



Abraham Lincoln School PTO

"LINCOLN PRIDE"

Minutes: November 17, 2022

Meeting Time: 9:16 AM to 10:19 AM

Welcome & Flag Salute

Secretary's Report - Sabah Bajwa

- Approval of minutes
- Correspondence

President's Report - Tiffani DeLorenzo

- PTO Update
 - Thank you to the PTO Membership for your time and participation, it allows the PTO to make the many contributions back to Lincoln School and the children
 - Provided a list of the most recent PTO contributions (i.e., Little Free Library, Author Visit, Monthly Staff Snacks, etc.)

First Vice President's Report - Erin Rand

- 5th Grade update - Tiffani DeLorenzo & Allison Seifert
 - Shirts currently being designed
 - Will be asking for photos for memory book
 - 5th Grade Bingo being planned for Dec 2nd from 7-8 pm
- Eisenhower update - Lisa Holmes
 - Frozen turkey drop-off today at EMS to be donated to families in need
 - No PTO meeting for EMS in December, will resume in January
 - 7th and 8th Grade Trips are being planned
 - Last day to order EMS yearbooks will be January 13th
 - still in need of economy shop volunteers as well as student volunteers (grades 8 and up, Thursday evenings/Saturday mornings.)
 - \$2,500 check was presented to EMS PTO, from the sales of the Economy Shop. Will look to purchase/upgrade audio system with those funds.
 - Economy shop will give back to Marines, with Toys for Tots event on 12/10, with a vintage train behind the shop, coming to collect new and unwrapped toys. Please donate if possible.
 - Fall tailgate raised \$15,000. Vineyard Vines shirt sales raised \$2,500 in funds for the school.

- Collecting Target gift cards for social services, any denomination is appreciated. Due December 9th.
- Safety and Security has been a top priority. There have been updated safety and security measures implemented and ongoing training of staff. Some new rules that have been implemented are, no pedestrians on campus during school hours. No visitors. There will be a cart left outside main door for any items needing to be dropped off. If you are a visitor with an appointment, you must have/show ID. Begins after the Thanksgiving break.
- Lincoln Swag Sale ongoing
 - Items available
 - Directories
 - Beanie hats
 - Magnets
 - Etc..
- Open Positions - Family Math Afternoon
 - Fun-filled afternoon of math games hosted for students
 - Pre planned activities planned -or new ones can be created/introduced

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

- Scrip Gift Card Fundraiser—New name of company is Raised Right
 - Gift Cards can be purchased with fee waived for providers such as Visa—other vendors such as grocery stores, Starbucks, etc also available
 - Live until Tuesday 11/22
 - Percentage of proceeds will benefit Lincoln School
- Thanksgiving Flower Fundraiser - pickup November 23 at Wyckoff Florist
- Pizza Love - November 21, mention Lincoln School
- Waldwick Gardens Holiday Shopping event
 - Tentatively until 12/23, mention Lincoln School
- Tons of Shopping event at Tons of Toys and Tons of Treasures
 - December 1, mention Lincoln School
- Military Bridge Baskets - Grades 1, 3, 5, - due December 21; additional donations due December 1
 - Open to service donations -if you own a business or know a business, PTO welcoming donations for baskets
- Holiday Mall December 7-8, setup on December 6 after school - Danielle Hurley
 - Merchandise has been revamped and updated with exciting new items!
 - Price range from \$0.50-\$15
 - Sign up genius will come out in a few weeks -volunteers needed and appreciated

- Forms will go home to help students organize gift list and money for shopping
- Money can be added online or cash can be brought in—left over money online will be returned back as cash. Credit cards will also be welcome
- Lincoln specific ornaments, sale begins November 18th until Dec 2nd
 - Personalized ornaments for Lincoln School will be sold
 - Email to come with details soon!

Treasurer's Report - Eric Powers

- October Budget
 - On track with budget thus far
 - New events coming down the pipeline to add to budget
 - As always, please email reimbursements and questions to lincolnschoolpto2017@gmail.com

Economy Shop Co-Coordinator's Report - Amy Fox and Lindsey Barrett

- Lincoln Economy Shop Open House - Tuesday Nov. 29 - 7-9pm
 - First time event to be hosted to allow families to come and explore the Economy Shop
 - Great way to come in and see what the Economy Shop has to offer
- Economy Shop Sales proceeds provided to Lincoln in the amount of \$2,500!!
- Volunteers needed for Shifts - sign up online
- Economy Shop always appreciates donations

Principal's Report - Mr. Lee

- Thank to you everyone for recent events at school such as Book Fair, Fall Festival, Author Day with Sarah Weeks
- Parent/Teacher Conferences Completed
 - Thank you to our parents/guardians for your collaboration as we work together to support your student(s)
 - If you did not have a conference due to a conflict, please reach out to your child's teacher
- Report Cards to come out second week of Dec
- Visit today from Rhett Ellison, former New York Giants player
 - Mr. Ellison visited with our 5th grade students as part of their "Lion's Den" video production project
 - Coordinated by Mr. Patanella, Mrs. Husstege, Mrs. Panzitta, and parent Mr. Berger
 - Morning consisted of 5 short student-led interviews, as well as a Q&A from the audience
 - Stay tuned for the video of today's visit!

- Little Free Library
 - Lincoln's "Little Free Library" is up and running
 - Take a book/leave a book - be sure to stop by with your kids
 - Thank you again to the PTO, has been a big hit
- Lincoln School "Collaborative Think Tank"
 - Voluntary staff group - consists of approximately 8 staff members in addition to Mr. Lee
 - Purpose of the group is to explore ideas and innovations in education, and how they can support our mission and goals here at Lincoln School
 - Analysis of a variety of factors impacting the success of students and staff, including academic, behavioral, and climate/culture
 - Have met several times this year, and will be doing site visits throughout the area
- Updates—
 - Short week next week leading up to Thanksgiving
 - Wednesday 11/23 will be comfy, cozy clothes day—email from student council to come out with more info
 - School wide morning meeting will also be held that morning
 - Holiday Mall happening in December
 - Holiday concerts to be announced soon

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

New Business:

Classroom Book Winner: 2L and 4M

Next Meeting: *No December meeting* -Meetings will resume as of Thursday, January 12th at 9:15am

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 reading this past month, first graders have been working on becoming "word detectives". When reading unknown words, we are learning so many things to look for such as "magic e", vowel teams, consonant digraphs, and word endings. In writing, we are working on personal narratives that tell a true story about ourselves. We are learning different ways to bring our stories to life. In math, we are finishing up our unit on addition and subtraction within 10. In science, we continue our exploration of sound and light.

Second Grade

The second graders have begun a new writing unit, we are now writing realistic fiction stories. We have begun by developing characters based on our own traits and experiences. In reading, we are also exploring characters and how their actions affect the events in a story. Our physical science unit is also underway, we are currently exploring the properties of solids. Lastly, in math, we are learning how to add three and four digit numbers by regrouping and using our skills to solve problems.

Third Grade

This month we have been busy learning and working collaboratively. Third graders have been revising and editing their personal narratives. These writing pieces will be coming home to be shared with you soon. In reading, we have started exploring non-fiction text. We have learned about the differences between narrative and expository text. Our mathematicians are wrapping up Chapter 2: Addition to 10,000 this week. We will begin focusing on subtraction next week. Please continue regular fact practice at home. Two weeks ago, we began our first science unit: Earth Science. We are studying weather and climate. The third grade scientists have been exploring the weather and climate around the world. Each day they record the daily weather from a city of their choice. Wishing you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving.

Fourth Grade

Our fourth grade readers are wrapping up their character studies and are about to begin a nonfiction unit. We will analyze a variety of informational texts and study different structures. Also, we just published our personal narratives and are diving into an inquiry to discover a new writing genre, the personal essay. This essay focuses on a time we've learned an important life lesson; it includes meaningful reflection and a persuasive extension to readers.

Our mathematicians just completed their multi-digit multiplication unit. Next up is...long division! In social studies we enjoyed studying the early people of NJ, and our first science unit focuses on land changes such as weathering, erosion, and deposition. We've appreciated so many parents coming in for conferences, and we are grateful for all of your support. We wish everyone a happy, healthy Thanksgiving!

Fifth Grade

ELA- In reading, we are well into our Reading Across Genres unit. We have been reading short stories, fairy tales, fables, and myths to determine the theme of a text. In word study, we had our first quiz on Greek and Latin roots/prefixes/suffixes on Wednesday (11/16). We continue to learn and practice proper comma usage. In writing, we are generating ideas and writing narrative poems in class. In the coming weeks, we will choose a narrative poem idea and begin drafting our future published pieces. The students have enjoyed the freedom and creativity of writing poetry so far! In math, we are currently working on adding unlike fractions and mixed numbers. Over the next few weeks, students will learn how to add and subtract two unlike fractions where one denominator may or may not be a multiple of the other, and how to add or subtract mixed numbers with or without renaming. Students will be using manipulatives and modeling to deepen their understanding. In social studies, the students recently completed researching an explorer to understand Europeans' motivations for exploration in the 14-1500s. We are now learning how technology (i.e. astrolabe, magnetic compass, map and caravel) impacted European explorers. We will then move on to learn how geography impacted the European explorers.

Music

This month in music, students have been preparing for upcoming holiday performances! The first and second grade students will be starring in their holiday musical, "Arf! on the Housetop" on December 2nd. The fourth and fifth grade Chorus will be presenting their holiday concert, "Together for the Holidays" on December 15th. Lincoln musicians have also been singing patriotic songs for Veterans Day and turkey songs for Thanksgiving! Third grade students are learning how to play the beginning notes on their recorder and will have a concert this spring, as well.

Art

In art this October, our Lincoln artists worked on projects surrounding our color theory unit. We created various projects using primary, secondary, warm and cool colors. We also started various drawing projects and are beginning to dive into weaving in third and fourth grade. We are excited as we transition into winter to create new winter and holiday themed projects!

Physical Education

For the last month or so in PE, we have been working on striking skills. We have transitioned from striking in order to volley, and instead now we are talking about the skill of "Underhand Striking". We have done so much great work practicing, that now it's time to try some practical applications of these skills! We will be learning and playing a number of striking games- Gaga, Battleships, Pinball, just to name a few! Please ask your students which game has been their favorite! Most of these games require small amounts of equipment, so maybe there is a way for your child to teach you these games and you can play at home! Looking forward, we will be working on learning, and practicing different fitness concepts in December!

Media

October was an amazing month in the library. All classes learned about our visiting author, Sarah Weeks. We learned about her lifetime, writing inspiration, and of course her books. Her visit culminated a month of lessons, and was very well received! A randomly selected group of students won lunch with Sarah in the library, and all grades were able to meet her in the gym and learn about her writing process. HUGE thank you shout out to the PTO for sponsoring this event and helping to assist with little detail leading up to the event. We can't wait for Sarah to return to Lincoln in the near future!

Computers

Kindergarteners have been working on a website called ABCYa.com. They have been working on drawing pictures using various tools (pencil, paint, paint bucket etc.), creating Halloween pumpkins and making cookies, masks, faces, houses and pizza all on the computer. Students in first grade have been working on logic and problem solving games using the website: mathplayground.com Second graders continue to work on their keyboarding skills as well as working on coding using: Kodable. In third and fourth grade, students continue to work on the keyboarding skills and are being introduced to the Virtual Reality Goggles (Oculus). Fifth graders have been working on their keyboarding skills as well as our student broadcast - The Lion's Den".

Counseling

October was a busy month. We celebrated the Week of Respect and also recognized School Violence Awareness week. The 4th and 5th grade students learned about the Harassment Intimidation and Bullying Law (HIB). Class lessons on emotional regulation, personal space and making conversations were provided on various grade levels.