



Lincoln Log

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Parent and Child Activities

Have a contest – How many words can you make from the letters in the word OCTOBER?

Start a family savings jar. Everyone can decide on what the goal will be, and how much they want to donate.

With your child, keep a record of the moon this month. Look at the moon every night and draw what it looks like.

Source: Parent Institute

Calendar

Oct.	2	3:40 pm 7-8:30 pm	School Site Council Destination ImagiNation Info Mtg - Collins
	6-14		Parent Teacher Conf. Dismissal 1:25 pm 1st-5th
	8	7 pm	PTA Mtg – GLC
	20-23		Book Fair
	21	7:30-8:30 am	Parents only Book Fair
	23	5:30-9:30 pm	Family Book Fair
	27		Staff Learning Day No School
	28-31		Red Ribbon Week

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 grade through 5th grade students will come to school at 8:55 a.m. and be released at 1:25 p.m. Kindergarten will be on their regular schedule.

Since there will be no adult supervision for students after the 1:25 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.

Destination ImagiNation

We are looking to form some Destination ImagiNation (DI) teams to represent Lincoln School!

Collins Elementary has kindly invited us to their informational meeting: today, October 2, 7:00-8:30 pm in the Collins GLC room. Interested students and their parents should attend to see what DI is all about.

A team coach and a competition judge (parent volunteers) are required for each team that is formed, and DI provides ALL the training needed! Teams meet outside of school hours, at a team-agreed time and place.

What is Destination ImagiNation? A process-based program grounded in sound creative problem solving theory that helps young people build lifelong skills in creative and critical thinking, teamwork, time management and problem solving. Up to seven participants work together as a team for eight to twelve weeks to create their solution to a Team Challenge, which can have a focus that is theatrical, structural, improvisational, scientific or technical. Teams also learn and practice creative quick-thinking skills for the Instant Challenge portion of the program. Destination ImagiNation helps young people learn in a fun and supportive environment, and the valuable skills they've acquired will be with them for a lifetime. Visit this website for more information: <http://www.destinationimagination.org>

You Can Make Homework a Positive Learning Experience

There's no question that students today have more homework than kids used to have. And it can be a challenge to fit homework into busy family schedules. But homework is a fact of life. There are ways parents can help their children make the most of the time they spend on homework. Here are some ideas:

- **Help your child, but don't do the homework.** Don't answer the questions for your child. Homework is a way to help children learn to be independent. If you do the work, your child won't learn that lesson.
- **Stay in touch with the teacher.** Be sure to let the teacher know if your child struggles with homework every day. Ask what you can do to help the teacher help your child.
- **Help your child learn to manage time.** Set a regular time for homework each day. If that isn't possible because of busy schedules, block out time for homework. Don't leave homework as the last thing your child does before bed.
- **Help your child decide which homework is going to be hard and which is likely to be easy.** Then start with the hard tasks. That way, your child will be more alert when she is doing the toughest jobs.
- **Have your child read aloud to you every night.** As you are reading together, stop and ask questions.
- **Be positive.** Your attitude will affect your child.

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Attendance

Regular school attendance promotes learning and responsibility in children. Students need to be in school to learn. Please schedule appointments during non-school hours, and schedule vacations when school is not in session. Under California's positive attendance law, schools are funded based on actual student attendance. Schools lose funding when a student is absent for any reason regardless of whether the absence is excused or unexcused. Funding for valuable instructional programs and materials that benefit students will decrease.

Word of the Month

The word for the month of October is EFFORT. PeaceBuilders can show effort when you attempt to do something. There are many ways to show effort:

- by making time to talk to and play with your friends
- by doing your class work and seeing the results on your report card
- by working your hardest to reach a goal

PTA

Volunteer Sign-up Form

Whether you have one hour, one day, or weekly time to lend a hand, please look over the green Lincoln Volunteer Sign-up form. There are many volunteer opportunities such as library help, lunch yard duty, hearing test help, and more. The success of our school depends a great deal on your help and participation. When completed, return the form through the MESH or at the office. You can also visit the Lincoln PTA website at: www.lincoln-pta.org for more information and to sign-up to volunteer. Thank you!

Entertainment Book Campaign

The fifth annual Entertainment Book Campaign is under way! Your student brought home a package last week containing the 2009 San Jose/Santa Clara edition of the Entertainment book. This book is full of money saving coupons that you can use for an entire year! The cost is \$25. Money raised from this campaign goes into the PTA fund which goes directly back into our school. There is no obligation to buy one, but please take a look at it. Please also consider checking with your friends, co-workers and family if they would like to support Lincoln Elementary by buying one. The campaign runs from 9/25-10/10. Kindly send your book or money back to school with your student by 10/10 in the same envelope the book came in. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Shen at ktj_mom@yahoo.com

PTA Reflections Contest 2008-2009: "Wow!"

The theme for this year's National PTA Reflections Program is "Wow!" This is a great opportunity to bring your child's imagination to life and let their artistic talents shine! Encourage your child to create an original work of art, based on this year's theme "Wow!" There are six categories to choose from:

- ❖ Visual Arts (includes art forms such as drawing, painting, prints and collage)
- ❖ Literature
- ❖ Film Production
- ❖ Dance Choreography
- ❖ Musical Composition
- ❖ Photography.

Prizes are awarded in all categories at various levels. Check out last year's award-winning entries in the PTA Reflections Program gallery at www.pta.org. Please remember that the entries have to be the student's individual and original work and must have a completed entry form attached.

Entry forms and rules are available in the school office. **The deadline for entries for the Reflections Program this year is Monday, October 20th.** For more information, please visit :

<http://www.capta6.org/reflections/parents.html>. If you have further questions, please contact Bhavini Kamarshi at bhavini111@yahoo.com.

LEEF

Volunteer Hours Matched with Corporate Check

Some companies (i.e. Lockheed, salesforce.com, Applied Materials) will convert an employee's volunteer time at Lincoln into a corporate donation check. Please contact your Human Resources (HR) department or website to find out details for converting volunteer time into monetary donations. Questions can also be e-mailed to info@lincolnleef.org.

District

CEEFF's 25th Anniversary Gala

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, January 17, 2009
Fairmont Hotel, San Jose

Join in celebrating CEEFF's 25th anniversary with a promotional or celebratory advertisement in the CEEFF Gala program. Salute a special teacher, honor a graduating student or class, or encourage your favorite professionals to sponsor an ad. Beyond the Gala event, 1,000 program copies will be distributed to all 25 district schools and throughout the community. Visit the CEEFF website at www.ceefcares.org and click on "celebratory ad" under Gala on the right hand green column for ad specifications or call (408) 446-2333 for more information.

School Accountability Report Cards (SARC)

The Cupertino Union School District has revised the 2006-2007 School Accountability Report Cards (SARC). SARCs are an annual report on specified aspects of a school's operation, which is required as part of state and federal law. In addition, the district is required by law to translate SARCs into other languages if 15% or more of the pupils enrolled in the school speak a single primary language other than English.

English SARCs and translated SARCs (if necessary) for each school in the district are available on the district's website at www.cupertino.k12.ca.us, and in the school office. If you have any questions regarding the SARCs, please contact the school principal.

The 2007-2008 SARCs (published during the 2008-2009 school year) will be available on the district's website and the school office by February 1, 2009.

學校責任匯報卡 (School Accountability Report Cards, SARC)

根據加州和聯邦有關法律，學區有義務將學區所轄學校的運作情況編輯成為“學校責任匯報卡

(SARC)”。而且，如果一個學校有超過15%的學生的母語是某一種非英語語言，那麼學區就需要把該學校的SARC翻譯成這種非英語語言。最近，Cupertino聯合學區已經更新了2006~2007學年的“學校責任匯報卡 (SARC)”。

英文的SARC和翻譯成其他語言 (如有需要) 的SARC可以在學校辦公室取得，也可以上網查看，網址www.cupertino.k12.ca.us <<http://www.cupertino.k12.ca.us>>。如果您有關於SARC的問題，可以同學校的校長聯系在這一學年 (2008~2009學年) 中，本學區會完成上一學年 (2007~2008學年) 的SARC。到2009年2月1日，您就可以在學校辦公室或學區網站上看到最新完成的SARC了。