



# Lincoln Log

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## Parent and Child Activity

At dinner, have everyone share one thing they did that made them feel happy today.

It's the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire. Talk about fire safety with your child.

Does your child know who to call in an emergency? Make a list for your refrigerator. Practice what to say.

*Source: Parent Institute*

## Calendar

Oct. 8-13		<b>Parent Teacher Conf.</b>
		<b>Dismissal 1:25 pm 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup></b>
14	7:00 pm	PTA Meeting, GLC
19-22		Book Fair
22	6-9:00pm	Family Book Fair
22	6-7:00pm	First Grade Literacy Night, GLC
22	7-8:00pm	DI Information Night, GLC
<b>26</b>		<b>Staff Learning Day</b>
		<b>No School</b>
27-30		Red Ribbon Week
30	9:15am Kinder	Halloween Parade
	1:30pm Gr. 1-5	Halloween Parade & class celebrations

## Conference Schedule

Conferences continue through Tuesday, October 13, 2009. During those dates, grades 1 through 5 students will come to school at 8:55pm and be released at 1:25pm. Kindergarten students will be on their regular schedule. Grades 1 through 5 will return to their regular schedule on Wednesday, October 14.

## Welcome Mrs. Hayes

I am pleased to announce that we have a new office secretary. Valerie Hayes is joining our staff after years of service to Lincoln and CUSD. She is a welcome addition to the Lincoln staff. Welcome Mrs. Hayes!

## Destination ImagiNation Information Night

Have you thought about joining Destination ImagiNation? Interested parents and students should plan to attend an informational meeting on Thursday, October 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Lincoln GLC.

## Halloween Parade

Lincoln's Halloween Parade will take place on Friday, October 30. Our annual parade will be at 1:30 p.m. and end at approximately 2:00 p.m. (Kindergarten students will parade through classrooms at 9:15 a.m.) Classroom celebrations will follow the parade. Please contact your room parent if you are interested in donating healthy food items.

Please help your child choose a costume appropriate for school that does not reflect violence. In accordance with the district's Zero Tolerance policy, students may not bring any toy weapons as part of their costume. Plastic swords, toy guns, and other weapons are not allowed on campus. Make-up and dyed hair are not permitted. Students should come to school dressed in their regular clothing (except Kindergarten.) Please send costumes to school in a bag marked with the child's name and room number. They will change into their costumes after lunch.

Thank you for preparing your child for our Halloween celebration. Our priority is to ensure a safe, appropriate environment and to promote a positive and fun celebration. Parents are invited to join us for our Halloween festivities. Please sign in at the school office. Don't forget your camera!

## Thank you Gardeners

Lincoln's Reading Garden is once again blooming thanks to the green thumbs of some of our parent volunteers. Mrs. Renaghan and Mr. Morgan would like to thank the following parents for weeding and trimming in the hot sun two weeks ago: Suma Kaushik, Anuja Pandurangan, Itsuko Sano, Maury Feskanich, Adriana Pappas, Sangeeta Savant. Now students will assume responsibility for taking care of this special spot for reading and appreciating nature.

## 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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## **PTA**

### **PTA Reflections Contest 2009-2010: "Beauty is..."**

This is the last weekend to complete your entry for the Reflections contest!

The theme for this year's National PTA Reflections Program is "Beauty is..." 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 "Beauty is..." 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](http://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 this year is Friday, October 16th. For more information, visit <http://www.capta6.org/reflections/parents.html>. If you have further questions, please contact Bhavini Kamarshi at [bhavini111@yahoo.com](mailto:bhavini111@yahoo.com).

## **LEEF**

### **Read LEEF's online FAQ**

Visit the LEEF website <http://www.LincolnLEEF.org> to read Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) and learn more about LEEF donations and corporate matching. Thank you for supporting programs funded by LEEF donations!

## **DISTRICT NEWS**

### **CUSD BUDGET UPDATE MEETINGS**

Given the unprecedented magnitude of the state budget crisis and the uncertainty surrounding Cupertino Union School District's funding, Superintendent Phil Quon will be holding a number of budget update meetings throughout the District during October 2009. The Superintendent would like to invite all interested parents and community members to attend and hear what steps the district is taking to try and weather the state budget crisis. Please attend any meeting that is convenient for you. Here is a list of schedule and location of the meetings:

- Monday, October 12, 2009 - 6:00 to 7:30 pm  
Kennedy Middle School, Multi-Use Room  
(821 Bubb Road in Cupertino)
- Wednesday, October 14, 2009 6:00 to 7:30 pm  
Miller Middle School, Gymnasium (6151  
Rainbow Drive in San Jose)
- Thursday, October 29, 2009 - 6:00 to 7:30 pm  
Lawson Middle School, Event Center (10401  
Vista Drive in Cupertino)
- Monday, November 2, 2009 - 6:00 to 7:30 pm  
Cupertino Middle School, Gymnasium (1650  
S. Bernardo Avenue in Sunnyvale)

If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Nishihara at (408) 252-3000, Extension 323.

## **PARENT SPEAKER SERIES**

SELPA II (Special Education Local Plan Area II) is proud to host the following guest speaker presentation to parents of students with special needs.

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

"Occupational Therapy and Sensory Integration"

Speaker: Natasha Coetzee Kukuk, Associated Learning and Language Specialists

Does your child struggle with sensory issues, balance, motor planning, or other gross or fine motor skills? Natasha tells us about occupation therapy and sensory strategies that we can use at home.

The event takes place at Bishop Elementary School (450 N. Sunnyvale Avenue in Sunnyvale) in the auditorium from 6:30-8:30 PM. There is no registration required to attend the event. Onsite childcare is available, but registration is required for childcare and closes one week prior to the event, with no exceptions. For childcare contact Linda Toda at (408) 522-2474.

## **H1N1 GUIDELINES**

The Santa Clara County Public Health Department guidance recommends that, based on current flu conditions, students and staff with flu-like illness stay home until at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications (any medicine that contains ibuprofen or acetaminophen).

You can help keep our schools healthy by adhering to the following guidelines:

- Continue to enforce proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette - The recommendations continue to emphasize the importance of the basic foundations of disease prevention: stay home when sick, wash hands frequently with soap and water when possible or alcohol based hand sanitizer, and cover noses and mouths with a tissue when coughing or sneezing (or a shirt sleeve or elbow if no tissue is available).
- Leave accurate information as requested on the school's absence line if your child is sick. This will help the school identify any potential issues as soon as possible.
- Promptly pick up your child from school if they are sent home for being ill. The school will keep ill students separated from others until they can be sent home. Please make sure that the school office has your updated contact information.
- Any returning students after an illness with a fever will need to have their temperature taken in the school office before returning to class. Teachers will be sending returning students back to the office to have their temperatures taken if they arrive directly to the classroom without being cleared.