



# Abraham Lincoln School PTO

## "LINCOLN PRIDE"

Agenda: October 14, 2021

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**Meeting Time: 2:08 PM to 3:07 PM**

**Flag Salute & Welcome**

**Secretary's Report - Sabah Bajwa**

- Approval of minutes
- Correspondence

**President's Report - Tiffani DeLorenzo**

Dr Postma was a guest at this meeting—she thanked everyone for their cooperation in the opening weeks of school. Next steps are to focus in on the needs of students. Thanked teachers for helping to identify these needs as the school year begins. She observed the remainder of the meeting

- "We Are Wyckoff" District-Wide Sale- proceeds distributed amongst all of schools based on selection of school at the time of purchase
- Economy Shop Co-Coordinator's Needed-2 are needed from Lincoln School, important that we have representation or else we will not benefit from Economy Shop
- PTO Auction Winner Parking Spots-2 spots (labeled 1 and 2 in school parking lot); silent auction will be held to win spots—more news to follow via email
- Thank you Dee Bouloukos—has done a wonderful job being in charge of beautifying the school with new plants and tidying the gardening
- Follow us on social media - Lincoln Pride PTO! Facebook post are always updated with relevant and important information -please join to stay up to date!

**First Vice President's Report - Erin Rand**

- Event Recap: Literary Lions (next 11/2), Bike/Walk to School, & Movie Night
  - Literary lions successful with a lot of participation.
  - Bike/Walk to School was fun and also involved a lot of participation
  - Move Night—great turn out; a lot of fun—thanks to volunteers
- 21/22 Directory - distribution this week—quick turn around from production, will be sent home in the upcoming days
- Fall Festival update - 10/22/21 - Chairs: Danielle Revere, Mariya Rigby, & Jess Fry
  - Danielle mentioned -petting zoo/entertainment on wheels/snacks donated by Dunkin, Stop and Shop and Shoprite
  - [Lincolnfallfestival@gmail.com](mailto:Lincolnfallfestival@gmail.com) -please email if you can volunteer
  - Set up time is 1-3pm--event is until 5 pm—clean up will be for 30 mins after event
  - Eisenhower volunteers given 2 service hours for assisting at festival; if interested please contact Danielle and/or Fall Festival team via the email mentioned above
- Hospitality & Teacher Treats - volunteers needed—thank you for those who volunteered
  - PTO Meetings -one open spot open in May for volunteer to provide snacks at monthly meeting
  - Teachers Treats are snack items left once a month for teachers in the lounge—need a few more months to be filled with volunteers

## **Second Vice Presidents' Report - Tricia Galasso & Christina Finkelstein**

- Box Tops Incentives - (Ongoing)—registration to be completed online; Stop and Shop not involved this year but Shoprite is. If you have signed up before you do not need to again.
- Pizza Love - 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month - Oct 18 -Please mention Lincoln School when you order so that we may receive credit
- Plant Sale - Jess Fry—Successful event
- Ordered Spirit Wear Delivery—items arriving this week
- Spirit Wear Flash Sale (magnets, mask bags, lanyards & umbrellas)—Sunday times has further information if you would like to order; please check children's backpacks for items that have been ordered
- Pumpkin Raffle 10/22—will be held at fall festival; tickets will be sold at drop and at table on 10/22—appreciate volunteers who have signed up.
- Book Fair 10/27-28—in person this year—first time since fall of 2019—excited to be back in person; online shop will also be available from 10/26 to 11/8; volunteers still needed to help out at the bookfair; teacher e-wallet will be available where you can donate to the teacher to purchase items from the book fair—e wallet also available for kids—any remaining balance in e-wallet will come back to you as Scholastic credit to be used for future book fairs; parents will not be allowed to come in to help shop—parents can view the shop online with children and pick out books with students prior to day of visit—no family shopping night this year
- Tons of Shopping 11/18 and 12/9—Tons of Toys and Tons of Treasure will give a certain percentage back to Lincoln School during those two dates if Lincoln School is mentioned at time of purchase
- Waldwick Gardens Winter Fundraiser-credit given to Lincoln School if school is mentioned at time of purchase
- Holiday Mall 11/22-23—held earlier for Hannukah and Christmas—
  - Danielle Revere mentioned that the mall will be held Mon/Tues of Thanksgiving week so please plan ahead if you plan to volunteer; good time to shadow for future chair roles as this is the last year of the current chairs
- Need Events and Prizes Committee—need more volunteers to help collect items for baskets; donations, gifts, etc

## **Treasurer's Report - Eric Powers**

- Budget update—if any questions about fundraising or expense side please contact Eric at [lincolnschoolpto2017@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnschoolpto2017@gmail.com)

## **Co-Coordinator's Report - Tricia Galasso and Carrie Carpenter**

- Volunteers for Markdown Mondays—at least 2 volunteers needed to represent Lincoln School
- Volunteers for Shifts—Google doc for shift sign up will be included in the Sunday Times
- Economy Shop accepting donations only---no consignments only donations; preferred day for donation drop off is Monday
- Shop due to open 11/2
- Tues night hours and Saturday hours available
- Carrie Carpenter provided history and background on Economy Shop—encouraged people to help--\$6-\$7k is raised for each school through Economy Shop each year; money helps with school events; 4 ways to help: coordinator/work a shift/donate/shop

### **Principal's Report - Mr. Lee**

- Great start to the year! Weather has been great which has helped with the outside environment for the students—great energy. Thanked Mrs. Wiebe for starting beading activity. Bike and Walk to School, Picture Day, Movie Night all great successful events held thus far.
- Building Goals—promoting student voice and agency—Videocasting/podcasting update - Mr. Patanella and Mrs. Panzitta piloting a video show "The Lion's Den" with a small group of students, expanding to allow all 5th grade students to participate over the course of the year.
- Self-Directed growth plans with teachers—exploring nonfiction reading and writing
- Set to write school constitution with students -promoting their voice--this is the students school—make it a positive, respectful and safe learning environment for all
- Enhance Literacy program—Ms. Velez and Mr Lee -shifting the balance—infusing reading into balance literacy model—comprehensive word study program/writing/reading—promotes reading comprehension
- Information will be provided to parents to help students assimilate materials at home that can aid in guiding children with Literacy Program
- Mindfulness—engage staff with after school activities
- Responsive Classroom Training at Wyckoff Library as held last month 2 days with a certified responsive class room teacher—2 more days coming up for teacher training in January
- An email was sent from a parent requesting to remind everyone that green flag at drop off means come inside for line up / red means line up will be outdoors
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade safety patrols have been helping with line up
- Halloween—parade is happening-2:30 pm on 10/29; class activities will happen but no parent volunteers will be allowed; contained costumes requested to help with easy dress up during time of parade
- Volunteers—proof of vaccination or recent negative covid test required -if you're going to be working with students; cards and results can be uploaded via genesis parent portal—all in accordance with NJ legislation
- Parent volunteers currently limited due to extensive number of parents needing to be verified in order to be able to come in to volunteer for events like Halloween parade/party
- Contact Nurse/Office when in question regarding health
  - Quarantine rules: 7 days with a test if a close contact; positive test requires 10-day quarantine.
- Parking Lot Safety—please use crosswalks; Mr. Lee looking into adding more crosswalks—will work with Wyckoff PD; please pull-up furthest so kids can cross safely
- Mr Lee learned in a recent meeting with Kindergarten that dog waste is excessive on school grounds (particularly by K door) please clean up after dogs
- Fall Festival—participate by coming/thank you to PTO for helping organize this great event
- Mr. Lee thanked PTO for bringing great sense of community to Lincoln school.
- Parent conference's coming up in Nov—stay tuned on when and how to register—will be held in person and virtual
- Question was asked regarding the Halloween parade—if multiple kids in school how can parents see them all?—students will walk around the entire school so you will get to see each of your child.

**Third Vice President's Report - Mrs. Wiebe** -report attached (please see below)

**New Business** -Fall festival location has changed--will be in football field area  
Lions den will be shared with parents via link to be emailed at a future date

**Monthly Book Winner—KC and 4R**

**Next Meeting-Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am**

**Thank you for attending!**

**PTO NEWS**  
**OCTOBER**

**Kindergarten**

Kindergarteners are adjusting well to daily routines and continue to build new friendships! Students are engaged in their learning by participating in multi-sensory activities, outdoor learning opportunities and exploration through play. Students have begun reading with partners, labeling their writing pieces and demonstrating their knowledge of numbers to ten. Kindergarteners will also be receiving art enrichment with Ms. Linz every other week with lessons that build upon previously taught concepts. We enjoyed seeing you on Back to School Night and appreciate your continued support throughout the year!

**First Grade**

First graders have really settled into the routines of first grade very nicely. Reading and writing workshop are in full swing. Students have learned about the good habits that readers have. Students are working to develop their fluency and expression as they read. Our first grade writers are finishing up our first writing unit in which they write pattern books of their own. Look for these drafts and published pieces to come home soon. In math, students are currently working on different addition strategies. We are finishing up our social studies unit on families and will begin our first science unit (sound and light waves) in the next week or so. First grade teachers would like to thank the PTO for their very generous classroom donations. These funds were used to purchase items that make the classrooms feel more like a home as well as items that bring a bit of excitement and engagement to learning. A few of these items include: invisible ink pens, "loose parts", small carpets, flat stones that students decorated during a lesson on individuality.

**Second Grade**

Second graders have been establishing productive classroom habits as we move into autumn. Our first social studies unit focused on change makers who make positive changes in the world around us. This tied in well with our creation of classroom rules and establishing productive routines in our second grade community.

Students are developing personal narrative stories in writing. Writer's stories zoom in on a small, but important, event in their lives. As students apply all the basics of writing stories, they are learning about how to describe feelings more vividly. As they do this even a small event, like learning to ride a bike, becomes a captivating personal narrative story. In math, we have been adding numbers up to ten and twenty. We have been using manipulatives and games to help students gain number sense. Currently, we are emphasizing number combinations that add up to 10 and 20 which will help build the foundation for automatic recall of basic facts. We look forward to a fabulous fall as we grow as a new community of learners.

**Third Grade**

Third graders have had a wonderful start to the year. We have gotten to know each other better and have settled into the new routines and expectations of being third graders. In math, we finished our first chapter on place value to 10,000. We will begin addition with and without regrouping. We will also be working on real-life problems using bar models as a strategy to solve problems. Students are encouraged to practice addition facts to 20 nightly. In reading, we will continue to build strong reading habits as we begin our next unit on nonfiction. In this unit, we will learn about the difference between narrative and expository nonfiction and use text features to help us as readers. In writing, third graders will be choosing an idea for publishing their personal narratives. We will focus on adding details of a small moment through the use of dialogue, internal thinking, show not tell and descriptive language. In social studies, we are learning about how activists make a difference in the community. Over the coming days, we are looking forward to having some guest speakers share their experiences with us!

**Fourth Grade**

Busy fourth graders are adjusting to switching classes, and many are enjoying participating in Chorus, band lessons, or Student Council. Our readers reviewed routines and strategies and are now focused on a realistic fiction character study. During Writer's Workshop, we are brainstorming and drafting personal narratives, and many seem to enjoy sharing their writing! This week, we will choose one story to publish. In math, we will be wrapping up chapter one and preparing for a test next week. A study guide went home, and we will be reviewing in class before the test. Keep working on those multiplication facts. Chapter 2 will cover multi-digit multiplication and long division. In social studies, the students have recently created group presentations on the Lenape. We will wrap up the unit by making some Lenape tools and homes using a Makerspace challenge. All are excited for the Fall Festival and Halloween!

## **Fifth Grade**

In 5th grade, we have established our daily routines and are well into our first units. In reading, we have been working on reading independently, identifying important moments, and making inferences using evidence from the text. We have started drafting our personal narratives in writing. In word study, we are learning new Greek and Latin Roots and are reviewing capitalization and comma rules.

In math, students worked on multiplying whole numbers by tens, hundreds, thousands, and powers of ten. They then moved on to dividing by tens, hundreds, and thousands. Students are now working on multiplying by two-digit numbers using the traditional algorithm. The next unit will be dividing by two-digit numbers.

In social studies, we presented our Native American culture projects. We are beginning to learn about European explorers and their contact with the indigenous peoples. Each student will research an explorer of their choice.

## **Music**

This month in music, Lincoln musicians have been singing songs for fall and harvest time, learning how to read the music notes on the staff, and preparing for upcoming performances. Fourth and Fifth Grade Chorus began last month, so singers have been rehearsing their holiday concert and district festival songs. In addition, students have begun to use our Quaver Music curriculum in class or on their Chromebooks. Lastly, third grade students will be receiving their recorders in the next few weeks. It is so wonderful to be able to make music with all Lincoln students on a weekly basis, once again!

## **Art**

Lincoln artists are off to a wonderful start this year. Following self portraits we have begun a fall project in each grade. We are currently working using a variety of materials. During the month of October we will be focusing on building our skills using oil pastels along with watercolor and acrylic paint. These autumn projects are looking great so far!

## **Physical Education**

As we continue through October, our soccer unit is coming to a close. All grade levels have competed in activities and games to refine their soccer skills. We started small with skills like passing, shooting, and dribbling. We moved on from that to bigger concepts like finding open space and working together as a team to create strategies. We are capping off the unit this week with a World Cup tournament in each class. Winners will be posted online. All students have made great improvements throughout the unit. We look to move on to a new sport next week!

## **Media**

The media center is abuzz with excitement this month! Students in all grades were pumped as we announced that Author day is back at Lincoln School. Stacy McAnulty, popular children's author of both fiction and nonfiction titles, will be visiting Lincoln on Friday 11/12/21. During her stay, Stacy will be meeting with students in all grade levels, speaking about her life and published works, as well as answering questions about life as a writer. During the month of October leading up to Stacy's visit, students in all homerooms will be learning about Stacy's life and works during media time.

## **Computers**

Kindergarten students have been working on desktop computers in the computer lab. They have been working on their mouse skills and coming familiar with the computer.

First graders have been getting used to their Chromebooks. They have been signing in with the Google password, adding Google Classrooms and bookmarking sites.

Second graders are working on their keyboarding skills. They have been introduced to a website called Typing Pal. Mrs. Panzita and I have been working with a few fifth graders at a time on our new mini Lincoln TV studio (equipment purchased by WEF) called the Lion's Den. We finished our first show and should be broadcasted this week.

## **Counseling**

I would like to thank the PTO for the generous monetary gift and I would also like to thank all the parents who donated beads, lanyard and string for our recess activities.

We had a wonderful "Week of Respect" here at Lincoln School. The students participated in various themed attire related to respect, created thank you letters for Wyckoff First Responders and engaged in class lessons focused on the "Golden

Rule" A school safety meeting was held on October 4th. Thank you as always to Mrs. Duca for her role as the parent representative on the team.

I visited the 2nd grade classrooms and provided lessons on stress reduction along with coping strategies. Kindergarten lessons this month focused on sitting still and listening skills. Social Skills groups are beginning next week. Our staff mindfulness and self care is off and running. This month we had our wellness walk and our first Book Club meeting. Today after school we have a baking lesson with our beloved staff member, Ms. Voglino.