



Abraham Lincoln School PTO

"LINCOLN PRIDE"

Minutes: November 11, 2021

Meeting Time: 9:18 AM to 10:12 AM

Flag Salute & Welcome

Secretary's Report - Sabah Bajwa

- Approval of minutes
- Correspondence

President's Report - Tiffani DeLorenzo

- Wyckoff PTO Coordinating Council seminar -location: Lincoln School MPR, Thurs 11/18 at 9:15am. Guidance counselors and instructional aides will be here from all many of the Wyckoff schools
- Economy Shop coordinator-Carrie Carpenter has agreed to stay on one more year; easy job as opposed to previous years—fun way to get involved; liaison between the Economy Shop and Lincoln School—need a shadow for Carrie and replacement for next year

First Vice President's Report - Erin Rand

- Teachers Treats—volunteer to bake or bring in treats for teachers for March; volunteer selected at meeting
- Directory-extra directories available at \$3 per copy

Second Vice President's Report - Tricia Galasso & Christina Finkelstein

- **Pizza Love- November 15**, mention Lincoln School.
- **Waldwick Gardens Holiday Shopping** event **November 20th-December 24**. Mention Lincoln School. 10% of proceeds from sale will be donated to Lincoln School PTO.
- **Tons of Shopping** event **November 18 and December 9**. Mention Lincoln School. 15% of proceeds from sale will be provided to Lincoln School PTO.
- **Holiday Mall November 22-23**, setup Friday, November 19 after school (3-5 pm). Shifts available to help with set up, shopping, take down. Schedules not yet available for class shopping times. Parents will not be allowed to shop with children. Must upload Covid vaccine/test verification to Genesis in order to volunteer. Breakdown will be Tuesday, 11/23 after school. Shopping list and money envelope will be sent home this week with students to start planning ahead for shopping days.
- Script gift card fundraiser—purchase gift card at face value, Lincoln PTO receives a percentage of the proceeds from sale of gift card. No additional

fees to you as a buyer. Sale form Nov 15-Nov 30th. Should arrive in time for holiday shopping/gifts. Order form will be send via email and will also be in this week's Friday Folder and Sunday Times. Checks can be made payable to Lincoln PTO.

- Military Bridge Basket Donations -Grades 1, 3, 5, and additional donations. Card game similar to crazy 8 and Bridge—fun night with Tricky Tray event. Requesting two baskets per class—one compiled with class funds collected in beginning of school year and the other with any services/products you can either solicit from a business or provide from your own business.
- Cards for a Cause Fundraiser -Thank you for participation for all who ordered. Cards will come in on Nov 23rd and will be dispersed after this date.

Treasurer's Report - Eric Powers

- October Budget -we are in a good place form a financial perspective. Feel free to reach out to Eric with any budget related questions. Email: lincolnschoolpto2017@gmail.com

Economy Shop Co-Coordinator's Report - Tricia Galasso and Carrie Carpenter

- Economy Shop is open
- Need at least 1 Coordinators for Markdown Mondays—anyone can help out and represent Lincoln School, grandparents, older children, friends, etc...
- Donations ONLY at this time, drop them off Monday mornings
- Volunteers for shifts Tuesdays-Fridays 9:45am-12pm, 11:45 am-2pm, Thursdays 6:15pm-9pm and Saturdays 9:45am-1pm.

Principal's Report - Mr. Lee

Thank you to those who attended parent teach conferences yesterday 11/10; conferences will continue next Wednesday 11/17. Thanks to everyone who attended fall festival—one of the most highly attended festival over the last few years—beautiful event—thankful to chairs and volunteers. Halloween parade went well—thanks to those who attended. Book Fair held in person, successful event—thanks to everyone who helped.

Updates: Fall benchmark screening for literacy and math done for K-5. Look at foundational skills to help drive interventionalist support to students. Teachers have been reaching out to parents who have children that may need the extra support in Literacy and/or Math.

Looking at Start Strong data for grades 4 and 5 in reading and math-- parents reports will be sent out in mid-December.

Coordinating council meeting next week—4 elementary school counselors will be here to go over plans for school year.

Ensuring our students are ready to learn in class -social and emotional well-being along with other soft skills to be a successful learner. Working on establishing focus groups with students to work on these skills.

5th grade students working on Lions Den with Mr. Patanella and Mrs. Panzitta -confidence is building within students as program is developing. Students have been working on this project through the

day including during recess—interviewing students. Special guests to come in and talk about broadcasting, journalism, etc

This Friday 11/13—Chorus concert at Eisenhower 6-8pm. Not open to public but will be streamed live online.

Tomorrow 11/12 is Author Day—Stacy McAnulty will be here to speak to students and sign book. "Coffee and Conversation" with Mrs. Wiebe and Mr. Lee being planned to help connect and support families - to and hold an open discussion. K-2 families will be invited to attend first group. This will be held right after drop off at 9:00 am on Thursday December 2nd. Topic: Student socialization and helping our students getting ready to learn. Families in K-2 encouraged to attend.

Lions Den video was shared with attendees of PTO meeting.

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

New Business -Bingo was mentioned in Lions Den however it is now postponed for now—working on Lincoln Bingo date will be announced. Military Bridge tentatively planned for Jan 13; baskets due Jan 7th.

Classroom Book Winner: 2A and 4R

Next Meeting-Thursday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM

Thank you for attending!

*****3rd VP Notes in next section below*****

PTO NEWS**November****Kindergarten**

Students in Kindergarten continue to build their stamina for lessons and independent work.

Students have begun formal letter/sound instruction in Word Study and will begin learning to blend sounds to make and read words. They are writing pattern books about places they love to go, and labeling their pictures by stretching the words to listen for all the sounds they hear. They are also learning to use sight words to build sentences that repeat. Students continue to enjoy Star Books and are using story language and pictures to remember the story. We have had lots of fun visualizing the setting and using character voices to act out and perform our favorite parts. In math, students are learning to compare numbers within 10, using math vocabulary such as more than, less than, fewer than, and the same. We are learning about families in Social Studies, and recognizing that although families may look different, the one thing that's the same is that we love and care about one another.

In Science, we have enjoyed learning about different types of weather, and look forward to learning about tools we use to study the weather soon.

First Grade

In reader's workshop, we are practicing different ways to decode a tricky word, like covering the sounds and reading one at a time, looking for chunks of the word that we know, skipping it and coming back, and thinking about what would make sense. We are growing our reading stamina and working to become smooth, fluent readers. In writer's workshop, we are writing personal narratives. These are real stories that have happened to us. Our challenge is to tell a small event, and stretch out every step. We break our stories into beginnings, middles, and ends. To make our books more exciting, we are "unfreezing" our characters to make them move and talk in our stories. In math, we have finished our first addition and subtraction unit and are moving onto teen numbers. We're exploring their tens and ones. Finally, in science we discovered that sound can have different pitch and different volume. We used many instruments and tools to test this out firsthand. Now, we are beginning to learn about light!

Second Grade

Second graders have been continuing to develop a strong classroom community as we start our third month of school. As scientists we have been learning about solids and liquids and their properties. Also, we are enjoying mystery science riddles as we guess what solid or liquid students are analyzing. In math, we have been working on adding with regrouping up to 1,000 and adding 3 2-digit numbers. It sure is a lot of fun playing a variety of games while learning. The students are also encouraged to study their math facts to improve their speed! In honor of Veteran's Day today, students are writing letters thanking our veterans for their brave service to our country. We will continue to honor our veterans this week. We also published our personal narrative stories and have begun our new unit on realistic fiction writing. It is a reading and writing combination as we will be reading realistic fiction stories and analyzing story elements and characters as we read. We are enjoying meeting with each family during our conferences and wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Third Grade

The 3rd graders have been working very hard this month on learning new skills, forming friendships, and building our class community. In math, we learned different strategies for adding numbers to 10,000. Students enjoyed sharing their thinking when we solved multi step word problems. In writing, students have learned how writers edit and revise their writing to make it the best it can be. They added dialogue and vivid details to their stories, while focusing on creating paragraphs. In reading, we have begun learning about informational text and are exploring the types of nonfiction. You can continue to support your child by encouraging them to choose a variety of nonfiction books to read and having them notice how the book teaches us new information. In science, we have learned the difference between weather and climate, and what makes the seasons. In word study, students focused on long vowel teams and the -ture/"chur" sound. They have been working hard hunting for words that follow the rules we are learning in class.

Fourth Grade

Fourth grade enjoyed some Halloween fun, and we are working hard in November! Our writers are publishing their personal narratives and will soon begin an inquiry into a new genre, the personal essay. During Reader's Workshop, we are completing our character studies, and will then switch gears to focus on analyzing informational texts. In word study, we reviewed homophones and spelling rules, and are now diving into our study of Greek and Latin prefixes. In math, we are learning multiple strategies for multiplying multi-digit numbers which include the area model, partial products, and the traditional algorithm. Long division is coming up soon, so continue to practice math facts to improve fluency. We recently started our first science unit. In this earth science unit we will be studying how and why our earth changes over time. We look forward to our parent-teacher conferences and wish everyone a healthy, happy Thanksgiving!

Fifth Grade

In reading, students are reading short stories from a variety of genres to identify the major conflict in the story and how it changes the main character. Students continue to work on finding the theme of short texts in partnerships. Students should continue to read their independent reading books for 30 minutes each night and construct a meaningful response.

In writing, most students have published and shared their personal narratives. They will be sent home to celebrate shortly. We are starting our new writing unit: narrative poetry. We began the unit by looking at student examples of published narrative poems. We have been practicing different elements of poetry in our own writing. Students will eventually publish a collection of narrative poems. In word study, we had our first assessment. Students will continue to focus on prefixes, suffixes, and Greek and Latin roots. We will be encouraging students to work on spelling and grammar through guided lessons over the next few weeks. In math, students have been working on dividing by a 2-digit number fluently. The next topic of study is the order of operations, which is a sequence of steps for evaluating math expressions. The last section of this chapter focuses on real-world problems. Here, students will use different strategies to solve word problems, including bar models. Finally, we will wrap up Chapter 1 with a review and an assessment.

Music

This month in music, students have been singing songs for the season, holidays, and events that are going on in November. In honor of Veteran's Day, all Lincoln singers have been having patriotic sing-a-longs during music class and learning our country's song and history. Music students have also been participating in Centers, by using iPad to perform digital music in GarageBand, using the SMARTBoard to play music games in teams, learning about composers by playing a Memory game, and using our music lab computers to review musical notation with the Freddie the Frog website. Third grade students are receiving their recorders this month and are learning how to play this woodwind instrument. 5th grade students have also been using Quaver Music on their Chromebooks to create their own movie clips with sequenced sound effects. Finally, the 4th and 5th grade chorus will be performing in our first district-wide choral festival, *All Together Now*, this Friday evening, November 12th, at Eisenhower Middle School. This concert will be featured on YouTube Premier from November 13th-15th!

Art

Lincoln artists have been working hard on their November art projects. We have been studying an artist named Heather Galler. We are including her vibrant and colorful style into our artwork this month. We are looking forward to filling the Lincoln halls with colorful landscapes, collages and acrylic paintings!

Physical Education

As we head into the month of November, we will look to continue to develop teamwork strategies. Students will be encouraged to find new ways to work together with the people on their team to achieve a common goal. This will be done through strategy games. With the weather getting a bit colder, I encourage all students to bring layers to school so we can stay healthy while still having fun. We will continue to go outside for some activities when we can. As always we will continue to put an emphasis on the code of conduct no matter what activities we are involved in. Students will continue to develop their locomotor skills as well as their underhand and overhand toss. Every day is a new adventure in PE! We will continue to always do our best no matter what.

Media

The Library is eagerly awaiting the arrival of our first Author Day in two years on Friday! Stacy McNulty is coming to visit with students in all grades and have lunch with a randomly selected group of students. All classes have learned about Stacy's life and read through her stories. Much thanks to Bookends bookstore in Ridgewood for helping with our large autographed book order. Students are eager to get their hands on their books this week!

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Computers

Kindergarteners have been working on AbcYa (using different painting tools to paint pictures as well as designing pumpkins for Halloween). They are now working on Starfall (a site for exploration, play and positive reinforcement in reading and math). First graders used the first grade version of Teach Your Monster to Read (continuation from kindergarten). They are now working on basic coding using the Kodable website. Second graders continue to work on their keyboarding skills. In addition, they tried a new site Blooket - which received rave reviews. Blooket is a web based quiz game platform for group competition or solo study. Second grade is also working on Kodable for coding practice. The Lion's Den (our school broadcast) Episode 2 is going to be aired soon.

Counseling

Social Skills groups are underway. Classroom counseling lessons this month focused on character development in Grades 4 and 5. Kindergarten students are working on identifying their emotions and the various reactions they have to them. Students in grade three have been introduced to the Zones of Regulation which is a program based on regulating emotions. Meet and greets with the school counselor continue on each grade level. Mr. Lee and Ms. Wiebe are looking forward to creating a new program entitled coffee with the principal and counselor.