollment information is available on the district website www.cupertino.k12.ca.us, by contacting the staff in your neighborhood school office or by contacting the Student Assignment Office, (408) 252-3000, extension 110.