

**Principal's Digest**  
**10/28/15**

Dear Lincoln Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for reading the *Principal's Digest*. There's a lot going on at school this month, so I hope you find the following information helpful. Please remember to refer to the school's website calendar ([www.lincolnelementary.org](http://www.lincolnelementary.org)) and the monthly PTA newsletter, *The Linc*, on a regular basis for school-related information and events.

Sincerely,

Mark Armendariz  
Principal

**Thank you for reading the following information**

Upcoming Events

- October 26-November 5 – PTA Kindness Club winter clothing drive for the Salvation Army
- October 30 – Grade 6 Wax Museum throughout the school. Come to the “museum.”
- October 30 – Primary grades (K-2) Halloween parades throughout the school. The Kindergarten and Grade 1 parade will begin at 9:15. The Grade 2 parade will begin at 1:00. You are invited to watch the parade on the first floor.
- October 30 – Lincoln Middle School Halloween Dance, 6:30PM-9:00PM at St. Pauls
- November 2-December 15 – “Two Hands Two Cans” canned food donation for the Lake View Pantry
- November 6 – PTA Meeting, 9:00AM in the school dining hall
- November 6 – French Cine Club, 3:45-5:30 in school auditorium
- November 6-14 – Grades 7 and 8 French Exchange Trip to Paris, France
- November 7 – Jr. Great Books Training, 9:00AM-2:30PM in school library
- November 9 – EFAC Board Meeting, 6:30PM in school library
- November 10 – ALESMA Board Meeting, 6:30PM in the band room (room 116)
- November 10 – LSC Meeting, 6:00PM in school library
- November 11 – Veteran's Day, No School
- November 12 – End of Quarter One
- November 13 – No School for Students, School Improvement Day for teachers and staff
- November 16 – Quarter Two Begins
- November 17 – FOL Meeting, 9:00AM in the school dining hall
- November 18 – Report Card Pick-Up Day (11:30AM-3:00PM and 3:45PM-6:30PM), No School for Students. Adults only are to attend.
- November 20 – Thanksgiving Fest Assemblies and PTA Bazaar

General Information

- Thank you to everyone that attended our successful Adults-Only Open House. I spoke a bit about *grit* at the presentation and I want to forward you the following. I hope you take a few minutes to look at the following. “Grit cultivates resilience and perseverance.”
  - TED Talk: [https://www.ted.com/talks/angela\\_lee\\_duckworth\\_the\\_key\\_to\\_success\\_grit?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/angela_lee_duckworth_the_key_to_success_grit?language=en)
  - Article: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jessica-smock/can-parents-teach-our-kid\\_b\\_4687334.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jessica-smock/can-parents-teach-our-kid_b_4687334.html)
  - Article: <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/social-emotional-skills/power-defeat-how-to-raise-kid-grit>
  - Article: <http://www.cnn.com/2015/10/14/health/grit-teaching-resilience-children-parenting/>
  - Article: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/christine-organ/grit-grace-and-the-hot-me\\_b\\_8142872.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/christine-organ/grit-grace-and-the-hot-me_b_8142872.html)

- Thank you to the all the Lincoln families that hosted the grade-level pot lucks!
- I cannot express how thankful I am to all the Kindergarten and grade 1 parents/guardians/grandparents/nannies that come to help out with our lunch and recess periods! It is so wonderful having you at the school with us and the children just love seeing you in the lunchroom and on the playground. Your participation and assistance is greatly appreciated.
- For families that are interested in learning about the grades 6, 7, 8 International Gifted (IG) Program at Lincoln School, the application process, and application deadline dates, etc. please refer to the CPS Office of Academic and Enrollment's website at <http://www.cpsdae.org/index.jsp>. I suggest you periodically check the website for updates posted by CPS. Please know that students selected for the IG Program are selected by CPS not by Lincoln School personnel. Lincoln students are not given priority for enrollment into this program; all applicants are on the same footing. Please, please, please make sure you read all their instructions VERY CAREFULLY and do not miss deadline dates.
- Lincoln School is a grant recipient of the After School All Stars program. We just finished putting together the brochure of after school opportunities for your (mainly) grades 5-8 students. We hope to email it to you all by week's end. Keep your eyes peeled for it because the classes fill quickly and it's first come, first served. Thank you Mrs. Gerber and Ms. Phippen for writing the award winning grant!
- Safety and security: We were having issues with the main entrance doors of the school (door #11). The locking device is now fixed and the doors will remain locked. When you are buzzed into the school, please sign in at the security desk and proceed to the main office. Make sure you obtain a visitor's badge and wear it while in the school.
- A few parents have asked me if we plan on equipping the rooftop playground with play equipment, balls, hopscotch, etc. The answer is YES! In time, it will be equipped. Rome was not built in a day and neither will our rooftop playground!
- When your child is absent from school, please call to notify the main office **AND** submit the attached Reason for Absence Form to your child's homeroom teacher.
- Halloween is right around the corner. Grades K-3 students may dress in costumes. The K-1 students will parade around the school on Friday, 10/30 at 9:15. The grade 2 students will parade around the school beginning at 1:00. Grades 4-8 students DO NOT dress up in costumes UNLESS the teachers give them permission as part of a novel study.
- Our PTA Thanksgiving Fest is right around the corner and is posted on the school calendar for 11/20. Our grades K-5 students will perform traditional Thanksgiving themed assemblies and there will be a wonderful bazaar held in the school's gym. We will send you the times of the student assemblies next week. We hope to see you! Please see the attached two flyers for additional information.
- The annual Friends of Lincoln (FOL) phonathon fundraiser will take place the evening of November 5. This is the first FOL fundraiser for the school. Thank you in advance for answering your phones and for your generosity. Your donations "keep Lincoln, Lincoln."
- The PTA's Kindness Club coat drive runs Monday, Oct. 26th through Thursday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> for the Salvation Army. A box to collect winter clothing is located on the first floor in front of the Main Office. Thank you Ginny Moffat for organizing this event. Please help the needy this winter by donating used winter items such as coats, scarves, gloves, mittens, hats, etc.
- Keep track of your student's grades by using the CPS online Gradebook. To obtain access to your child's grades contact Mrs. Miles in the Main Office for instructions and for your child's access PIN number.
- From Our Neighborhood to Yours....Lincoln School's Annual Holiday Food Drive: Two hands, Two Cans has evolved over the years, yet maintains the same giving spirit. Please help us to support the Lakeview Pantry and bring in canned goods this holiday season. Students may bring items to their homeroom from November 2nd-December 15. Appropriate items: canned foods (soup, tuna, vegetables, beans, etc.), pasta, peanut butter, tomato sauce, rice. Please do not send items in glass containers. The Lakeview Pantry is dedicated to....Providing food to fill the basic needs of hungry people, increasing the independence of their clients through self-help initiatives and other innovative programs, raising awareness of hunger and poverty and working towards solutions to eliminate them.

- Special Education funding and a fourth grade 3 homeroom? I appealed the return of \$90,000 from our special education program to CPS. I will keep you abreast of the district's decision as soon as I hear the news from them. In addition, the decision to open a fourth grade 3 homeroom may be contingent upon the district's decision about our special education funding. It is my hope to inform you of the news by the beginning of the second quarter.