

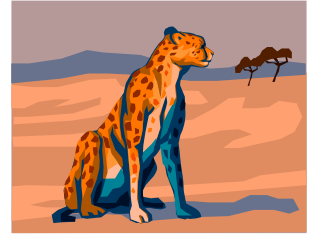
Quest

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Lincoln Elementary School

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Once again we are on our way to a successful year! Thank you all for your wonderful help and support as we begin the new school year. I enjoyed seeing many of you at our Back-to-School Night, the Newark Day Parade and at our first Coffee with the Principal. My personal philosophy has always been, "It takes a village to raise a child" therefore, it is important to me that there is a strong cooperation between home and school. I welcome your comments and questions and happy to set up appointments to discuss any concerns. Better, join us for a relaxed Coffee with the Principal schedule for Friday, October 27th which is the fourth Friday of every other month starting from 8:30am – 9:15 am. We do have a Spanish translator for our non-English speakers. I hope to see many of you there.

The Common Core State standards and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) are fully employed with the integration of technology. This year we continue to implement both Positive Behavior Intervention and support (PBIS), and Response to Intervention (RTI) as a way to positively reinforce student behavior and through RTI provide students with academic support which are targeted to their needs.

We are also implementing for the first time our Science Technology Engineering Arts and Math (STEAM) program with an emphasis on the **Arts** for this year.

Therefore, parents, teachers, support staff, and administration we all have an important role to encourage our children to become active learners. It is my desire to continue providing expanded opportunities for our students to acquire the skills and knowledge needed to be successful. Lincoln is a place where children come first, and staff members are committed to providing meaningful, engaging work that promise to make for another exciting and productive year.

Family Involvement has a positive effect on Student behavior

- When families are involved, students exhibit more positive attitudes and behavior
- When students report feeling support from both home and school, they have more self-confidence, feel school is more important, and they tend to do better in school.
- Student at-risk behaviors such as teasing, fighting, and other antisocial behaviors decrease as parent involvement increases.

I'd like to invite you to visit our school's website, <http://lincoln.newarkunified.org>, which will serve as a resource tool for all upcoming events, programs, student/parent handbook, important reminders, and you can catch up with our monthly "Quest" newsletter. We will continue to use our Telephone-parent message board for reminders of upcoming activities and you can check our monthly calendar on the web. Also, Lincoln has both Facebook and Twitter accounts. Twitter, Lincoln Elementary@L_Leopards and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/lincolnelementarynewarkca> please stay in touch.

Conferences

This year fall conferences will take place Monday, November 7th through November 15th. Teachers will be sending home conference schedules this week. Our parent-teacher conferences offer an important opportunity for parents and teachers to share information about the child. The purposes of fall conferences are:

- To build rapport with your child's teacher
- To learn about your child's performance on early classroom assessments and assignments
- To understand the standards and expectations for your child's new grade level.
- To set goals for your child with the teacher, which will be measured on the report card, which will go home in November. Parents can make the most of their child's conference time by using some of the suggestions listed

Office Hours for Lincoln

Monday - Thursday

7:45 - 3:30

Monday - Friday

7:45 - 3:00

818-3500

Mark
Your
Calendar
October

10/4- Hot Dog BBQ

10/5 - Walk A Thon

10/9—ELAC Meeting

10/10 - SSC/ PALS

10/12— Movie Night

10/10—Bike, Walk and Roll to School Day

10/23 - Retake Picture Day

10/26— Spooktacular

10/31 - Halloween Parade

8:45am



Before You Go:

- Think about what you want to tell the teacher about your child. Is there anything you would like to tell the teacher that would help her better understand your child?

- How does your child feel about school?
- What special interests does your child have?

Ask your child what s/he would like you to talk to the teacher about. And what s/he would like you to look at in the room.

At the Conference:

- Arrive on time! Be aware that other parents are waiting for their conferences and use your time wisely.

- Ask questions about any part of the school program that concerns you?

The teacher will be prepared to tell you about your child's school work. Here are some questions you might ask:

- * What are my child's strongest subjects?
- * What areas need improvement?
- * What can I do to help my child – and what can I do to help him help himself

When you get home:

- Be sure to tell your child the positive things that were said at the conference.
- Keep communicating with the teacher about your child throughout the year, through notes, email, or voice mail messages.

If you have any other special concerns, please contact your child's teacher or me. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at fall conferences, as well as at the many wonderful social events that PALS has planned throughout the year. Thank you again for your support of Lincoln Elementary. It is truly a pleasure to work with you!

Warmly,

Angela Ehrlich

International Walk & Roll to School Day

Oct. 10th is the day to join friends, build your community and celebrate healthy habits by Walk & Roll to School Day!



Please remember that we have early dismissal on Fridays at 1:05 pm. Please make sure that students are picked up promptly. Thank you!

Healthy Halloween Treats

Alternatives to candy: coupons, pencils, mini-Frisbees, bracelets, plastic figurines, magnets, hand games, puzzles, whistles, pencil toppers/erasers, jewelry, trading cards, stickers, bubbles, mini cars, crayons, pinwheels, marbles, coloring books, yo-yo's, wax fangs, spider rings, charms or pens.

Healthy food treats include animal crackers, pretzels, fruit cups, mini box raisins, pudding cups, trail mix, granola bars, or juice boxes.

Lice and Ringworm

It's fall and time once again to check your children on a regular basis for signs of head lice or ringworm. If you are unsure of what to look for, call the school office at 818-3500 or stop by the office and pick up a copy of guidelines.

Safety Procedures

Reminders

Establishing routines and procedures to be used in an emergency situation is an essential part of working to keep the members of our school community safe. Throughout the year, we practice monthly fire, earthquake and/or intruder drills which help students and staff to develop the skills necessary in an emergency situation. The information and feedback from these drills are used to continually refine our school wide safety plan.

~Important Information from the Lincoln Office~

Daily Absence Verification

Calling in your child's daily absences is very important. The office phone number is 510-818-3500. This number has voicemail so a message can be left at any time day or night. Absences should be called in each day as soon as possible, but no later than 9:45am. When doing so, please leave the following information:

Please say your child's name clearly.
Teachers name and room #

Reason for absence i.e. : illness or doctor's appointment, out of town. An out of town absence is an unexcused absence. For family emergency absences, please make sure you call in as well as send a note with your students stating why they were out.

Please leave a call back number.
Please remember you have 72 hours to clear an absence before it goes to an unexcused absence.

Please keep your child home if they have gotten sick or have a fever. They need to be fever, vomit and diarrhea free for 24 hours before coming back to school. It is a parent's responsibility to call in each absence. The office will make phone calls each day to clear absences, but it is most helpful if parents helped us by calling first. We appreciate your help in calling the office.



Please Keep in Mind!

If your child is getting picked up early by someone on their emergency card, please advise them they must have their photo ID with them and they have to be over 18 years old to pick them up.

Please pick up students promptly after school dismissal @ 2:32 Mon-Thurs & 1:05 on Friday's.

Please notify the office of any address or phone number changes right away.

Homework Requests ~ Homework will be available upon request. Please call or email your child's teacher before 10:00am to request their homework. Homework may be available after school pending teacher's availability.

Visitors are welcome to the school; however for the safety of all students, all visitors must check in at the office, sign the "visitor log" and wear a visitor badge while on campus. If parents/guardians are visiting to observe their child's classroom, they must arrange their visit with the teacher and principal prior to the day of visiting and limit their stay, so that it does not interfere with the classroom program.

We will have a couple of days where parents can come up to have lunch with students, but other than that, we ask that parents don't come up on campus for lunch

Parents, please listen to your messages before calling the school back. There are often times where the teachers call from the classroom and the office is unaware why they called.

Please try not to send your students with a lot of extra cash on them. We are not responsible for any lost items.

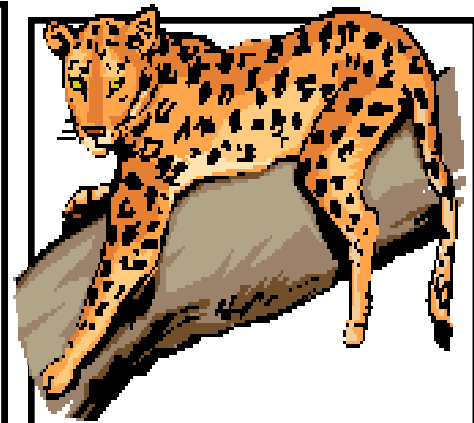
Reminder for Parents regarding Birthday treats.

Please remember two things:

Please make prior arrangements with your child's teacher before bringing in birthday treats for your child to share with his/her class. Also, we ask that balloons, flowers and other large displays be given to the child at home because they are very distracting in the classroom.



Please bring the healthiest treats possible. We know the tradition is sugary cupcakes and such, but we are trying to teach our children healthier ways of eating.



PBIS Behavior Expectations at Lincoln

**Be Respectful
&
Be Responsible
&
Be Safe**



Dynamic Mindfulness Students are taught

**Kind Thoughts,
Kind Words
and
Kind
Actions**

**Ever wonder what
your child's teacher**

P.A.L.S. Updates

We had a great turn out at the first PALS meeting!

Thank you to everyone that attended both in person and through Facebook LIVE. We hope you can make the next meeting on October 10th at 6:30pm.

Supply Drive

Thank you to everyone who participated in the supply drive. The winning class was Mrs. Chapman with 542 points! Mrs. Aumondson (2nd place—392 points), Mrs. LaPorte (3rd place—293 points) and Mrs. Kennison (4th place—213 points) also had impressive scores.

Follow PALS on Facebook for the Most Up to Date PALS Information

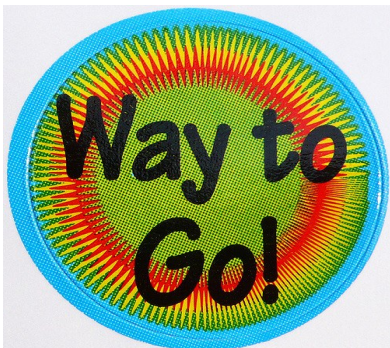
If you haven't done it yet, "like" us on Facebook. Our group is called "Lincoln PALS Club". We post about upcoming events and about ways you can help our school! Get connected and stay connected through our Facebook group!

Round Table Pizza Fundraiser

Our Round Table Pizza fundraiser was a lot of fun and the owner said we did well. The final number as to what we earned isn't available yet due to their processing of the funds, but we'll let you know on Facebook as soon as it's available. Thank you to everyone who came out to support Lincoln!

Box Tops

Clip Box Tops and turn them in and earn a brag tag. Make sure when you turn them in to put your child's name and classroom number on the bag. If every student turned in 50 Box Tops in one school year, we would earn over \$2,000 a year!!



Newark Days Parade

Newark Days was a HUGE success! We were out there in full Lincoln Spirit and definitely showed it by chanting our song the whole way. Special thanks to Stephanie Guerra and Maeghan Knowles for making it another fun parade. And we were so great that Lincoln won "Community Spirit" award! Way to go Leopards!

Walk-a-thon is Almost Here!

On October 5th, we will be having our annual walk-a-thon. This is PALS biggest fundraiser of the school year and we count on you to help make it the best ever! And we are excited to continue accepting pledges online this year for Walk-a-thon! Parents, simply go to the following web page to add your child and start fundraising today!

<https://99pledges.com/fund/2018walkathon/addme>

If you want to volunteer or donate, please do and sign up online as well at <http://signup.com/go/mLCLvmd>.

Movie Night

PALS next movie night is planned for 10/12. The movie will be "Hotel Transylvania 3". Check the bulletin board by the office for more details as the date gets closer.

Shoparoo

If you have a smart phone, get the free Shoparoo app and start taking pictures of your receipts today! For every grocery receipt, the school earns points and then Lincoln gets a check once a year in October. This year the check will be worth \$139.20! All for just pictures of your receipts!!

NEW Birthday Brag Tags

You can now send a Birthday Brag Tag to your child or friends. Forms should be in the office the first week of October. Birthday Brag Tags cost \$1 and come in six exciting designs in both English and Spanish!

Dates to Look Forward to:

Walk-a-thon—Oct. 5th

PALS Meeting—Oct. 10th

Movie Night—Oct. 12th

Spooktacular—Oct. 26th

Second Annual Great Candy Gather - Nov. 1-9th

Family Game Night—Nov. 8th

See's Fundraiser—Starts Nov. 5th

