Calendar of Upcoming Events

APRIL
4/28 PTA E-Board, M/C, 7 p.m.
MAY
5/02 Progress Reports mailed home
5/03-5/04 Star Testing, early dismissal, 11:48 a.m.
5/03 LMS Track Meet field events, EHS, 3:30 p.m.
5/04 LMS Track Meet running events, COA, 3:30 p.m.
5/05 SSC, M/C, 4 p.m.
5/06 LMS Dance, M/U room, 3-5 p.m.
5/10 Algebra Night, 6:30 p.m.
5/11 LMS Band Spring concert, Kofman Auditorium

Principal’s Message
NICOLE WILLIAMS BROWNING

We have begun the master scheduling process for the 2011-2012 school year. All current 6th and 7th grade students will receive a classroom presentation this week describing the elective programs and the required courses for their grade level. Elective forms will be distributed during these presentations. Students need to return their elective forms to office? Classroom teacher? A reminder to all parents/guardians, we do not honor requests for specific teachers. Students are assigned to courses using the master scheduling program.

Last week all students attended an end of the year assembly. Students were reminded to be on their best behavior and to follow all school rules. Lincoln School rules as well as AUSD discipline expectations are located in the front of the planner.

STAR Testing
This year at Lincoln we will be using two early dismissal days, May 3rd and 4th, to administer the required STAR (State Testing and Reporting) assessments to our students. Students will be excused at 11:48 am and may purchase lunch after being dismissed. We have notified AC transit of the schedule change so buses will be available at this earlier dismissal time. It is extremely important that students arrive to school on time for testing.

The STAR test measures your child’s progress in achieving the state educational standards. These assessments are often called CST’s (California Standards Tests). All Lincoln students will be tested in language arts and mathematics. Our 8th graders will also be completing the social studies and science tests required at their grade level. The 7th grade completed the writing portion of the STAR in March. The results of these assessments as well as district assessments are used to accurately place students in their classes and to provide intervention services when necessary. The results can also assist schools when making decisions about curriculum and instruction in order to provide the best teaching practices to students. If you are interested in learning more about the STAR program, you can visit the Department of Education website at www.cde.ca.gov.

Traffic:
Please be mindful of students entering and exiting school on Fernside. We want to be mindful of student safety. Also, please remind students to wear a buckle their helmets each and every time they ride their bikes to school.

Lincoln Procedures
As we plan the master schedule for the 2011-2012 school year, it is important to have accurate enrollment numbers. If your family is planning a move out of the Lincoln attendance area and your child will not be attending LMS next year, please contact Mrs. Montez in the school office.

Please take special notice to our Medi-Cal flier included in this week’s Roar.

Digital Photo Collage at the Alameda Free Library

Hey kids! Are you interested in media arts and wondering what to give your mom or grandmother for Mother’s Day? The Alameda Free Library is offering a free photo collage class to students in 4th-8th grades. Come use creativity and personal photos to create a photo collage for mom, or any special person, or even just for yourself. Participants will use Picturesasa and personal photos to create the perfect collage photo page. No experience is necessary. This digital photo collage class will take place Tuesday, May 3rd, from 3:30-4:30 p.m., in the computer lab at the Main Library. Participants are asked to bring a flash drive containing 10-20 favorite photos. Space is limited for this event and registration is required. Please call 510-747-7708 or email lvaller@ci.alameda.ca.us to register or for more information. This program is made possible through the School Resource Services division of the Alameda Free Library. The Main Library is located at 1550 Oak Street.
**LMS LOCKERS**

All students must be in the locker that was assigned to them. If you do not know the locker you were assigned, please come to the office and see Mrs. Hamlin.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MESA WINNERS**

Congratulations to the Lincoln MESA team for their great showing at the MESA (Math Engineering Science Achievement) competition held at Cal State East Bay on April 2, 2011! Lincoln did a fabulous job in bringing engineering knowledge and creativity to its second year of participation. Competitions for MESA Day include strength tests for bridges built using manila folders or popsicle sticks, or flying gliders made from balsa wood. Other events include powering miniature cars built from mousetraps, testing wind energy devices, and constructing a container which will allow eggs to survive impact of collision with the ground. Winners will go on to compete in the Northern California Regional Competition on April 30th at Sonoma State.

**Individual Math Winners**

Geometry: 2nd: Erik Si  
Course I: 1st: Matthew Landis

**Team Math Winners**

Algebra/Geometry: 3rd: Aaron Cortez, Eric Si & Vivienne Zing

Manila Folder Bridge  
2nd: Aaron Cortez

Popsicle stick Bridge  
1st: Vivienne Zing

- **Car Wash!**
- **Where:** Wood Middle School, 420 Grand Street, Alameda, CA 94501
- **Date:** April 30, 2011
- **Time:** 9:00am–3:00pm

Bring your dirty vehicles and let the kids in the Lincoln Middle School Band wash them sparkling clean! Cost is $6 per car, $8 per van or truck if you purchase a ticket in advance from a band member. If not an advance ticket sale, the prices are $8/car and $10/van on April 30th. Proceeds from the car wash will help the students pay for their trip to the happiest place on earth. The LMS Band will march Disneyland on June 3rd.

**Attention school site staff, teachers, students, families, and friends!!!** Do you have a multicultural talent?? Can you (or someone you know) sing in a language other than English? Can you (or someone you know) belly dance, hula dance, Irish dance, tinkling, Indian dance, play the bagpipes, or do some other cultural demonstration?? If yes, then Encinal Leadership would LOVE to have you share your special talent at our Multicultural Night on 4/28!!!

Please contact KAELEIGH THORP at Kaeleigh_Thorpe@yahoo.com for more information by Friday, 4/22. Please join us in this fun community event - ALL AGES WELCOME!!!!

**Yearbook Orders**

Yearbook orders will be accepted through Thurs., May 12th. Order forms are available in the Office and in Rm. 204. To turn in an order, bring the completed order form with cash or a check for $32, to Rm. 204 on Tues. or Thurs. No additional orders can be accepted after May 12th. Any remaining yearbooks will be available for sale during the last week of school. The cost will be $35 cash only.

California Standards Tests (CST), given to all California students in grades 2-11, are components of several measurements Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) uses to determine how well our students are learning basic academic skills. The results of these tests also help us look at school and district growth from year to year in order to improve instruction for our students. The California Education Code Section 60615 states that parents/guardians can submit a written request to the principal of their student's school if they do not wish to have their student take any or all parts of the state's Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program tests. AUSD teachers and schools support students to do well on the tests and help them learn test-taking skills that will enable them to be successful throughout their school career and beyond. We encourage parents to contact their child's teacher or principal with any concerns they may have about the test before they request that their student be excluded from taking the test(s).

加州標準測試 (CST)，是給全加州2至11年級學生的，也是阿拉米達聯合校區 (AUSD) 用來確定我校的學生如何在基本學科學習上的進度。這些測試的結果是幫助我們觀察學校及校區年度的增長，加以改進學生的教育。加州教育法典，第60615節，明確如果家長 / 監護人不願意讓他們的學生接受任何一部分或全部的加州標準測試和報告 (STAR)，他們可以提交書面請求給學生的校長。阿拉米達聯合校區 (AUSD) 老師和學校支持所有學生參與測試，並且輔導學生學習考試技巧，將會使他們能夠在學校超越及協助發展他們的專長。家長如不願意他們的學生接受部分或全部的加州標準測試，請在提交免試書信前，預先聯絡他們孩子的老師或校長。

**LEARN ABOUT SPAIN WHILE HOSTING A STUDENT**

We are looking for 20 more families to host an exchange student from Spain. They will arrive on June 26, 2011 and will depart on July 24, 2011. In total there are 35 students coming this summer to participate in this program. The students range in age from 13 to 18. The students will participate in 3 excursions each week such as Great America, Alcatraz, 1-Fly, Oakland A’s Game, etc. All of the excursions for the Spanish students are paid for by the program as well as all of their ground transportation to and from the excursions. Host family members are welcome to join us on any of the excursions at the discounted rate we get for the students. The students come with full insurance and their own spending money. Host families are asked to provide the student with his/her own bed and meals. Please contact Jan Garcia at (510) 749-7061 if you would like more information or would like to participate in this tremendous cultural experience!

**LMS CHEERLEADING INFORMATION MEETING**

There is an information meeting for the 2011-2012 cheerleading season for Lincoln Middle School. The meeting will be Tues. May 17th @ 3:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room. Anyone interested in participation next year is invited to attend.