**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

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**Lifeskills Winners For This Week!**

- **8th Grade**
  - Margaret Pendo, Initiative

- **7th Grade**
  - Kyle Katherman, Patience

- **6th Grade**
  - Citlali Arriaga, Perseverance and Resourcefulness,

- **Staff**
  - Peter Hill, Cooperation and Initiative

**PTA MEMBERSHIP/DIRECT DONATION DRIVE UPDATE**

We can do it! We are now up to 503 parents/guardians, teachers and staff who have joined the PTA and our goal is 550. For anyone who hasn’t yet joined, now is the time. Money raised by the PTA will go toward science and student directory and much more. A portion of each person’s $10 dues goes to the city, district, state and national PTA for their advocacy work on behalf of our children. Your added donation (100% tax deductible) goes directly to Lincoln to fund enriching programs, events and classroom materials that would otherwise not be possible. Last year our membership/donation drive raised over $34,000. We are encouraging each family to donate $150 per student. The money is spent on Lincoln students. Now you can donate online at [http://donation.lincolnpta.com/](http://donation.lincolnpta.com/). Lincoln has only two fund raisers: the direct donation drive and magazine sales. Please contact Joyce Simmonds at joycesent@comcast.net or Jackie Dodge at cjodger@earthlink.net if you have any questions or need a new yellow donation envelope. Parental guardian involvement is a key ingredient to a great school and joining the PTA is a great way to get involved. Any contributions you are able to make is greatly appreciated!

**Sun., November 18th 2-4pm at the Main Library**

The author of the “Red Scarf Girl: A memoir of a Cultural Revolution”, Ji-Li Jiang will give a free 45 minute presentation followed by a Q&A session, ages 11 yrs to adult. Please call 747-7713 to register.

**Sat., December 1st 3-4pm at the Main Library:** retelling of “The Nutcracker” led by Diablo Ballet Co., ages 5-10.

**From the desk of: Dian Hale**

**Student Progress**

Progress reports went home last week. The first progress report is a good indication of your child’s performance and understanding of the subject matter. If your child demonstrates greater needs in understanding/learning the subject area, please do not hesitate to contact their teachers. This is especially true of 8th grade students. A definite proficiency/mastery of the subject area is critical not only to success at the high school level, but also to fully experience and enjoy their 8th grade year and activities. We are fortunate to have incredibly skilled and dynamic teachers who can guide students through the subject matter. There is also after school homework club and tutoring to assist students who need additional academic assistance.

**Parent/Guardian Complaints**

Many concerns regarding classrooms procedures, practices, homework, discipline, etc. can be resolved by speaking with the classroom teacher first. When you have a concern, it is best to speak with the teacher immediately. Usually an email or phone call will resolve the issue. if the issue cannot be resolved, a face to face conference with the teacher is the next step in resolving the concern. Specific goals and solutions should be discussed at this meeting. If after meeting with the classroom teacher the issue is still unresolved, a conference with the Principal and classroom teacher may be required. I am available to meet with parents/guardians to discuss concerns that are left unresolved. The LMS team is committed to creating the best and most rigorous educational environment for your child(ren).

**All Bike, Scooter and Skateboard Riders!**

The following steps will be taken if a student does not wear a helmet: 1st offense, parents/guardians will be called; 2nd offense, the bike, skateboard or scooter will be kept at school requiring a parent/guardian to pick it up; the third offense, the student will receive a referral. Please remember that riding without a helmet is illegal. The Alameda Police will issue a citation of more than $180.00 if a student is caught riding without a helmet.

**Procedure Reminders:**

Throughout the day many items are dropped off in the office by a parent/guardian with the request that it be delivered to a student. Announcements calling students to the office to retrieve personal items will be made at two times during the day, lunch and after school. This procedure helps to limit interruptions throughout the day and encourages students to develop the Lifeskills of responsibility and organization. We will continue to relay information to a student immediately if it is an emergency.

Dian Hale
Interim Principal
BOXTOP LABELS & LABELS FOR EDUCATION
Please continue to clip labels and box tops from Campbell’s and General Mills and turn them into the office. These are used to earn funds for our school, so before you throw that container in the recycling bin, tear off the box top. Thanks! Check out the link below for eligible products and start saving them.

http://www.boxtops4education.com
http://www.labelsforeducation.com

Cold and Flu Season
The cold and flu season is in full force right now. In the last several weeks, students have been going home with fever, stomach issues, headaches, and colds. If your child has a temperature, they should not come to school until they are fever free for 24 hours. The same rules apply for vomiting and diarrhea, runny nose and cough. Sending your sick child to school increases the chance of other students and staff getting sick. If your child goes home from school with any of these symptoms, and then comes back the next day, you will be notified to pick them up immediately.

Yearbook Online Order Information:
www.yearbookordercenter.com
Use order number 6084

TALENT SHOW TRY-OUTS
Can you sing? Dance? Perform magic? Tell funny stories? Then think about sharing your talent! Talent Show Try-outs are Wednesday, November 14th at 1:45. Please pick-up a permission slip in the office if you are interested in trying out. The form must be signed at the time of try-outs. See all you talented Lions!

CLubs!
Joining a club is a great way for your child to make new friends and feel a part of their school community. Please encourage your child to try out something that interests them. Several teachers are volunteering their time to provide activities within and outside the school day for your student. In addition, the PE teachers run an intramurals program at lunchtime organized by grade level.

Mondays:
*Nature Area Club with Ms. Hartigan meets at 11:37 in Room 711
*Anime/Manga Club meets at lunch in Mr. Johnson’s room, 713

Tuesdays:
*Juggling Club at 11:37 with Miss Bliss, Ms. Hartigan and Ms. Power outside Room 203
*Science and Engineering Club at 11:37 in Room 903 with Mr. Ramos
*Board games Club at 11:37 with Mr. Hodge in Room 401

Thursdays:
*Juggling Club at 11:37 with Miss Bliss, Ms. Hartigan and Ms. Power outside Room 203
*Chess Club at 11:37 with Mr. Ramos in 903. (Games such as Magic cards are welcome too)
*Rise Christian Club at 11:47 detention bell with Mrs. Shin in Room 404
*Math Club with Mr. Schafer in Room 304 at the 11:47 detention bell

Fridays:
*Anime/Manga Club meets at lunch in Mr. Hansen’s room, 827

Every day at 11:37, Ms. Holeva hosts the “Lunch Bunch” in Room 116 behind the principal’s office for socializing.

Math Club is preparing for the AMC8 contest next week.

Ultimate Frisbee Clinic will be put on by Alameda High School students on Sunday, November 18, at Upper Washington Park. Workshops and a game will be from 1:30 – 5:00. A raffle will be held from 5-5:30, and at 5:30 ACLC’s Dark Meat will be playing a game against Berkeley High School. The cost is $10.

Please Help Mrs. Moody in collecting toiletries for the Homeless Shelter as well as dead batteries of all sizes old cell phones plus ink and toner cartridges for recycling. Drop them off in room 805.

ALAMEDA MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

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“B” TEAMS ARE FIRST GAME AND START AT 4 PM SHARP

“A” TEAMS FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER “B” TEAM GAME.

Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 8:00-10:00AM is the Report Card Distribution in the multi-purpose room. Parents should plan to attend to pick up their child’s report card for the first trimester and meet with teachers.