



# Lincoln Log

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## Parent and Child Activity

Don't watch TV tonight. Read, play games, or put together a puzzle instead.

Have your child choose a newspaper headline. Turn it into a question. Does the article answer the question?

*Source: Parent Institute*

## Calendar

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| March | 1  | Fitness Testing Begins, 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade |
|       | 2  | Read Across America Day                       |
|       | 4  | 3:40 pm School Site Council, GLC              |
|       | 5  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester Ends                |
|       | 10 | 7:00 pm PTA Meeting, GLC                      |
|       | 15 | <b>Staff Learning Day<br/>No School</b>       |

## PeaceBuilders T-shirt Sale

Help your child become a proud PeaceBuilder! Order a PeaceBuilder t-shirt for your child so that he/she can proudly wear it on Lincoln PeaceBuilder Fridays. The deadline to place your t-shirt order is Friday, March 5. Extra order forms are available in the office.

Everyone, including teachers and parent volunteers, can show their PeaceBuilder spirit by wearing a PeaceBuilder t-shirt on Fridays.

## Second Session of Success, Inc.

Our second session of Success Inc. begins on Monday, March 1, 2010. Permission slips went home with current Success, Inc. students in early February and should be returned by **tomorrow**, February 26, 2010. Only those students who meet certain qualifications may attend this support program. Please contact the office with any questions.

## Read Across America Day:

### Dr. Seuss's Birthday

Read Across America Day is on Tuesday, March 2, 2010. In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, children across the country celebrate reading. Lincoln's kindergarten and first grade classes will celebrate with guest readers and activities. The following article offers ideas for fostering a love of reading at home:

## Increase Literacy Skills with Fun Reading and Conversation

Research points to two simple strategies that can make your child a better reader:

- 1. Make reading enjoyable** for your child.
- 2. Hold family discussions.** Exposure to new words and the flow of conversation improve children's vocabulary and comprehension.

Here's what you can do:

- **Choose books** that reflect your child's interests. Take him to the library to select what he likes.
- **Show your child** that you enjoy reading. Read books, newspapers, catalogs and magazines in front of her.
- **Get your child to talk** about what he's reading. Sit with him and ask questions.
- **Start discussions** of interest to your child. Vary topics from day to day. Get her to share her thoughts and opinions.

*Source: Parents Make a Difference*

Happy Reading!

## From our Nurse:

### When to keep children at home due to illness

The best way to prevent the spread of disease is by hand washing and hand sanitizing. However, there are times when, despite our best efforts, children become sick. When this happens, the sick child should be kept at home. This is for the child's own comfort and recuperation and to limit the spread of germs that may cause illness.

The symptoms listed below are examples of when to keep your child home from school.

- Fever of 100 degrees or higher. The child should remain home until s/he is without a fever for 24 hours
- Complaints of feeling ill which do not seem to be associated with school avoidance or other non-illness reasons
- Runny nose (very thick or greenish) or severe nasal congestion
- Infectious diseases such as: Strep throat. (After 24 hours of antibiotics your child may return.)
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting
- Complaints of ear pain, pink eye/red-crusted eyes
- Lingering cough from an illness

Over-the-counter and/or prescription medications may be given at school **if**: (1) a **Medication Authorization** form has been completed by your doctor **and** (2) the medication is labeled in its original container. Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter.

If a student is sent home from school for feeling ill, the child may not return that day. **A doctor's note for absences over five (5) days is required.**

If you do not have health insurance, the Children's Health Initiative of Santa Clara County will help your family obtain free and low-cost health, dental and vision insurance. There are three insurance programs: Medi-Cal, Healthy Families and Healthy Kids. Please call 1-888-244-5222 to speak to an intake worker (many languages are spoken) who will work with you to see which program your child qualifies for.



## **School Site Council Agenda – March 4, 2010**

Call to Order  
Minutes  
Budget  
Principal's Updates  
Items of Business  
    School Plan Goals  
Other Items of Business  
Adjourn

The next meeting will be on April 1, 2010 at 3:40pm.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

### **Haiti Fundraiser**

The Student Council will be raising money for the families in Haiti through this Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Please help your child think of ways to earn the money they donate. They can do chores around the house or make crafts to sell to you. The money collected will be sent to a non-profit organization called Kids in Distressed Situations, K.I.D.S., who have been helping families in Haiti even before the earthquake. For every \$10, K.I.D.S will deliver at least \$100 of donated products to Haiti. Collection buckets will be in each classroom. Thank you in advance for supporting this worthy cause.

### **PTA**

#### **Do You Want to Help Create a Fun Year for Lincoln Elementary?**

The Lincoln Elementary PTA Nominating Committee is organizing its Executive Board for the upcoming school year. If you want to become more involved, now is your chance to step up and make a difference! Come join parents just like yourself to make Lincoln the best school around! All PTA positions listed below are open and available for the 2010-2011 school year. If you are interested in being considered for one or more positions, just fill out a nomination form located in the office or in your student's MESH folder and return it to the office or via the MESH no later than March 1, 2010. You may also email Vidya Sinha at [vidyar38@gmail.com](mailto:vidyar38@gmail.com) with your name, phone number, position desired and email address. We will be sure to contact you with more details. Links to the various job descriptions can be found on the PTA website.

#### **Teacher Appreciation Committee Needs You!**

Teachers make a huge positive difference in your son or daughter's life everyday they come to school here at Lincoln. It is important to acknowledge and encourage these hardworking teachers, and the staff that supports them, by thanking them. Every year the PTA does this by having a "Teacher's Appreciation Week" which this year will be April 5th to 9th (the week before Spring Break). During this week we provide yard duty for the teachers and food for all the staff breaks. In order for this to happen, the Teacher Appreciation Committee needs **new committee members**, as planning for this week starts at the beginning of March. If you would like to help in the planning part of this week and be on the committee or if you have any questions, please email me, Gail Nordby at [nordby1@yahoo.com](mailto:nordby1@yahoo.com). It's a fun committee to be on and it makes a huge positive impact for the staff. So make a difference and get involved!

## **DISTRICT NEWS**

### **"STAND UP FOR SCHOOLS FORUM"**

**March 4, 2010**

**6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

**Lawson Middle School Event Center  
10401 Vista Drive in Cupertino**

On March 4, 2010, teachers, support staff, administrators, and parents will be attending events across California to call attention to the massive State budget cuts to education.

Please join the Cupertino Educators Association, Cupertino Elementary School Administrator Association, California School Employees Association, Service Employees International Union and the Cupertino Union School District for the "Stand Up for Schools Forum." Topics will include State budget details, district funding information, and proactive action that you can take to help protect CUSD students from further State cuts.

### **2010 SUMMER SCHOOL UPDATE**

The Cupertino Union School District continues to face major budget cuts from the state. As a result, there will be no available funds to implement the district's summer school program. Starting this year (2009-2010), there will be no regular education, CLIP, or ELD summer school.

Special Education summer school is not affected and will be available for students currently identified and enrolled in Cupertino Union School District Special Day Classes (SDC) whose IEP includes summer school. Registration forms for the SDC summer school will be available from the SDC teachers beginning April 2010.

### **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. This 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.