



Lincoln Log

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Parent and Child Activities

This is Library Card Month. Make sure everyone in your family has a library card.

Set a regular time for homework this school year. Plan the time with your child.

Source: Parent Institute

Calendar

Sept.	1		Labor Day—NO SCHOOL
	4	6:30-7:15pm	K-3 Back to School Night
		7:15-8:00pm	4-5 Back to School Night
		8:15pm	Mission Springs Info Mtg (5 th)
	18		Bud White Photo Day
			Fall Welcome Dinner
	19		Staff Learning Day
			No School

Principal's Message

We are off to a wonderful start for the 2008-2009 school year. We welcomed approximately 680 students to Lincoln on Thursday morning. Our thanks go to the parent volunteers and the PTA for the many hours of help they provided as we prepared for opening day. The support of Lincoln's community continues to be impressive and appreciated. Please contact your child's teacher or the office if you are available to volunteer.

The faculty eagerly planned and prepared for the arrival of our students. Their success was evident in the smiling faces of students as they were actively involved in learning last week. We have 33 teachers in both full and part time capacities this year. In addition, Lincoln is fortunate to welcome two new teachers to our staff, Mrs. Nastari in second grade, and Mrs. Renaghan in third grade.

The staff and I are looking forward to collaborating with you to insure a successful year for your child. We are honored to work in partnership with you to create a love of learning in your children.

Labor Day – September 1 – No School

School is closed on September 1 in honor of Labor Day.

Absences and Tardies

Attendance and punctuality are important in establishing good behavior and building responsibility in young children. Please ensure that your child is at school every day and that she/he arrives on time. If your child will be absent, please call our attendance line (252-4798 ext. 6). If your child arrives at school late, she/he must report to the office for a late slip before entering the classroom.

Office Drop Off Table

Please be aware that in the office there is a table specifically for items that are dropped off, such as lunches. Please clearly mark the item with your child's name and room number. Make sure your student knows that we are unable to interrupt the class, and he/she is responsible for claiming the item at recess or lunch.

Back to School Night

Back to School Night will be held on Thursday, September 4, 2008. Kindergarten, first, second and third grade teachers will make presentations from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Fourth and fifth grade teachers will make presentations from 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. Teachers will outline their grade level curriculum and individual classroom procedures. They are eager to share the many enriching and educational activities they have planned for the year.

Back to School Night is an adult only evening. There is no child care and no supervision on the playground. The purpose of the evening is to keep parents informed on how best to support their child's learning this year. Your dedication to your child's progress is valued and appreciated.

Fifth Grade Parents: Mission Springs Info Meeting

After you visit your child's classroom during Back to School Night, please plan to attend a brief presentation on the Mission Springs Science Camp overnight in the Multi Purpose room at 8:15 p.m.

Chorus Begins for Grades 3-5

Chorus for third, fourth and fifth grade students begins on September 9 at 12:35 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Extra copies of the permission slip are available in the office and must be completed and returned before September 9 to participate in chorus.

LEEF(Lincoln Education Enrichment Fund) Donations: Help Support Our Enrichment Programs

The primary goal of direct donations to the Lincoln Educational Enrichment Fund (LEEF) is to pay for Lincoln staff members who teach your child primary music, primary P.E. and staff who help your child in the library, technology lab, and classroom. Salaries/benefits are paid through LEEF donations, **NOT by funds from the school district or taxes.** Please take the time to find the (LEEF) form included in the 1st Day Packet and support these programs.

Questions regarding Corporate Matching or LEEF donations?

Send e-mail to LEEF President Susanne Millar, "info@LincolnLEEF.org", or leave a note for "LEEF" in the school office.

LEEF website <http://www.LincolnLEEF.org>

PTA

Join the Lincoln PTA! Be Included in the Lincoln Student Directory!

Welcome all to the 2008-2009 school year! In your child's MESH folder, you will find a new, revised edition of our Membership/Directory Information form along with a Membership/Directory/ Agenda/Emergency Kits envelope. We have included our requests for Agendas and Emergency Kit donations with our Membership/Directory form to save paper and time! We hope this will make the beginning of the year easier for all. Note, you may have already donated \$10 for the Agenda in last week's information packet.

Please take the time to fill out the information as you want it to appear in the Lincoln Student Directory, an essential tool for all students, parents, and teachers to keep in touch!

DISTRICT

GATE REFERRAL PROCESS TESTING SCHEDULE

Fall Testing Only For: "New-to-District" students (Grades 4 – 8)

Referrals will be accepted beginning: August 25, 2008. Deadline for Fall GATE Referrals:

September 26, 2008 (Referrals received after September 26, 2008 will be returned to the school site.)

The focus of Cupertino's Gifted and Talented Education Program is to identify and serve those students who have demonstrated exceptional intellectual ability and outstanding academic achievement. Referrals for Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) testing may be initiated by teachers, parents, or the student. If you have a current "new-to-district" student you would like to have tested this fall for the Gifted and Talent Education program, please contact your child's teacher or school office for a referral form.

If you have questions about the screening process, please call the GATE office at (408) 252-3000, Extension 199, between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm or the GATE website at: <http://www.cupertino.k12.ca.us>.

Dates For Referrals For Spring Testing – Grades 3 and above

Referrals will be accepted beginning: November 3, 2008 Deadline for Spring GATE referrals: January 16, 2009 (Referrals for the above grades submitted before the November 3, 2008 or after January 16, 2009 date will be returned.)

NOTE: GATE testing of CUSD grade 3 and above students will take place during Spring (March-April) 2009. This will be the only GATE testing offered during the 2008-2009 year.

CUSD STATE PRESCHOOL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Cupertino Union School District is currently taking applications for its free State Preschool Program for the Fall of 2008. The program, which serves low-income three- and four-year-old children, is located at Sedgwick Elementary School, 19200 Phil Lane in Cupertino. Children who will be three or four-years-old by Dec. 2 may qualify. Priority is given to children who will be four by Dec. 2, 2008.

This free, parent participation preschool offers children many exciting learning experiences including math, pre-reading, science and creative arts, as well as the opportunity to work and play in group situations. Preschool activities are designed to help children make a successful transition to kindergarten. Children attend three hours per day, five days a week.

Parents interested in enrolling their children should contact Ruth Wachob at Sedgwick Elementary School, (408) 252-3103 ext. 202.