Lincoln Lion Roars

September 12, 2012

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

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Lifeskills Winners For This Week!

8th Grade
Gursimran Kaur—Integrity, Sense of Humor
7th Grade
Sanne Put—Responsibility, Sense of Humor
6th Grade
Nathan O’Donnell—Initiative, Integrity
Staff
Mr Kucharski—Caring, Initiative, Patience

CORRECTION to Roar 9/6: SSC is a 2 year term, NOT 1

SCHOOL SITE BALLOT

There are vacancies for the parent/guardian positions on the School Site Council. Per the School Site Council by-laws, a ballot vote is required.

**TWO YEAR TERM VOTE FOR 1:**

_____ Mindi Chen Kao
_____ Thomas Donovan
_____ Vincent Ewing
_____ Suzy Forrester
_____ Julie Taylor
_____ Linda Woodworth

RETURN THIS BALLOT TO THE LMS OFFICE BY THURSDAY, SEPT. 13TH

From the desk of: Dian Hale

Wednesday, September 12th is the Lincoln Back to School Night from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. The evening will begin with a short presentation in the multipurpose room and then continue in the classrooms. You will follow your child’s schedule, first through seventh period. During the short classroom presentations, staff will be providing you with grade level and course expectations, homework policies and information specific to their instructional program. Please review your child’s daily schedule with them before Back to School Night. This event is for you as a parent/guardian to receive information about your child’s educational program. Students should not attend.

Our annual magazine fundraiser will begin very shortly with a kick off for the students on Thursday, September 13, 2012. We look forward to this annual event and supporting our students raise money for Lincoln School.

All visitors on campus must come to the main office and sign in. You will be given a visitors pass. State law requires all visitors sign in to keep our students and campus safe. In light of recent events in the news regarding student safety, please sign in before walking around campus or going directly to your child’s class or locker.

Our first dance is Friday, September 28th from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Students must have an ID card and the Student Handbook page: “Conduct at School Sponsored Events” signed by a parent/guardian to purchase a ticket. Tickets are $4.00.

We look forward to seeing all of you at Back to School Night on September 12th, 6:30 – 8:30 pm and our PTA meeting on September 27th in the media center at 7:00 p.m.

The Lifeskill for this week is COMMON SENSE—to use good judgment.

School Site Council has received 6 letters of intent. You can read each parent/guardians bio on the second page of this edition of the Roar.

Dian Hale
Interim Principal
PTA Membership & Direct Donation Drive

Have you joined the PTA? It is a great way to be involved in your child’s school that does not require hours of your time. The annual Lincoln Middle School PTA membership and direct donation drive is underway and we need your support. Yellow membership envelopes went home in the information packet and more are available in the office or you can join and donate online at http://donation.lincolnppta.com/. Our goal is $150 per student plus PTA membership dues. Annual PTA dues are $10 per adult. Last year your generous donations helped fund: new landscaping around the amphitheater, technology updates, assemblies, field trips, classroom supplies, and the school directory to name a few items. The direct donation drive is one of two main sources of revenue for the PTA and your donation is tax deductible. Matching Gift Program: Please ask your employer if they participate in the matching gift program. You make the initial inquiry and we do the rest. If you have any membership questions please contact Joyce Simmonds at joyceseng@comcast.net or Jackie Dodge at cjdodge@earthlink.net. The monies raised are used to enhance your child’s education. Any contribution you are able to make is greatly appreciated.

PTA MAGAZINE SALE 2012

Lincoln Middle School PTA will be kicking off Magazine Sale 2012 this Fall. This is the PTA’S ONLY fundraiser and we hope that everyone will give us their support once again. It’s never too early to start saving those SUBSCRIPTIONS, RENEWALS or thinking about new subscriptions and GIFT IDEAS. Mark your calendars now! SEPTEMBER 13TH KICK OFF MAGAZINE SALE 2012.

EVERY WEDNESDAY IS COLLABORATION DAY
Dismissal @ 1:32 p.m.
Lincoln Middle School has just been added to the Alameda County Safe Routes to School program. We will be increasing efforts to promote walking & rolling to school.

International Walk & Roll to School Day is on Wednesday, October 3 this year. While efforts to promote walking & rolling to school will continue year-long, we will kick-off these efforts with fanfare on Wednesday, Oct 3.

On October 3, we are looking for parents who would like to volunteer to lead a walking school bus or bike train (lead a group of children via foot or bike to Lincoln) or who can be onsite at Lincoln from about 7:50am to 8:20 to track students and hand out goodies.

Please contact olivia.rebanal@gmail.com (Olivia Rebanal, LMS Walk & Roll Coordinator, 7th Grade Parent) to volunteer or be involved!

Clean out your garage and closets and make some $$$.
Rent a space for $20 at Bay Farm Elementary School parking lot. Sale will be on Saturday, October 6th from 8:00am to 2:00pm. For more information or to sign up, www.bayfarmschoolpta.org/parkinglotsale.

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/

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**ABSENCE PROCEDURES**

Students absent for any reason are required to bring a note to the Attendance Office the following day signed by a parent/guardian explaining the reason for the absence. A parent phone call to the Attendance Office is also encouraged on the day of the student’s absence. Parent/guardian calls/notes for excused absences should include:

- The date of the absence
- The first and last name of the student
- The reason for the absence
- The parent’s/guardian’s name/signature

**UNEXCUSED ABSENCES**

All absences that have not been cleared by a parent/guardian will be considered an unexcused absence. A student who is

1) absent from school without a valid excuse (see legitimate pupil absences below) three full days in one school year, or

2) tardy or absent for more than any 30-minute period during the school day without a valid excuse (see legitimate pupil absences below) on three occasions in one school year, or

3) a combination of the two will be considered a truant.

Note: 3 unexcused absences and/or 3 or more tardies over 30 minutes result in a first letter of truancy

**TARDY PROCEDURE**

Students who come to school after the bell has rung must report to the Office to get an admit slip for class. Students who arrive in class late without a note will be marked unexcused tardy. A note or telephone call is required from a parent or guardian every time a student is tardy to school.

**LEGITIMATE PUPIL ABSENCES**

- Illness
- Quarantine under the direction of the county or city health officer
- For the purpose of attending a funeral service of a member of the immediate family, so long as such absence is not more than three days if the service is conducted outside of California
- For the purpose of jury duty in the manner provided for by law

School personnel may require students to remain out of school for maximum of three days due to Pediculosis (head lice). The attendance card should be marked as an illness for the three-day limit. Cases which are not cleared after three days should be marked as unexcused absences.
Dear Parents/Guardians:

We would like to invite you to join us Wednesday, September 12, 2012 for our BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT PROGRAM. We will meet for introductions in the Multi-Use Room at 6:30 p.m. After we have introduced the Staff, you will report to first period. Please follow your child’s program using the schedule below. If you encounter any trouble, stop by the office for help. I hope you have an enjoyable evening.

Dian Hale
Interim Principal

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Dear ________________________:

Below is a copy of my class schedule. You will have several minutes to visit each of my classes. Each of my teachers will give you a quick overview of his/her course and would like for you to be there. School maps are available in the office and Multi-use room. Have a nice evening at Lincoln’s “Back to School Night”.

* Meet in the Multi-Use Room at 6:30 p.m.

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8:30 p.m. School is over, GOOD NIGHT!