



Lincoln Log

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Parent and Child Activities

Make sure you and your child know the school rules.
Review the list of rules and post them at home.

Talk about three ways you used math today. Ask everyone in the family to tell how they used math.

Source: Parent Institute

Calendar

Sept.	18	5:30-7:00 pm	Fall Welcome Dinner
	19		Staff Learning Day
			No School
Oct.	2	3:40 pm	School Site Council
	6-14		Parent Teacher Conf.
			Dismissal 1:25 pm
	8	7 pm	PTA Mtg – GLC

Morning Valet Program

The valet program has been working well. Your cooperation has prevented backups on McClellan and has kept traffic flowing. Here are some reminders to help you and our valets.

To keep things moving, please pull up all the way and wait until a valet opens your car door for you. We have the valets positioned for maximum throughput and safety. **You may be tempted to let your children exit on their own, but we insist you pull up to a valet first and let them assist.** This keeps you from blocking the driveway and the flow of cars.

Here are some hints before you leave home:

- Complete all paperwork at home before getting into your car.
- Have children with bags and paperwork next to them and ready to get out.
- Place children on the right side of the car for a quick, yet safe drop off.

When dropping off at the school:

- **Drive slowly and keep to the right. There is a 5 mph speed limit in the driveway.**
- **Follow the car in front of you and pull all the way forward.**
- **Line your car door (not the bumper) up with an orange valet cone.**
- **The driver remains in the car at all times with the motor running.**
- **When a student valet approaches, put the car into "park".**
- **Let the valet open the car door and help your child out.**
- **After dropping off, pull immediately into the left exit lane. This will let the next group of cars in.**

Be aware that some days we experience heavier volumes of cars than others. This can be due to many factors: weather, holidays, social events, nearby school traffic, etc. Although we do our best, we are limited in what we can accomplish due to the design of the neighborhood streets and school lots. We ask for your patience and cooperation at all times to keep traffic flowing.

If you are tired of waiting in line, then you can always park on Imperial or Orange and walk your child into school to avoid the crawling traffic. It is sometimes faster to do so.

Reading Garden

What was once full of weeds and overgrown plants? What is now cleaned out and ready to grow beautiful plants and flowers? You guessed it - Lincoln's very own reading garden!

Last Thursday our third grade teachers and parents with some serious green thumbs rolled up their sleeves, put on their gardening gloves, and set to work preparing the reading garden for a new school year. Now the responsibility for tending the garden will be transferred to the third grade children who will water and nurture this special spot throughout the year.

Special thanks goes to the third grade team, Kevin & Lydia Moore, Paula Noordeen, Haiyang Deng, Parul Chanda, and Suzanne Millar.

Conference Schedule

Families, please take note of the class times that have been set for Parent Teacher Goal Setting Conferences. **The conference dates are October 6-14.** During those dates, all **1st through 5th grade students** will come to school at 8:55 a.m. and be released at 1:25 p.m. **Kindergartners will maintain their regular schedule,** and kindergarten conferences will be scheduled in December.

Since there will be no adult supervision for students after the 1:25 p.m. release time, arrangements for after school care need to be made. Students **may not** remain on campus, as teachers will be conferencing with parents. We thank you for your help in this matter.

Webmaster email Correction

Last week we announced the new Lincoln website:

www.LincolnElementary.net

We would like to correct the webmaster's email address as follows:

Webmaster@LincolnElementary.net

Parent Volunteers

We welcome parent volunteers to our campus and appreciate the time parents give to assist teachers and staff as we work together to educate our children. For the safety of our students, all volunteers must have a TST Mantoux Test (Tuberculosis Skin Test) in order to work on campus. Volunteers must also sign in at the office and pick up a nametag. Thank you for giving your time to Lincoln.

Word of the Month

The word for the month of September is CONFIDENCE. PeaceBuilders can show confidence when speaking up to right a wrong. There are many ways to show you are confident:

- believe that you can do something or accomplish something
- raise your hand to share in class
- practice what is taught in class to do better at something
- talk in front of a group

District

Parent Photos & Video Guidelines

The Cupertino Union School District currently allows parents to capture audio recordings, images, and/or video footage of their children in the classroom and at school events. The district believes that allowing this access is an important part of involving parents in the education of their children. While the district understands the desire for parents to share this information with others, we request that all parents be respectful of the privacy of other families and the district's policies for protecting student identity.

Therefore, any audio recordings, images, and/or video footage of students obtained during school hours or at any other school related activity should be used only for your private viewing and not be posted or published online. This guideline is consistent with the school district's policies and we would appreciate your cooperation.

As new technology continues to emerge, the district is balancing the use of innovative technology at the school site with the protection of the identity of our students.

Diwali Festival Of Lights

Saturday September 27, 2008

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Memorial Park in Cupertino

Free Admission

Diwali is the a time of joyous celebration. The Cupertino Chamber of Commerce is presenting its Sixth Annual Diwali festival of Lights, a multicultural family fun day, which will include Children's Art Faire contest starting at 10:00 a.m. and ending at noon for judging, followed by Multicultural music and dance performances, Exciting Kids Zone, international food court, arts and craft booths, and much more.

Free parking will be available at DE Anza College (lots A & B). Additional information is available at www.cupertino-chamber.org

LEEF

Filing Corporate Matching

Thank you to the families who have turned in their donations to support Lincoln's enrichment programs. More than \$50,000 has been received toward the \$100,000 goal. Don't forget to take a few minutes to send in your company's Corporate Matching paperwork (if applicable) to increase your contribution! It can take more than 90 days for a corporate check to be mailed, after matching paperwork is completed.

PTA

Fall Welcome Dinner

The Fall Welcome Dinner is tonight. Please get ready for a great evening of fun, music and dinner. The Chorus and the Upper Graders are doing a joint performance from 5:30 to 5:50pm. Dinner from Gunther's will be served at 6:00pm. The Monta Vista Jazz Band will entertain us during dinner. Please join us for this community building PTA sponsored event.

PTA Membership and Student Directory

Thank you so much to all of you who joined the PTA and for turning in your Student Directory Information. Your quick response and generous contributions reflect your support for a strong parent community at Lincoln.

If you haven't already sent in your membership dues, we would like to invite you again to join the Lincoln PTA, and at the same time submit your Directory information, and donations for Agendas and Emergency Kits, if that applies. Just fill out the envelope that was provided in the MESH two weeks ago, pop in your check and return it with your child today. It's that easy!

If you've misplaced your preprinted envelope, please visit www.lincoln-pta.org to reprint your own copy. Additional copies are available in the office.

Remember, as a Lincoln PTA member, you will receive a FREE copy of the Lincoln School Directory. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Betty Young at LincolnMembership@gmail.com.