



Lincoln Log

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December 10, 2009

Parent and Child Activity

Help your child create a time line of the last year.

Look in the newspaper for a listing of free holiday events.
Plan to attend one this month.

Source: Parent Institute

Calendar

Dec.	11		Pajama Day
	11	10:30 & 11:30	Chorus Sing-a-Long
	16	6:00pm	3 rd Gr. Play, Rms.19,21,23
	18	1:30	1 st Grade Performance
	21-Jan. 1		Winter Recess
			NO SCHOOL
Jan.	4		School Resumes

Holiday Chorus Performance

Please join us as the Chorus sings seasonal and holiday songs tomorrow, December 11, at 10:30 and 11:30 am in the MP room. Chorus members are **required** to wear pajamas for the sing-a-long. Thank you to Michelle Dellobuono, Sarah Winn and Katie Renaghan for their musical leadership.

First Grade Musical

On Friday, December 18 at 1:30pm in the MP room, our first graders will perform in a musical called "Life Cycles." First grade families are invited to watch this special performance as well as join their child's class for holiday festivities afterwards. Parking permits are available in the office. We hope you can make it!

Independent Study Contracts

If you plan to be away from school for a minimum of five school days and a maximum of ten, please contact the school office at least one week ahead of your departure date to arrange for a special Independent Study Contract. **These policies are consistent across the Cupertino Union School District.**

- A student must be enrolled for three consecutive weeks before an Independent Contract can be initiated.
- The contract and homework must be returned the first day back to school with all the work completed, so days missed do not count as unexcused absences.
- **Students who are absent for more than ten consecutive days will be dropped from the district rosters.** When the student returns, parents must reprove residency and if space is available at his or her school, the student will be reinstated. If no space is available, the student will be assigned to another school in the district where space is available.
- If you are traveling for less than 5 days, your child's absence will be recorded as unexcused.

2010 Spring Registration – Save your January or February PG&E Bill for Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2010-11 school year is scheduled to begin February 1 through 11. Registration packets will be available at the neighborhood schools beginning January 25, 2010. Registration packets are numbered sequentially. The registration number on the packet is valid for packets returned between February 1 – February 11, 2010.

For more details check the district website at <http://Cupertino.CA.campusgrid.net>.

PeaceBuilders Principle: To Help Others Emphasize 'Giving' Rather Than 'Getting' This Holiday Season

To be successful in school, children must learn to share and become less selfish. A little philanthropy – giving to others – will help your child do this. There are many ways parents can promote giving this season and all year long. Here are a few ideas to get you started.

- **Introduce the word *philanthropy*.** It means sharing your time, talent or treasure to help other people.
- **Identify volunteers** and other people in your community who give. Talk about how special and important these people are.
- **Let your child see you giving** and let her participate. Take her with you when you volunteer. Ask her what charities she'd like to help out.
- **Help your child make simple gifts** to give to family and friends or to distribute at a shelter. He'll discover the joy of giving something he's made.
- **Have your child gather toys and clothes** she's willing to donate to a local charity. Be sure to take her with you when you drop them off.
- **Cook soup or bake something together** to take to a sick or elderly neighbor.
- **Praise your child when he gives to others.** Point out how good it makes him feel to share with other people and to know he has made a difference in someone's life.

Source: Parent Institute

From our Student Council

Pajama Day Tomorrow

Our student council is sponsoring Pajama Day tomorrow, Friday, December 11. Students should come to school in appropriate attire such as long sleeve pajama tops and bottoms or sweats. They can bring slippers to wear in the classroom if approved by their teacher, but must also have their shoes. We are looking forward to a comfortable and cozy day!

Student Council Coat Drive

As the temperature continues to drop, please take a moment to clean out your closets and consider donating old but gently used jackets of all sizes to our jacket drive. Lincoln's Student Council will be working along side the Northwest YMCA and The City of Sunnyvale. Please bring the jackets to your classroom or to Room 21. With your help last year we were able to collect over 400 jackets!

PTA

PTA Meeting

There will not be a December PTA meeting. The next PTA meeting will be Wednesday, January 13th at 7pm.

PTA Reflections Program 2009-10

The Reflections committee is happy to announce the winners of this year's Reflections program at the Cupertino-Fremont-Sunnyvale Council level from Lincoln Elementary:

Literature – Intermediate: Varshini Srikanthan

Musical Composition – Primary: Tej Nair

Musical Composition – Intermediate: Dylan Evans and Snigdha Lokanadham

Photography – Primary: Vivek Agarwal

Photography – Intermediate: Vivek Kamarshi

Visual Arts – Intermediate: Alisha Gao and Shania Wang

Congratulations to our eight winners! These eight entries now go on to the 6th District level, covering all of Santa Clara County. Results at this level are expected to be announced by early February.

The above students will be honored at the CFSCPTA Reflections Reception at Fremont High on March 8th. More details will be provided later.

DISTRICT NEWS

CEEF'S 2010 GALA: "DREAMS ARE MADE OF..."

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Saturday, January 30, 2010 5:30 p.m.

Fairmont Hotel, San Jose

GALA AUCTION OFFERS STELLAR VALENTINE AND GROUP PARTY PACKAGES ON BEHALF OF ARTS, AND INNOVATIVE APPLICATIONS OF TECHNOLOGY

The CEEF Gala Committee is working to raise over \$100,000 on behalf of arts and innovative technology programs at all district schools. The Gala live auction will offer an incredible array of unique packages including; *week's stay for 8 during the high season in a 4 BR/4.5B Four Seasons Resort villa at Punta Mita; champagne reception and \$1,000 gift certificate at Blacy's Fine Jewelers, romantic weekend stay at the Hotel Los Gatos, spa treatment for two at Spa Elia, and dinner at Dio Deko for 2; gourmet cooking demonstration for 16 in the Cupertino Whole Foods Culinary Center; Wine Country getaway for 8; Shark's luxury box for 12; dinner for 20 with paired wines at The Red Crane; festive celebration with wines for 25 prepared by local celebrity chefs: John Gatto, John Giovanola, John Zirelli, and Phil Johnson. Proceeds will provide matching funds for arts and innovative technology programs at all district schools.*

For reservations or more information, please call 408 446-2333 or email CEEF at gala@ceefcares.org.

STEPPARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Starting January 2010

JFK University Community Counseling Center

572 Dunholme Way

Sunnyvale, CA 98087

Fee for course: \$90.00

The John F. Kennedy University Community Counseling Center invites interested parents to join a 10-week course with other stepfamily couples. You will learn the typical developmental stages that many stepfamilies go through in order to become a more harmonious and cohesive family. Couples will also have a chance to share their stories with each other in this unique, interactive learning and supportive group experience. The support group will be led by a counselor from the John F. Kennedy University Community Counseling Center with counseling experience in the Cupertino School District.

For more information or to register, please call the JFK Counseling Center at (408) 524-4900.

ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION- CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

On **Saturday, December 12, 2009**, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult and Community Education will be offering a **free special one-day class, ESL/Citizenship Interview Preparation**, to help prospective citizens prepare for their interview. Volunteers from the community will act as interviewers. At this class there will also be an immigration expert who will talk about the interview process and answer questions. The class will meet in the Training Center at the Adult Education Center, 591 W. Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale.

Students should register in class. For more information about this class, please call (408) 522-2703.

2009-2010 District Calendar

Dec. 21, 2009 - Jan. 1, 2010	Winter Recess
January 18, 2010	Martin Luther King Day
February 15-19, 2010	Mid-Year Recess
March 15, 2010	Staff Learning Day
April 12-16, 2010	Spring Recess
May 28, 2010	Staff Learning Day
May 31, 2010	Memorial Day
June 10, 2010	Last Day of School

