



Report Card Reporter

Dear Parents and Families,

Happy New Year and Happy 2nd Semester! It's hard to believe that the school year is half way over. There are two pieces of exciting news to share in this edition of the Report Card Reporter.

First and foremost, we are officially a California Distinguished School Nominee since we raised our 2007 API score 13 points to our 2008 API score of 880. Several teachers including Sharon Hart, Stefanie Suffolk, and Bob Seymour took the time to fill out the extensive application. We simply wrote about the amazing work that we already do here at Lincoln: our grade level themes (6th-What Makes a Good Student?, 7th-Who Am I?, and 8th-What Makes a Good Citizen of the Community?) and the norming and articulation process that our English and Humanities teachers have practiced for years and continue to perfect. We were recently notified that we have passed the paper screening and will be honored with a visit sometime between February 17 and March 19. I feel that it is important to commend Lincoln Middle School's students, families, teachers, staff, and administration from last school year – because this recognition is due to last year's progress. Despite any challenges that occurred, teachers still taught to high standards and students outperformed themselves. Bravo!

Secondly, we have news from the music corner. We have students from the Lincoln Concert Band & Concert Orchestra who have been accepted to perform with a state-wide honor group this winter. The students worked very hard to prepare a highly competitive audition that attracted over 2,000 applicants from throughout California.



All Southern Honor Band
Julio Escarce (7th), Sarah Ohanian (7th)

All Southern Honor Orchestra
Francesca Crowley (7th), Yekun Ding (8th),
Steven Harmon (8th), Jeffrey Ho (7th),
Brandon Pearl (8th)

California Band Directors' Association All State Band
Steven Harmon (8th), Kyle McCreight (7th),
Sophia Horwitz-Hirsch (7th), Brandon Pearl (8th),
Raphael Rossellini (8th), Justin Sardo (7th),
Alex Sepulveda (8th)



Lincoln's orchestra director of 12 years, Mr. Peter Park, has been invited to conduct the 2009 All-Southern Honor String Orchestra. Mr. Park's selection as the youngest guest conductor in the 72 year history of the Southern California School Band & Orchestra Association is a reflection of the level of excellence achieved by the students and staff of the Lincoln music department. He is the first teacher from the SMMUSD as well as the first middle school teacher be invited to conduct this ensemble. Congratulations to Mr. Park and our music program!

~Suzanne Webb, Principal (swebb@smmusd.org)

Mark your Calendars!

JANUARY

January 26 Pupil Free Day
January 27 First day of Second Semester
January 29 7pm = Science Club (cafeteria)
6:30pm = 8th grade Promotion Ceremony Meeting (library)

FEBRUARY

February 4 Lincoln Lottery Raffle for January during homeroom
February 5 Public Schools Week – Lincoln Middle School will have an open house beginning at 8:30am with a Coffee with the Principal (cafeteria) followed by a tour of the school and concluding with a question/answer session
February 11 Founders' Day Breakfast (cafeteria)
– PTSA Honorary Service Awards
February 12 5:30pm = ELAC Parent Valentine Pot Luck (staff cafeteria)
February 13 ASB Dance (cafeteria)
February 16 No School – Presidents' Day
February 19 7pm - PTSA meeting (cafeteria) – Cyber-bullying
February 25 3:20pm - School Site Council (room 312)
February 26 7pm = Science Club (auditorium)

MARCH

March 3 8th grade Community Service presentations periods 1 – 4
March 4 Lincoln Lottery Raffle for February
March 5 7th grade CST Writing Test
5:30pm – ELAC meeting (library)
March 8 Daylight Savings begins
– turn clocks ahead one hour
March 13 End of the grading period
March 17 Jog-a-thon (6th = periods 1&2, 7th = periods 3&4, 8th = periods 5&6)
March 19 Samohi Counselors visit 8th grade Science Classes
7pm PTSA Meeting (cafeteria) with Samohi Counselor, Al Trundle
March 20, 21, 22 Drama Club Spring Musical – "Into the Woods"
March 24 Progress Reports are sent home
March 25 3:20pm School Site Council (room 312)
March 26 8:30am – Coffee with the Principal (Staff Cafeteria)
March 26, 27 Stairway Concert at Santa Monica Civic Auditorium

REVISED GUIDED STUDY POLICY FOR 2nd SEMESTER

Guided Study is a program designed to help students who are struggling with homework. Students are assigned guided study when the teacher feels that the student needs extra assistance to properly complete an assignment.

Protocol for assigning GS:

1. Students will receive guided study if an assignment is not present when due. This excludes any pre-approval from the teacher to turn in the assignment at a later date due to extenuating circumstances.
2. Students will receive guided study if an assignment was completed in an obvious haphazard way, showing that it was rushed through just for the sake of completing the assignment.
3. Guided Study will be assigned when it is clear that a student needs additional instruction and/or help to properly complete an assignment.

**Students may attend GS on their own if s/he wishes to have a place to complete homework where a teacher is present to assist.

Guided Study will not be assigned for:

1. not having a parent signature
(as per p. 30 of the Binder Reminder, students should and will receive 15 minutes of detention)
2. not having supplies or books for class
(see p. 30 of Binder Reminder, 15 min. detention)
3. homework that has incorrect formatting
(examples include wrong margins, wrong color of ink or pencil, and wrong headings)

Students will not be penalized for excessive guided studies. Students who do not show up for an assigned GS will receive detention. Although Guided Study is not tied to ineligibility, a student may become ineligible by accruing detention minutes for not attending GS. Interventions may be given to students with excessive GS (examples include, but are not limited to, core conference with the parent and student, referral to Student Success Team and/or Wednesday Scholars with a counselor and parent.)

PROP BB - School Renovation Funds

Even though we are in the middle of a budget crisis, we are lucky enough to have money in the bank that Santa Monica voters allocated for the renovation of our schools via Proposition BB. Here is our current timeline, subject to change:

May 2009

Moving our current library to a portable on basketball court.

Beginning late Summer/Fall 2009

Change the current library into three high tech classrooms (two of which will be science labs); upgrading rooms 218, 220, and 222 to current technology standards (see Mrs. Suffolk's room 120 as it is a model tech classroom).

June 2010

Demolish and rebuild the West Wing (rooms 150 – 158); if funds allow, renovate the field, track and handball courts, and create parking spaces behind the school.

**Applications are now available for
National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) and
California Junior Scholarship Federation (CJSF).**

Please contact Mrs. Jaroch (jaroch@smmusd.org) - NJHS or Mr. Hernandez (hernandezj@smmusd.org) - CJSF for more information.

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