



Lincoln Log

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Parent and Child Activity

Tonight at dinner, put a "price" on each item you serve. Have your child figure out the "cost" of the meal.

Have your child write and mail a letter to a friend.

Source: Parent Institute

Calendar

Feb. 1-11		Kinder Registration
4	3:40pm	School Site Council, GLC
4	6:30pm	Kennedy MS - 6 th Grade Info Night
5-11		Open Enrollment
10	7:00pm	PTA Meeting, GLC
15-19		Mid-Year Recess No School

Provide Balance in Your Child's Schedule

After-school activities help children develop social skills and special interests. They promote self-discipline and responsibility. However, without balance the activities can have a negative impact. Children need time for downtime, homework, adequate sleep, and family. The following are suggestions for balancing your child's needs:

Check your own lifestyle. Are you over committed? Exhausted? Have no time for what gives you joy? Your child is likely to mirror you.

Keep a regular bedtime. Does your child run from one activity to another and often get in bed late? Then some activities need to go.

Value free time. If your child has no unscheduled time, or must check his/her schedule before making a play date, he/she is over scheduled.

Eat together. Make sure activities don't keep your family from sitting down to share at least one meal a week together. Everyone attends, talks, and stays until the dishes are finished.

Designate a weekly Family Night. A night to watch a movie, pop popcorn, play games, and simply be together with no rushing. Recharge during weekends. Plan time for resting, reading, and daydreaming.

Take your cues from your child. If he/she resists signing up for a new activity, don't push your child. He/she might be afraid or not interested, but maybe the child is overwhelmed by activities.

Parents Make a Difference

Kindergarten Registration for the 2010-2011 School Year

***Please share this article with your neighbors**

Any child who will be five years old on or before December 2, 2010, is eligible to attend kindergarten for the 2010-11 school year. Students must reside in the district at the time of registration. **Kindergarten registration is scheduled to begin on Monday, February 1 at 8:00am and continues through February 11.** Registration packets are available at neighborhood schools now. Registration packets are numbered sequentially. The registration number on the packet is valid for packets returned between February 1 – February 11, 2010. For more details check the district website at <http://Cupertino.CA.campusgrid.net>.

Traffic Woes Getting You Down?

Winter weather is upon us and it effects school traffic. Some mornings we are seeing longer lines of cars down McClellan. We have seen a few speeding cars in the drop-off area and more aggressive driving on the surrounding streets. This is probably due to driver frustration as traffic gets more congested with the weather changes.

Child safety on the streets and in the drop-off zone is imperative. When traffic gets more congested, safety can decrease. As a result, the police are stepping up enforcement to insure everyone stays safe.

A couple safety tips for drivers:

- **Be patient.** Patient drivers are safe drivers.
- **Be early.** You increase your chance of being on time by arriving early.
- **Expect the worst.** Traffic on McClellan is unpredictable from day-to-day.
- **Follow all traffic rules.** Rules are there to keep everyone safe and traffic moving.

Even better: park on Imperial Ave. or Orange Ave. and walk your child(ren) into school. If enough families do this, then traffic will ease a bit on McClellan. Observe all posted street signs on city streets.

We also want to thank parent drivers for being patient in the face of long traffic lines and by following valet instructions. Your cooperation and patience keep traffic moving and our drop off and pick up safe for our kids.

Valet Parents Needed Thursday Mornings

If you are dropping your student off on Thursday mornings, would you consider spending 30 minutes as an adult Valet Volunteer? Your help is crucial for the safety of our Valet Students and all students exiting cars each morning. Contact the office or email browning_jackie@cusdk8.org if you can join our team. Please consider helping one day per week!

From Kennedy Middle School : Parent Information Night on February 4

Incoming Sixth Grade Information Night will be held in the Kennedy MS Multi-Use room on February 4, 2010 at 6:30 pm. Because of space limitations, this program is for parents only. It is important that sixth graders feel part of the school but not be overwhelmed by it. We will discuss what our program looks like from 6th through 8th grade: from required subjects, including electives, to school activities.

Our visitations to the elementary schools to present the registration process to fifth grade students will begin in March. Required subjects, electives, and scheduling procedures, as well as school routines and activities will be described. Registration material will be handed out at the school visitations.

School Site Council

Agenda for Thursday, February 4th, 3:40pm

Call to Order

Minutes

Budget Update

Principal's Update

Items of Business

-School Plan Review

-DELAC Update – Jackie Browning

-DAC – Ruth Stevens

Other Items of Business

Adjourn

Next Meeting: March 4, 2010 @ 3:40 pm

PTA

Lincoln PTA Directory Is Here!

The Lincoln PTA Directory is published and should be in your MESH folder this week if you joined the PTA or ordered a directory. Thank you for your patience!

Nominating Committee – Get Involved!

Believe it or not, it is time once again to begin the process of choosing officers for the 2010-11 PTA Executive Board! If you are a PTA member and did not serve on the Nominating Committee last year, we need you! Duties would include identifying, contacting and securing commitments for prospective Executive Board members. If you are interested in serving on the 2010 Nominating Committee or would like more information about the committee, please contact Vidya Sinha at vidyar38@gmail.com by February 1, 2010.

The PTA is a great resource for families and communities and a strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child. By joining, you'll be able to meet more parents and teachers, voice concerns and make suggestions, and help make Lincoln Elementary the best it can be. So, please join. For more information on becoming a PTA member, please visit the Lincoln PTA website at www.lincoln-pta.org

Yearbook Wants Your Photos

We are looking for event and project pictures from all grades to be used in the yearbook, such as pictures from the Chicken Dance, Band Performance, Character Cans, Reflections Competition, 5th Grade Science Camp (a slug on the nose?), etc. Please drop off full-resolution, digital pictures on CD or USB (will be returned to you) at the front office, attention 'Yearbook' or contact Susan Satya in the Tech Lab. If you only have a few, you may email the full resolution pictures to Leopard.Yearbook@gmail.com Thanks!!

Yearbook Cover Contest

The Cover Contest is on! Believe it or not - some entries have already been turned in! We know there is a lot of talent here at Lincoln so keep on working on your designs. Remember to put your artwork in a plastic sheet protector and to include your information on the back of the artwork. The deadline for all entries is February 10th. Good luck, be creative, and have fun!

Pre-order your Lincoln 2009-2010 Yearbook Now for \$20!

Order envelopes were already sent home for each student. By pre-ordering now, you pay only \$20 and you are guaranteed a yearbook. Don't miss out on the fun pictures and the yearbook signing with friends! Pre-orders are due by March 19th. For more information, please email the Yearbook Committee at: leopard.yearbook@gmail.com

DISTRICT NEWS

2010-2011 REGISTRATION & OPEN ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

- **Kindergarten registration: February 1 – 11, 2010 at the neighborhood school.** Parents may pick up a registration packet at their neighborhood school beginning January 25, 2010. Registration packets are numbered sequentially. The registration number on the packet is valid for packets returned between February 1 – February 11, 2010. **Students must be residing in the district at the time of registration and be available for any necessary testing.**
- **Open enrollment requests: February 5 - 11, 2010 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 5 - 11, 2010 at the alternative program of your choice.**
- **Registration for new students in grades 1 – 8 begins March 1, 2010.**

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.

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.

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

“Summer Camps”

Speaker: Donna Hepp

The Therapeutic Services section of the City of San José's Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services provides a variety of programs and services for individuals with disabilities. Donna will present information on services, as well as how to enroll.

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.