

Principal's Digest

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Dear Lincoln Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for reading the *Principal's Digest*. Please remember to refer to the school's website calendar (www.lincolnelementary.org) and the monthly PTA newsletter, *The Linc*, on a regular basis for school-related information and events. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Mark Armendariz
Principal

Thank you for reading the following information

Upcoming Events

- February 12 – FOL Online Auction Opens at www.biddingforgood.com/lincoln
- February 16 – FOL Meeting, 7:00PM, in the library
- February 19 – College/University Apparel Day for all students and Lincoln personnel
- February 21 – FOL Online Auction Closes
- February 26 – Graduation Photo Retakes and Winter Sports Photo Day
- February 27 – Lincoln/EFAC ski trip
- February 29 – Grade 5 Assembly, 10:05AM and 1:50PM
- March 4 – PTA Meeting, 9:00AM, in the dining hall
- March 8 – ALESMA Board Meeting, 6:30PM, in the band room
- March 8 – LSC Meeting, 6:00PM, in the library
- March 8 – Author visit for grades K-2 students, Jane O'Connor of the very popular *Fancy Nancy* series
- March 11 – Drama Club Evening Performance of *The Music Man*
- March 11 – French Cine Club, 3:45-5:30PM, in the auditorium
- March 11 – Quarter Three Progress Report Distribution
- March 11 – FOL meeting in dining hall, 9:00 AM
- March 14 – EFAC Board Meeting, 6:30PM, in the library
- March 17 – Mid-Year Evening Band Concerts in auditorium, 6:30 (Cadet and Jazz bands) and 7:30 (Varsity and Concert bands)
- March 17 and 18 – Lincoln History Fair, grades 6, 7, 8, in the gym
- March 18 – FOL Live Auction and Party at The Montgomery Club, 500 W. Superior
- March 18 – All Grades Room Parent Meeting, 9:00AM, in dining hall
- March 24 – Grade 3 Assembly, 10:05AM and 1:50PM

General Information

- As I informed you last week, Lincoln Elementary School's budget was cut \$134,214 by CPS. Principals had one week to review their school budgets and identify the funds to be returned to CPS. Even though principals were not given an idea as to the amount of cuts per school until last week, we anticipated that some level of cuts would happen. This being the case, I kept a funding reserve available of CPS funds. This funding reserve proved to be enough and as a result there will be no current programming cuts and no Lincoln personnel will lose his/her position. But, please understand, the fact that we identified funds to cover the budget loss merely provides a budgetary band-aid for 2015-2016. We have no idea what the budget will be for the next fiscal year. In addition, at the end of the day, we have \$134,214 less to use this year from CPS funds for our children.
- FOL online auction information: On February 12th, the bidding began in Lincoln's online auction. From dining to travel to tickets, and more, there are fantastic items in this year's auction. Take a look at www.biddingforgood.com/lincoln. Bidding closes Sunday, February 21st. The March Madness excitement

peaks on Friday, March 18th with the Live Auction and Party. As college teams battle to win First Weekend matches, join Lincoln Parents for decadent food and drinks, priceless classroom masterpieces for sale, and the Live Auction in support of the Lincoln students and teachers. The annual gala is a favorite tradition of Lincoln parents. Dress is "college casual" - don't miss the fun!! If you have donations for the auction, or would like to be a financial sponsor, please contact Cathy Bergmann (cathy.bergmann@gmail.com) or Amy Chasse (amychasse@yahoo.com), or join FOL for "Drinks and Donations Drop-Off" on Thursday, January 28 from 7 to 9 pm at Josh Moulton Fine Arts Gallery at 2218 N Clark Street. Bring an auction donation for entrance to the gallery. Also, if you'd like to host a parent party, please contact Alison Theureau (alisontheureau@yahoo.com) or Beth O'Connor (Bethaoconnor@comcast.net). Alison and Beth can help you pull together a group, or share a number of great suggestions.

- **College/University Apparel Day:** February 19th is "College Day" at Lincoln, a day for kids and teachers/staff to wear apparel of their favorite college teams to school. Yes, really, kids are encouraged to wear their favorite Oregon Ducks, Kentucky Wildcats, and Fighting Irish, etc. t-shirts or jerseys to school. We haven't had this event at the school for a few years and it's ALWAYS a fun time. Show pride in your alma mater or favorite college/university!
- Thank you to our PTA Book Fair Committee and all the volunteers that made this year's book fair a great success. A special thank you to committee co-chairs Emily Tedrowe and Darcy Lear for all their hard work and dedication to this year's hit event.
- Thank you to our Lincoln/EFAC parents for hosting this year's Chandeleur . All the students and staff members thoroughly enjoyed the hand-made crepes! We still can't believe that you all made over 900 crepes for us! Merci!
- Local School Council elections are right around the corner! Are you interested in serving on our school's LSC? This is a great opportunity to become involved in the school. Elections are this April. LSC candidate applications are available in the main office. We are also looking for election judges; judges will get paid \$150 for the day. All applications (candidate and judge) are available in the main office. The six page candidate application/info is also attached on the school website as part of an earlier published *Principal's Digest*.
- 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.
- As you prepare visits to high school, please keep in mind the following CPS policy: High school shadow days at independent and parochial schools are unexcused absences and shadow days to CPS high schools are excused absence days. This is a district policy.
- Every year, the Lincoln/EFAC sponsors a ski trip which is open to all Lincoln students. This year the ski trip will be on February 27. It's always a great time. Please see the attached two documents for additional information.
- A big thank you to Anderson's Bookshop for sponsoring an author visit to our school on March 8th. The author, Jane O'Connor, is scheduled to visit our school to do a presentation to our grades K-2 students. Jane O'Connor is the author of the very popular *Fancy Nancy* series. It should prove to be a great event. As soon as we finalize the time, we will send out an order form for autographed book purchases.