



# Lincoln Log

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## Parent and Child Activity

Resist the urge to overschedule your kids. They need “down time” to think, imagine and play.

It’s National Soup Month. Make soup with your child - and enjoy the book *Stone Soup* together.

*Source: Parent Institute*

## Calendar

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|------|-------|--|
| Jan. | 18    | <b>Martin Luther King Day</b><br><b>NO SCHOOL</b>    |
|      | 20    | Class Photo Day                                      |
|      | 25    | 8:00am Kinder Registration Packets Available         |
| Feb. | 1-11  | Kinder Registration                                  |
|      | 4     | 6:30pm Kennedy MS - 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Info Night |
|      | 5-11  | Open Enrollment                                      |
|      | 15-19 | <b>Mid-Year Recess</b><br><b>No School</b>           |

## California Distinguished School Eligibility

I am proud to share with you that Lincoln School is eligible to be a California Distinguished School. Eligibility is based on our AYP and API scores, and the fact that our significant subgroups have all made growth. Out of 6,000 elementary schools in the state, 462 are eligible with Lincoln being one of them. On the county level, we are one of the 36 eligible schools out of 253 schools in the county. Wow! Applications are reviewed at the county level and site visits are subsequently scheduled at eligible schools. Regardless of the outcome, Lincoln has much to be proud of and we applaud our students, staff and parents.

## New Year’s Resolutions as PeaceBuilder

As we make resolutions for the coming year, it is the optimal opportunity to set goals with your child. Success in school is measured in terms of academic achievement. Achievement in physical, social and emotional growth balances out a child’s overall success measurement.

A child’s overall growth can be increased by focusing on developing the following basic qualities. Parents can work with their children at home to increase their level of:

- **RESPONSIBILITY** – Help children learn to be responsible for their own actions and do what is right.
- **CONFIDENCE** – Instill in children the feeling that they are able to succeed and meet life’s challenges.
- **MOTIVATION** – Work to motivate children to do their best and have a desire to succeed.
- **CARING** – Demonstrate to children that it is important to show concern for others and help others.
- **EFFORT** – Teach children that it pays off to do their best and work hard.
- **PROBLEM SOLVING** – Practice decision-making with children, learning to solve problems based on previous experience.
- **COMMON SENSE** – Help children understand that it is important to use good judgment when making decisions.
- **TEAMWORK** – Learning to work well with others is a prerequisite to many school and life experiences.
- **DETERMINATION** – Teach children the importance of following through and completing what they start.
- **ACTION** – Encourage children to take the initiative and move into action on their own.

## NO School on Monday

There will be NO school on Monday, January 18, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday. Tuesday, January 19 is early release day with student dismissal at 2:25pm.

## Class Pictures Wednesday, January, 20<sup>th</sup>

Check the MESH folder today for the class photo envelope. Please return the envelope and cash or check on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> if you would like to purchase a class photo. All class photos will be taken and orders should be turned in to the photographer at that time. Extra envelopes are available in the office. Don’t miss out!

## From Kennedy Middle School :

### Parent Information Night on February 4

**Incoming Sixth Grade Information Night** will be held in the Kennedy MS Multi-Use room on February 4, 2010 at 6:30 pm. Because of space limitations, this program is for parents only. It is important that sixth graders feel part of the school but not be overwhelmed by it. We will discuss what our program looks like from 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade: from required subjects, including electives, to school activities.

Our visitations to the elementary schools to present the registration process to fifth grade students will begin in March. Required subjects, electives, and scheduling procedures, as well as school routines and activities will be described. Registration material will be handed out at the school visitations.

## From After School Band:

### 2nd Semester S’cool Band Sign-ups

All band students that would like to sign-up for the second semester of band can do so by doing the following:

- Complete a sign-up sheet. These forms are located in the back of your band handbook or sent to the email address provided.
- Return the completed form along with a check for \$165.00 (made payable to “S’cool Spirit”) to the box marked “S’cool Spirit Band” located in the school office.

Band classes will begin the week of January 19.

## PTA

### Yearbook Cover Contest

The annual Lincoln Yearbook Cover Contest is here! Put your artistic thinking cap on and your winning artwork could be showcased on the front cover or the back cover of this year's yearbook. All students are encouraged to participate with their best creative work! Information and guidelines for the Cover Contest are included in today's MESH folder. Good luck, be creative, and have fun! Deadline for all entries is February 10th. For more information, please email the Yearbook Committee at [leopard.yearbook@gmail.com](mailto:leopard.yearbook@gmail.com)

### Pre-order your Lincoln 2009-2010 Yearbook Now for \$20!

You not only save money, but you guarantee yourself a treasured keepsake full of pictures of all the fun we had this year. After March 19th, yearbooks will be sold for \$25.00 on a first come basis as supplies last. Don't miss out! Look for your yearbook order envelopes in the MESH today!

## DISTRICT NEWS

### 2010-2011 REGISTRATION & OPEN ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

- **Kindergarten registration: February 1 – 11, 2010 at the neighborhood school.** Parents may pick up a registration packet at their neighborhood school 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. **Students must be residing in the district at the time of registration and be available for any necessary testing.**
- **Open enrollment requests: February 5 - 11, 2010 at the school of desired attendance.**
- **Alternative education program requests (Faria and Murdock-Portal grades K-5, McAuliffe, Mandarin Immersion and Home Study grades K-8) February 5 - 11, 2010 at the alternative program of your choice.**
- **Registration for new students in grades 1 – 8 begins March 1, 2010.**

**Parents may only apply to one school or program other than their neighborhood school.**

Detailed registration and open enrollment information is available on the district website [www.cupertino.k12.ca.us](http://www.cupertino.k12.ca.us), by contacting the staff in your neighborhood school office or by contacting the Student Assignment Office, (408) 252-3000, extension 110.

## ELIMINATION OF GRADE FOUR WRITING ASSESSMENT

The CST for Writing (the writing component of the CST for English–Language Arts [ELA]), and the CMA for Writing (the writing component of the CMA for ELA) will not be administered to students in grade four in the 2009-10 school year. The elimination of the writing task will have no effect on students' achievement of proficiency because the CST for ELA in grade four and the CMA for ELA in grade four will be scaled and equated on the basis of the multiple-choice questions only.

Please note that the CST for Writing and the CMA for Writing will continue to be administered in grade seven. Next spring's administration of those tests in grade seven will be on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, with makeup testing on Wednesday, March 3, 2010.

## 2010 STAR TESTING DATES

STAR Multiple Choice Testing for grades 2-8 will begin the week of April 26, 2010 and continues for two weeks. The STAR Program is a state accountability measure that helps us assess how we are meeting the needs of our students. You can help prepare your child for the test by ensuring your child goes to bed on time, eats a good breakfast, and leaves for school with a positive attitude. Please do not schedule any family trips or doctor appointments during this time.

## 2009-2010 District Calendar

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 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     |

# LINCOLN YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

Your artwork could be on our 2009-2010 yearbook!

Here's how...

## Two Categories:

- 1.) FRONT COVER = artwork must include our mascot, the Leopard, and our school name with year  
(example: Lincoln Elementary 2009-2010)  
**OR**
- 2.) BACK COVER – artwork about what makes Lincoln special

## Guidelines:

- Only **one entry for one cover** (front or back) per a currently enrolled Lincoln student
- Design must be original artwork in free hand **by student**. NO computer generated work.
- Use 8.5 x 11 inch sheet of white paper **vertically**
- Artwork must be in vivid colors. Avoid leaving the background blank or white.
- Artwork can be designed with crayons, markers, paint, colored pencils, or pastels
- Keep what's important in your artwork **away from the edges about half an inch all around the paper** (like Leopard and School Name with year or your main designs)

*Don't forget* to **print clearly** on the back of your artwork:

**Student's First and Last Name**

**Grade / Teacher & Room #**

**Parent Name & Phone number**

**Specify FRONT COVER or BACK COVER**

**\* Enclose artwork in a plastic sheet protector to keep from getting damaged \***

**ALL ENTRIES ARE DUE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY:  
Wednesday, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> at 4:00PM**

The Lincoln School Staff will vote for the winning front cover and back cover  
Winners will be announced in March

Afterwards, all artwork entries will be displayed for viewing at school  
and will be returned to participants

**GOOD LUCK, BE CREATIVE, AND HAVE FUN!!!**

For questions, please email the Yearbook Committee at:  
leopard.yearbook@gmail.com