



Report Card Reporter

Dear Parents and Families,

Spring is here and June 19th is just six short weeks away. It's hard to believe that this is the last Report Card Reporter of the year. It seems like just yesterday that I was introducing myself to you as the new principal of Lincoln Middle School. I have been so impressed with the level of commitment, caring, and volunteerism that I have witnessed here at Lincoln. I am proud to be a part of this wonderful community!

I want to extend a very special thank you to Sheri Olmon for so graciously formatting our report card reporters this school year! 😊

Sincerely,

Suzanne Webb, Principal (swebb@smmusd.org)

Kids LIVESTRONG

“Did you know that 70,000 young adults between the ages of 15-39 are diagnosed with cancer each year? Or that cancer is the leading disease killer amongst 20-39 year olds? The fact that survival rates for young adults have not increased since 1975 is unacceptable.

Kids LIVESTRONG, with the support of the Lance Armstrong Foundation, has been active in raising cancer awareness, educating students about cancer prevention, and supporting families dealing with cancer in our local community. As our group grows and we continue to reach beyond our school walls, we are adding fundraising to our resume and hosting our first annual “ROCK HARD, LIVESTRONG!” Guitar Hero Tournament. Please support our efforts by making a donation to the Lance Armstrong Foundation (www.laf.org) or donating directly at our event or at the Open House in May.

More information can be found at www.kidslivestrong.com” Event finals will take place in the Auditorium on Friday, May 22nd from 3:00-5:00. Tickets are \$2 and we have raffle tickets for \$1 each. Prizes will be given to the winners of the tournament as well as raffle winners.

Arts for All Parent Survey

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is conducting a parent survey about our visual and performing arts programs and would like your input. We want to make sure that Lincoln Middle School parents are well represented in this survey! Please take a few moments to complete the online survey.

You can find it at the district website: <http://www.smmusd.org> Paper copies of the survey are also available in the school office.

Mark your Calendars!

MAY

- Week of May 11 Elective Request Sheets out to students.
Bronze Core “Seeking Socrates” performances – see Mrs. DeBeech and Mrs. Moazzez for details.
3:30pm = NJHS Induction Rehearsal (auditorium)
- May 12
Weeks of
May 11, 18 and 26 Civil War Re-enactor Presenting in 8th grade history classes
- May 14 7pm = PTSA meeting – guest speaker Richard Cohen
May 15 Minimum Day – 12:50pm dismissal
Faculty Follies @ 2:30pm & 7:30pm in the auditorium
Science Club goes to tide pools
- May 16 3:30pm = NJHS Induction Ceremony (auditorium)
May 18 Counselors visiting 5th graders at elementary schools
Week of May 18 5/19 = Franklin, 5/21 = Roosevelt, 5/22 = McKinley
7pm = “String Along” Concert (auditorium) with combined Lincoln and feeder elementary school orchestras.
5:30pm = potluck in the cafeteria.
- May 20 8:00am = CJSF Celebration (cafeteria)
May 21 Minimum Day, 12:50pm dismissal
– Open House @ 6:30pm
- May 22 3 – 5pm = Livestrong “Guitar Hero” Tournament (auditorium)
AVID applications for 2009-10 due to Mr. Hernandez -Counseling Office
NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
PE Classes = RAND Survey Part II
6:30pm = Sweetsmoke book talk with author David Fuller (auditorium)
- May 28 8:30am = Coffee with the Principal (cafeteria)
7pm = Choral Concert (auditorium)
- May 30 6:30 – 9:30pm = For the Arts Benefit Concert (Samohi Greek Amphitheater) www.smmef.org

JUNE

- Week of June 1 Walk/bike to school week!
June 1 6pm – 9pm = Choir Kiwanis Finals (John Adams MS)
June 2 9am – 12noon = Fifth graders visit and tour Lincoln
7pm = Math Night (cafeteria)
- June 3rd Lincoln MS special walk/bike to school DAY!
June 3 8:45am = Fifth grade parent transition meeting at Lincoln (auditorium)
6:30pm = Intervention Summer School Parent Information Meeting (cafeteria)
- June 4 9 – 12noon = Worthwhile Life Interviews
5:30pm = ELAC (library)
7pm = Pops Concert (auditorium)
- June 5 9 – 12noon = Worthwhile Life Interviews
5 – 7pm = ASB Dance
- June 6 10am – 12noon = Science Bowl (cafeteria)
- June 8 8th grade trip to Magic Mountain
- June 9 7th grade field trip to LA Zoo
- June 11 7pm = PTSA Meeting regarding budget (cafeteria)
- June 12 Last day to dress for PE
7:30 – 10pm = 8th grade dance (cafeteria)
- June 15 8th grade beach day
- June 17 tentative date 3:20pm = School Site Council (room 312)
- June 18 Minimum Day
8th grade promotion ceremony rehearsal, awards ceremony as a grade level
- June 19 Minimum Day – Last Day of School
8th grade Promotion Ceremonies by Core* (auditorium)

To All 8th Grade Students and their Parents:

On Wednesday, May 27th at 6:30 P.M., several student leaders from Lincoln Middle School will welcome David Fuller, a Lincoln Middle School parent and author of *Sweetsmoke*, for an evening book talk. You and your students are invited to join in on the conversation. Simply read *Sweetsmoke*, and then bring your questions and comments to Lincoln's auditorium on May 27th. (This challenging novel contains some graphic description that might be difficult for some readers.) If, after some discussion within your family, you decide you'd like to join this group of readers, please email Mrs. Stivers at stivers@smmusd.org - so that we're sure there are enough novels available at your local Barnes & Noble.)

SWEETSMOKE was a Barnes and Noble Discover Great New Writers pick, a Borders Original Voices pick, reviewed by The New York Times Book Review, USA Today and other newspapers, and was nominated for an Edgar Award by the Mystery Writers of America for Best First Novel by an American Author.

*8th Grade Activities and Promotion News

Your student will be bringing home a letter with all of the activity and promotion ceremony information.

- Magic Mountain on Monday, June 8th as an entire grade level
- 8th grade dance on Friday, June 12th as an entire grade level
- 8th grade Beach Day on Monday, June 15th as an entire grade level
- Ceremony rehearsal and Awards Ceremony plus Yearbook signing as an entire grade level on Thursday, June 18th
- Promotion Ceremonies by Core in the Auditorium on Friday, June 19th
- **Copper** = 8:30 – 9:30am
- **Red** = 10:10 – 11:10am
- **Blue** = 11:50 – 12:50pm

Each student will receive four free tickets and seating is first come first served. If your family needs more than four tickets, then we encourage you to check with other families to give/receive extra tickets.

2009 Yearbooks On Sale!!!

Pre-sale dates: May 11-May 22

Cost: \$40 cash or check

(or \$50 cash after May 22nd while supplies last)

*Order forms will be available from homebase teachers starting May 11th.

Please note: A limited number of 2007 and 2008 yearbooks are still available for \$5 now at the student store!

Lincoln's Music Program Excels once again!



On Wednesday, April 1st the Lincoln Middle School Concert Band participated in the Southern California School Band & Orchestra Association band festival at Santa Monica High School. This festival is one of many festivals sponsored by SCSBOA throughout the southern California region. The Lincoln Middle School Band was one of just six middle schools attending the festival at Santa Monica High School which included 24 groups altogether. Most ensembles participating are high school level groups. Adjudicators, who are specialists in their field, are hired to make constructive comments and criticism. <These judges make both written and verbal comments throughout the performance. This is intended to be an educational experience for the students involved as well as an opportunity to perform publicly.>

The Concert Band received unanimous 'SUPERIOR' ratings (the highest rating a group may receive) on their stage performance in Barnum Hall and and 'EXCELLENT' in sight-reading.

Similarly, the Concert Orchestra attended the SCSBOA Orchestra festival the following day - Thursday, April 2nd. Among 3 middle school orchestras (14 orchestras total) the Lincoln Middle School Concert Orchestra received unanimous 'SUPERIOR' rating in both their stage performance and sight-reading!

On Thursday, April 2nd, the Lincoln Middle School Girls Chorale participated in an advanced middle school Southern California Vocal Association choir festival

at Beverly Vista School. The girls received a Superior rating (the highest rating a group can receive) from all judges and very positive comments. This experience was a great opportunity for them to perform and hear other middle school groups.

Congratulations to all of our student musicians, Mr. Park, Mr. Hunt and Ms. Ventre for their hard-work, discipline, dedication and for representing musical excellence from Lincoln Middle School!

San Diego Choral Heritage Festival competition went really smoothly and the kids were wonderful. The results are as follows:

Both Concert Choir and Madrigals received Gold which is the highest category and Concert Choir received first place out of all the other groups that were in their category. Madrigals was the only group in its category .. so it wasn't possible to place them. In addition Lincoln was awarded trophies for the Choral Sweepstakes (we brought two groups from our school and our groups did the best combined then the other schools that brought two) and Outstanding Choral Group.

Ms. Ventre compliments her students on their hard work and is impressed with the fact that Concert Choir was the first group to perform that day at 8am which meant they had to leave the hotel at 7am (waking up way before that!) - students were ALL on time and ready to go with smiles on their faces! Lincoln students were the only choral group that stayed after they had performed to watch and support other groups and made it a point at the social events later in the evening to congratulate and mingle with students from other schools.

WAY TO GO LINCOLN!