



Lincoln Log

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Parent and Child Activities

A good breakfast helps kids learn. Start the day with a healthy breakfast.

Provide a regular place to display your child's best schoolwork. Change the display often.

Source: Parent Institute

Back to School Night

Back to School Night will be held on tonight. 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.

Back to School Night is an adult only evening. There is no childcare and no supervision on the playground. The purpose of the evening is to keep parents informed on how best to support your child's learning this year. We are looking forward to meeting with you all on September 4. Your dedication to your child's progress is valued and appreciated.

Fifth Grade Parents – Time Change

Please plan to attend a brief presentation on the Mission Springs Science Camp overnight in the Multi Purpose room at 7:45 p.m. following the Back to School Night presentation.

Zero Tolerance and Harassment Policies

Maintaining student safety on campus is of utmost importance to our staff. We take the responsibility of caring for your children very seriously. With that in mind, our annual Zero Tolerance and Harassment presentations took place on Monday, August 25, 2008. I held age appropriate assemblies for the various grade levels on the two district policies.

Highlights:

- Students understand that weapons, drugs, or alcohol are not allowed on campus. The consequences include recommended expulsion from the district. Students that fight will be suspended, and repeated fighting will lead to expulsion. The Zero Tolerance policy includes not only weapons, but also toy guns, squirt guns, and plastic swords or daggers. In addition, please do not send plastic knives to school in your child's lunch.
- Students understand the importance of going to an adult if they are experiencing harassment. Both mental, physical, and sexual harassment are prohibited by state law and can result in suspension or expulsion.

We thank you for supporting the above policies in a combined effort to create and maintain a safe learning environment for our students to thrive in.

Calendar

Sept.	4	6:30-7:15pm	K-3 Back to School Night
		7:15-8:00pm	4-5 Back to School Night
		7:45pm	Mission Springs Info Mtg (5 th)
	10	7-9pm	PTA Mtg - GLC
	18		Bud White Photo Day
		5:30-7:00 pm	Fall Welcome Dinner
	19		Staff Learning Day
			No School

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.

Playground Supervision

Just a reminder that there is no supervision on the school campus until 8:40 a.m. Please do not drop off your student prior to that time.

Parent Rep Needed for District English Language Advisory Council

We are looking for an ELD parent to represent Lincoln Elementary School at the District English Language Advisory Council (DELAC) meetings. The meetings will be held at the district office four times a year. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Parents of Primary Students: Please Remember that School is in Session for 4th – 5th Grade Students until 3:25pm

If you are waiting for upper grade students to be released from class between 2:55 and 3:25, or are simply visiting with friends after school, please remember that half of our students are still in class learning. Parents of primary students may wait at the covered shade structure on the intermediate side of the playground **ONLY**. The noise-level on these first few days of school has been disruptive to students who are still in class. Students may not play on the playground. Please be vigilant in supervising your children so that they are not disrupting classes. In addition, the playground may be needed for upper grade classes between 2:55 and 3:25. Please be mindful if you see a class outside and keep your children away from the activity. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep the learning environment as quiet as possible from 2:55 – 3:25 for our upper grade students.

Start the School Year with Successful Habits

Research shows a link between parent involvement and student success. So, plan to pitch in with school activities – right at home. This will require some self-discipline, but will also set a great example for your child:

- Put priorities on the calendar, such as study time and school events.
- Stay nearby, while your child does homework. He needs your support.
- Create routines – read, exercise, go to the library, have family meals.
- Talk with your child about school. Show your interest every day.
- Keep in touch with the teacher. Attend parent-teacher conferences.
- Be consistent. Use a daily and weekly schedule that works.

Source: Maya Cohen, “The Busy Parent’s Guide to Raising Successful Students,” FamilyEdu

PTA
The Fall Welcome Dinner

Get ready to pull out your picnic blankets to enjoy a feast with friends at this PTA sponsored community-building event. The Fall Welcome Back Dinner is scheduled for the 18th of September 2008 from 5:30 to 7:00pm. With performances by the Upper Graders, the Chorus and the Monta Vista Jazz Band what better way to spend a fun-filled evening. Gunther’s is catering the food. Spaghetti with vegetarian marinara sauce and spaghetti with beef meatballs for the meat eaters, a side order of garden salad, a dinner roll, butter and a drink all for the cost of \$8.00. Please order your tickets early and make this event a success.

LEEF:
Lincoln Families Show Solid Support

Last year, through family contributions and corporate matching, Lincoln families showed strong financial support (over \$100,000) for Lincoln's enrichment programs.

All students benefit from programs funded by LEEF:

	Computer Lab	Librarian	PE	Music or Chorus	In-class Aides
Grades K-3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ (Combo classes)
Grades 4-5	✓	✓		✓	✓ (All classes)

Please show your financial support by turning in the LEEF Donor Form included in the 1st Day envelope, or pick up a LEEF packet from the Office. For questions, contact LEEF President Susanne Millar, "info@LincolnLEEF.org", or leave a note for "LEEF" in the school office.
LEEF website, <http://www.LincolnLEEF.org>

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.