



Abraham Lincoln School PTO

"LINCOLN PRIDE"

Minutes: April 7, 2022

Meeting Time: 9:17 AM to 10:08 AM

Flag Salute & Welcome

Secretary's Report - Sabah Bajwa

- Approval of minutes
- Correspondence

First Grade performed for PTO meeting—Ms. LaFronz guided each student as they taught us about their individually created books.

President's Report - Tiffani DeLorenzo

- PTO update
 - Thank you to Military Bridge Chairs—Tricia Galasso and Dee Bouloukos—great success and everyone had a wonderful time!
 - Thank you to Kids Art Chairs—Alaine Gay and Rene Sbrocco—appreciate running this fundraiser for the school
- Incoming 6th Grade Orientation for parents at EMS—good opportunity for new middle school parents to see the building and environment; opportunity to meet the new Principal—highly suggest for incoming 6th grade parents

First Vice President's Report -Erin Rand

- Thank yous!
 - Thanks to the Pi Day and Master Piece art Chairs—kids had a wonderful time with both events
 - Literary Lions meeting held yesterday—next will be May 3rd
- K-3 Kid's Night (4/22 and 4/29) + permission slips due!
- Staff Appreciation Lunch (5/3) - Sabah Bajwa—planning underway for this event
- Science Fair (5/5) - Mia Joudeh—Grade 3 to 5 will participate this year; will be held on Thursday May 5th from 6-7:30 in the Lincoln Gymnasium. Topics can be experiment or research; groups are allowed. Sign up is on Friday e-blast or Sunday times
- Bike/Walk to School update (5/16) - Krista McGuire—healthy snacks will be provided to participants; raffle prizes will be given. Looking for volunteers to help the day of. Also looking for Co-chair to shadow Krista.
- 5th Grade update - Marsha Romero & Jenn Duca
 - Ice Cream Social -Tuesday 4/19 after school until 4:30; suggested donations \$5; parents must stay with child; Donations needed such as ice cream scoops, cups, amazon wish list will go out for parents to donate if they would like.
 - 5th Grade Bingo—held at EMS with all elementary school 5th grade students combined; will be held on May 12 at 4 pm

- 5th Grade trip: Spring Day Camp in Ringwood
- 5th Grade Activities Chairs (Class of 2023) update—working on creating chairs for next years 5th grade class

Second Vice Presidents' Report - Tricia Galasso and Christina Finkelstein

- Military Bridge—thank you to everyone for helping and participating
- Dad's Night at Lincoln School (outside) on 5/20
- Lambda Lambda -Brick House 5/14-this is an event for parents to socialize and have a great time with college type games; silent auction will be held and a 50/50 raffle
- Ladies Night 4/20-Tickets currently on sale!
 - Baskets—general tricky tray and grand prize tier; pictures of baskets will be posted in Facebook page; thank you for all the parents for the generous basket donations!!
- Spring Book Fair-May 17th and May 18th ; parent volunteer link has been sent to via Sunday Times and will be posted on Facebook
- Pizza Love-4/18/22 -Monday after break; please mention Lincoln School when ordering
- Waldwick Gardens Shopping Event—May 1 to June 1; please mention Lincoln School when shopping

Treasurer's Report - Eric Powers

- March update
- Lincolnschoolpto2017@gmail.com please send reimbursement requests to this email address

Economy Shop Co-Coordinator's Report- Carrie Carpenter

- Town wide Garage Sale 5/14
- Need at least 1 Coordinators for Markdown Mondays
- 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.
- Shop is closed for Spring break-please do not drop off until 4/18

Principal's Report - Mr. Lee:

- Great job by our student presentations today
 - 1st grade students sharing non-fiction writing
 - Thank you to our students and teachers
- Thank yous
 - Military Bridge
 - Masterpiece Art
 - Pi Day
 - Author visit
 - 3rd/4th Concert
 - Family Art Night
 - 5th gr trip announcement: Spring Lake Day Camp
 - Scooter Bowl
- Lunch tables returning
 - May 1st

- Important social/emotional component
- Will prep students in advance
- NJSLA Dates
 - Standardized state testing
 - May 4th - Science gr. 5
 - May 10th-12th ELA gr. 3-5
 - May 17th-19th Math gr. 3-5
 - Some preparation work with students is ongoing, and will continue especially after break. This includes using the technology tools embedded in the test, as well as the format of problems and expected responses.
- Speaker Ben Tracy
 - Visited Wyckoff for 3R's Day this week, did a parent presentation the following night
 - Spoke about social media, cell phone use
 - Seeing these concerns younger and younger
 - We are looking to bring other speakers to elementary school as well
- "Coffee & Conversation" with principal and counselor
 - Next topic - Childhood Stress and Anxiety
 - Gr. K-2 April 1st 9-10
 - Gr. 3-5 April 8th 9-10 (tomorrow)

Third Vice President's Report - Mrs. Wiebe (below)

New Business:

Classroom Book Winner: 1N and 3Ro

Next Meeting-Thursday, May 12th at 9:15 A.M.

Thank you for attending!

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

PTO NEWS

April

Kindergarten

Kindergarten is excited for the month of April! In honor of National Walking Day this month, Kindergarten is actively participating in The Walking Curriculum. Every day Kindergarten students take a walk outside. Most of our walks will have a math focus, but at times we will take walks for other purposes such as exercise, socialization, nature walks, etc. We are finishing up our “How To” writing unit and beginning to work on opinion writing. We enjoy reading books and we are building our reading fluency skills. In math, we are learning about the concept of addition. We are excited to start our Life Science Unit on Living things.

First Grade

First grade is excited to share with the PTO this month! A few students from each class will be joining the PTO meeting to share published nonfiction books. After spending weeks planning and writing, students chose the books they were most proud of. After revising, the books were ready to be published and shared! Now in writing, students are getting ready for a realistic fiction unit after the break. In reading, students have been exploring poetry. We're noticing line breaks, intonation, pace, and punctuation clues. In math, students are working on two digit addition and subtraction. We are lining numbers up vertically and combining the tens and ones. In science, students created their own representation of the solar system using model magic, paint, markers, paper, etc. Now, we're moving onto a social studies unit on economic choices (occupations, wants/needs, and money). First grade is looking forward to spring weather, and also to our concert coming up at the end of the month on April 27th!

Second Grade

Second graders have been enjoying some signs of Spring and outdoor time. As readers, they have enjoyed reading poetry and fairytales and are currently enjoying some reader's theater to practice reading aloud smoothly and fluently. We have been focusing on pace, phrasing, intonation, rate and expression. In writing, the students completed their writing about reading. Now they have started to write poetry! From acrostic poems, free verse with line breaks; and poems about ordinary objects-they have greatly enjoyed using their creative minds as poets. We are shifting into learning about figurative language like alliteration, personification, onomatopoeia, similes and metaphors. They are busy bees writing so many clever poems. In math, we finished our studies of metric measurement and have shifted into graphing and creating questions to interpret the graphs. From pictographs, bar graphs, and line plots it is so fun collecting data and graphing it. In social studies the students are learning about what it takes to be an entrepreneur, and will be making their own pitch for a business idea similar to the show “Shark Tank” in the upcoming weeks. With spring here, it has been so fun to have some special treats like Masterpiece Art, the fifth grade talent show, and some upcoming concerts, as well as today's scooter bowl. Be on the lookout for some information regarding an upcoming field trip as well.

Third Grade

This month, third graders have been busy publishing their adapted fairy tales. They chose an original fairy tale and adapted it by changing the characters, setting and events while keeping the plot the same. In reading, the students read a variety of genres and compared the messages and themes across these short stories. Third graders were introduced to fraction concepts this month. They identified unit fractions, compared and ordered fractions, and identified fractions on a number line. In science, we have been studying magnetism. Students have been exploring magnetic forces through various hands-on activities.

Fourth Grade

Fourth graders are looking forward to the Chorus concert, Scooter Bowl and spring break!! During Reader's Workshop, we've enjoyed our time in book clubs, discussing and analyzing a variety of traditional literature, including some Reader's Theater fun this week to work on fluency. Our writers have been busy publishing our challenging literary essays. In math we just completed a unit on decimals, and will now begin exploring the customary and metric measurement systems. Our scientists explored energy and motion with a variety of hands-on experiments. Our next social studies unit involves immigration and culture. We will explore the reasons why many people have immigrated to America. Additionally, we will make connections with our own family members and their immigration experiences. Finally, a field trip has been planned to Waterloo Village on May 13th, which connects perfectly with our earlier unit: The Early Of People of NJ.

Fifth Grade

In ELA, 5P & 5C are enjoying reading their book club books and writing about social issues. 5B is looking forward to moving into this work after the break. This week, they worked to finish publishing and sharing their research websites. The fifth graders are currently finishing up their social studies unit on life in the colonies. We will switch our learning to science after the break. Math - On Tuesday, students took an exam on decimals. The next unit of study continues with learning about decimals. Students will focus on the four operations of decimals - adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing decimals.

Music

This month in music, classes have been singing spring songs and preparing for many upcoming concerts. The third and fourth grade students just performed in their wonderful spring concert, "Walking on Sunshine!" Next, first and second grade students will perform their "Freddie the Frog and the Mighty Meter Gnome" spring play on April 27th. Fifth grade students will star in their spring musical, "The Lion King," on May 26th. Finally, Kindergarten students will sing songs for their "Kindergarten Celebration" in June!

Art

This month Lincoln artists have been enjoying working on various works of art. Grades k-3 are working on their neon projects to be hung in this year's annual glow gallery! Fourth grade artists have been creating Eric Carle inspired collages and fifth grade has been making mirror image cityscape prints. April 6th was Lincoln art night. We had a wonderful turn out and it was amazing to gather together as a community. Students and parents gathered to collaborate and paint terracotta pots to take home. Families were also given soil and seeds to take home with them and plant together! We are looking forward to more exciting events coming up this spring!

Physical Education

This month we will be working on our underhand toss. Many games will be played with partners and we look forward to competing in some tournaments. Students will continue to find ways to collaborate with others to achieve a common goal. We will work on teamwork strategies combined with our individual skills. We have so much to look forward to as the weather gets warmer. We continue to promote good sportsmanship and having fun in the games that we play!

Media

The entire school had a blast celebrating the end of our Lincoln Loves Reading month with the return visit of our favorite author, Stacy McAnulty. Students in grades K and 1 enjoyed a more traditional author day, hearing about Stacy's writing and creative process while students in grades 2-5 took part in writing workshops. During these, Stacy guided students through writing tips, one grade level at a time. The feedback from staff, students, and families was overwhelmingly positive- many recommending that Stacy become a 'regular' author every few years if possible. A HUGE thank you shout out to our amazing PTO for helping to make Stacy's visit a reality. We are looking forward to our new units in media once we return from spring break.

Computer

Kindergarten - Students were introduced to a website called Room Recess. Kindergarteners worked on skip counting, rhyming words, sight words and long and short vowel sounds.
First Grade - Students were introduced to multiplayer addition and subtraction games on a website called Arcademics. They were able to challenge each other either individually or as teams on addition and subtraction facts. First graders also worked on coding (Lightbot) on iPads.
Second Grade - Students finished their 5 slide All About Me project. They learned how to change the background color of the slide, change the font size, style and color, add images transitions and animations. Students then presented their slides to their class.

Counseling

Classroom lessons were provided on multiple grade levels. Kindergarten students learned about personal space and what is acceptable in school. Small groups and individual counseling continue to be provided. Coffee with the Counselor and Principal for Grades K-2 was held on April 1st. Parents of students in Grades 3-5 will have the same opportunity this Friday. The topic is anxiety and stress in children.