

Report Card Reporter

Principal's Message

Please enjoy this re-crafted edition of the Report Card Reporter, thanks to the expertise of Sheri Olmon, one of our parents. A key difference is the format of grade level reports and added informational items. As always, I hope that this Reporter reflects our vision to create an educational experience that is at once rigorous and responsive while being equitable to each of our students. If you have any ideas or want to provide feedback, please feel free to schedule a time to meet with me or drop me an email.

As I approach my maternity leave, I realize I will miss the energy and enthusiasm that your middle school students give to the school and to me personally. They remind me of the reason that I chose a career in education—my genuine enjoyment of kids. Thank you for sharing them with me each day. That being said, I will certainly and thoroughly enjoy the chance to welcome Baby Komlos #3 and connect with my growing family. The letter that I sent home with your students last week shares the plan for my absence—our two assistant principals will be stepping into the role of Co-Principals with the support of a teacher leader and district personnel—and my intent to return in mid-May. If the letter did not make it home, you can access it via our school website.

After last week's lockdown, I have been debriefing with our faculty and staff and our students. I would like to extend to you two opportunities to share your observations with me: at our next PTSA meeting Thursday, February 7th at 7:00 PM and at the next Coffee with the Principal Thursday, February 14th at 8:30 AM. I look forward to hearing your feedback.

Best, Tristan Komlos

National Junior Honor Society News

The National Junior Honor Society, NJHS, is a prestigious, co-curricular, national organization that promotes excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship. The Lincoln Chapter organizes school and community service projects, such as: the new student luncheon, Heal the Bay beach clean-up, bake sale to raise funds for a charity of the students' choosing and peer tutoring.

NJHS is open to all students with a 3.5 GPA or above, with all E's and G's on their semester report card. However, eligible students must also go through the application/selection process. Applications

will be available on February 8th. Filling out an application does not guarantee selection. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Presenters Needed for Lincoln Science Club

The Lincoln Science Club needs community professionals to share their passion for science. Our club's goal is for students to see examples of how their science work directly relates to the real world and nurture curiosity for the natural world. If you or someone you know utilizes science knowledge and/or skills for work or a hobby, the Lincoln Science Club invites you to present at one of our monthly Science

Calendar of Upcoming Events

February

- 4 CJSF Applications available in counseling office
CJSF presentation begin in 7th grade homebase
- 5 Election Day—
Don't forget to Vote!
- 7 ELAC meeting 8:30 AM
PTSA meeting 7:00 PM
- 8 Knott's Berry Farm Field Trip 6th grade
NJHS applications available in the main office
- 13 SSC meeting 3:15 PM, Room 156
- 14 Coffee with the Principal 8:30 AM
- 18 School Holiday—President's Day
- 19 District BB Committee meeting at Lincoln 3:00 PM
- 21 "Adelante..." ELAC/ CYO workshop 7:00 PM
- 26 8th grade Community Service—12 hours DUE
- 29 NJHS applications due in the NJHS mailbox in the main office

March

- 3 CJSF Applications Due
- Komlos begins maternity leave
- 4 STAR Writing Test 7th grade
8th grade Community Service presentations
- 5 STAR Writing Test make ups
- 6 Stairway to the Stars at the Civic Center
- 7 End of 4th grading period
Stairway to the Stars at the Civic Center
- 13 ELAC meeting 8:30 AM
PTSA meeting 7:00 PM
- 17 – 28 Spring Break

8th Grade Reminder:

Tuesday Feb. 26 is the final deadline for completion of 12 verified hours of Community Service.

Club meetings. Presentations are typically 25-35 minutes followed by a Q & A session. Please contact Lisette Bauersachs at lisette.bauersachs@smgov.net

6th Grade Bronze, Purple and Silver Cores

Our Lincoln sixth graders have been busy over the past six weeks learning about new and exciting topics in each of their core classes. In MATH, students have been working on Integer Operations, as well as writing and solving equations and proportions. Geometry is an upcoming topic, as well as a celebration of the one-year anniversary debut of Lincoln's very first mathcast. SCIENCE classes have been learning about the interior of the Earth and Plate Tectonics, different kinds of volcanoes on earth, as well as the formation of water cycle, precipitation, and storms. In HUMANITIES, students have been studying Ancient India. Purple and Silver Cores are preparing for their staged reading of Buddha Walks; families are encouraged to attend the performances. Bronze Core has a staged reading connected to our studies of Ancient Greece planned for the spring. Following India, students will learn about the ancient civilization of China. Novel studies on Tuck Everlasting and Cleopatra VII – Daughter of the Nile, the 6+1 Traits of Writing and preparation for the Holt Mid-Year Assessment and District Writing Assessment are also some of the other topics being explored.

In PHYSICAL EDUCATION, students have been working on the Stunts and Tumbling Unit with team performances culminating in the week of Jan. 28th - Feb. 1st. The sixth graders are also learning about nutrition and basic motor skills like throwing, catching and striking. It has been a fruitful and exciting first semester, and we are all looking forward to a fresh start as second semester gets underway.

7th Grade Aqua, Emerald and Gold Cores

Seventh graders have finished up their semester (which officially has them half way through middle school—can you believe it?) with a flurry of activity. In math, students finished district assessments, are finishing up a unit on percents and proportions, and will soon be starting a unit on algebraic functions and patterns. In humanities, students took a trip to the Fowler museum to see a West African art exhibit. Despite the inclement weather, students toured the UCLA campus and had a chance to see the opportunities that exist at a major university. They will also get to experience a demonstration of African dance in the auditorium. What wonderful ways to wrap up the unit on West Africa! The English classes have begun to study theme and the Response to Literature Process piece. Finally science classes have finished up the unit on Genetics and Inheritance and will soon be discussing Earth's history and Evolution.

8th Grade Blue, Copper and Red Cores

Your students should be in the midst of their community service and the deadline for the mandatory 12 hours is TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26th. We look forward to hearing about how their experiences connect to their growing understanding of the essential question for this year, "What makes a good citizen of our community?"

We are all celebrating the "fresh start" for all of our students. At the opening of this semester, everyone had zero detention minutes! To keep up this good momentum be sure to have the conversation with your students about the importance of maintaining good behavior and following through with their responsibilities in order to be able to participate in each of the fun-filled and memorable 8th grade culminating activities. Beach Day, the 8th grade Dance, Yearbook signing, Culmination ceremony, etc., are things they won't want to miss. Thanks to those families and volunteers who contributed to the various core parties celebrating the "fresh start."

Red core is pleased to introduce our new teacher, and Lincoln parent, Chris Byrne, who will be teaching 8th grade science. He comes to us from one of LAUSD's science magnet schools with a wealth of experience. We welcome his contributions.

In the classrooms, English teachers are preparing students for the District Writing Assessment and students are half way finished with the 1,000,000 Word Club goal. It is essential for Algebra students to concentrate on studying patterns and functions over the next few weeks, while they delve into rational expressions. Science classes just completed adolescent development with visiting instructors from Planned Parenthood and will continue exploring chemistry with interactive labs. History students are currently studying U.S. Government and the Constitution as well as following developments in the presidential primary elections. For more information, visit www.mrschwartz.com

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