

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PTA NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Lincoln Community,



Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and enjoyed your break. We have a lot of fun things planned for the school in the New Year. We have Bingo Night, Steam Fair, Read-a-thon, St Patrick's Day Gold Rush and Multicultural Night just to name a few. Be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities that will be posted on Konstella to help make these events possible.



If you haven't had a chance to **sign up for Konstella** please do so, it's not too late. You can use the app or just sign in on your desktop. It's a great way to connect with your student's class and see all the ways to give back by volunteering.



If you haven't **joined the PTA** yet now is a perfect time to do so. We are currently 209 members strong and we are hoping to reach our goal of 250 members in the next few months. Your PTA membership dues will help put on all of the upcoming events.

I know it seems early but we are already starting to plan for the next school year, August 2025-June 2026. We will be forming a nominating committee in the next few weeks to help **fill vacant PTA Executive Board and Chair positions.** If you are interested in learning more please reach out at lincolncupertinoptapresident@gmail.com. It is a great way to give back to the school. Plus you get to meet a wonderful group of parents!



Cheers to 2025!

- Faith

December's Biggest News Event: The Lincoln Scholastic Book Fair 2024

The Lincoln Scholastic Book Fair kicked off on December 9, drawing a steady stream of shoppers throughout the week. Wednesday's Family Night stood out as a major highlight. To manage the crowds, the school staggered each grade's shopping time during recess and lunch. For many students, the Book Fair marked their *first time handling money* and making purchase decisions. It was fascinating to watch them carefully choose their books, and some even reacted with surprise when the sales tax was added at checkout.

Unsurprisingly, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hot Mess* topped the sales, with 49 copies flying off the shelves. The *Pokemon Super Duper Extra Deluxe Essential Handbook* came in second, with 38 copies sold. Beyond books, students also picked up bookmarks and journals, making their purchases more varied.

The week offered some delightful surprises. Mrs. Wehrle's Kindergarten class kicked off Friday morning with a sweet caroling performance that added a festive touch. Another memorable moment occurred when one student, walking in with his class, spotted the last *Pokemon* book on the shelf, grabbed it instantly, and *danced with joy*.

The event's success depended on the many volunteers who helped ensure everything ran smoothly. Volunteers jumped in whenever they could, some even squeezing in an hour during their day. A special thanks goes to the office staff, who kept communication flowing with teachers, and to Principal Conner, who showed her support by attending Family Night. We also appreciate the students from Monta Vista who helped out during the event.

This year's sales surpassed last year's totals. A portion of the profits will go to the PTA, which will use the funds to purchase books for teachers and the library. **Thanks to your support and event chair Claire O'Neill, the Book Fair was a huge success.** We can't wait for next year's event!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The PTA is looking for someone who can shadow the PTA Treasurer for the rest of this school year with the intention of taking on the role of **Treasurer for the 2025-2026** school year. If you are interested in this role, please email us at: lincolncupertinoptapresident@gmail.com

JOIN THE PTA



By volunteering with your PTA, you gain valuable experiences and personal confidence. It's an opportunity to put your skills and hobbies to good use for a good cause.

Together we can do so much!

CONNECT WITH US



Don't miss us at the **Spirit Wear Sale** every Friday in January from 1:45pm to 3pm outside the Library!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

If Hungry Leopards is a staple in your school support menu, you need to meet **Meera Shah, Hungry Leopards Chair** since 2021. Meera is a full time working physician and mom of 3 boys, a 4th grader, a 2nd grader, both at Lincoln and a third who will join Lincoln next year as a Kindergartener. Being herself a product of public school education, Meera knows the importance of community engagement and fundraising that are required to enrich the school experience for students and families. When asked where she derives her inspiration, she quotes Gandhi "be the change you wish to see in the world" and takes it to heart by making every effort to stay engaged in the Lincoln community and support our school. According to Meera, "if we can all find a way to give back, it can go a long way!". So, how does she pull off this monthly event? It is hours of planning, coordinating with restaurants, scheduling, creating and distributing flyers, and event follow-up. Despite such a full schedule, Meera finds time to do the things she loves - playing tennis with her kids, gardening, cooking, running with other Lincoln moms and traveling to every corner of our beautiful Bay Area. Thank you for your time and effort for our community, Meera!

LINCOLN SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR 2024



PC: Tara Badwal

PROJECT CORNERSTONE



In January, we will be reading **The Recess Queen**, a heartwarming children's book that explores themes of empathy, inclusion, and the power of positive change. The story follows Katie Sue, a new student who befriends Mean Jean, the playground bully. Instead of fearing her, Katie Sue extends kindness and friendship, offering Mean Jean a different perspective on how to interact with others. Through Katie Sue's example, children learn the importance of understanding and caring for others, even when they may seem different or difficult. This story encourages children to create a more welcoming and enjoyable playground environment for everyone.

At home, you can encourage inclusion by asking your student to learn a new friend's name and share their experiences. Foster problem-solving by discussing challenges and finding solutions. Model empathy and perspective-taking during your interactions. Help your student build and maintain healthy friendships based on trust, respect, and empathy. Invite a child your student doesn't know well to a playdate. This encourages them to step outside their comfort zone and make new connections!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 15 Hungry Leopards at Panda Express
- Jan 16 January PTA Meeting
- Jan 17 Bingo Night

