

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PTA NEWSLETTER

President's Message

January PTA News



Hello Lincoln Community,

I hope that everyone is having a nice start to the New Year. I feel like we jumped right back into action after the break with Bingo Night, a PTA meeting, and Kindness Week. **A huge thank you to the teachers for organizing Kindness Week, the PTA was happy to support them with volunteers and supplies.**

At our January PTA meeting we **voted in our Nomination Committee**. Thank you to **Erika Macias, Tara Badwal, Bhama Vemuru, and Claire O'Neil** for volunteering to serve on the committee. **They will be looking to fill open PTA Executive Board and Chair positions for the 2025/2026 school year.** If you are interested in possibly volunteering please reach out to anyone on the committee or you can email Erika at lincolncupertinoptavicepres@gmail.com. Our next meeting will be on **March 5th at 8:15am**, which you may attend **in person or virtually**. We hope to see everyone there - find out what's going on in school and connect with fellow parents.

Please save the date for **March 3rd**, which is the day we will kick off our week long **Read-a-thon, PTA's biggest fundraiser** of the year, and will be how we raise funds to continue supporting the students, school and staff for next school year. **With these funds we are able to have free community events, provide field trip transportation, have school wide assemblies, host lunchtime activities and school day events for the students, give staff classroom funds, provide scholastic books for teachers and the library and much much more.** Please see below for information on how to sign up for volunteering for this event. And don't forget that it's a great way to encourage students to read outside of school hours!

Thank you all for your continued support! Like always if you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out at lincolncupertinoptapresident@gmail.com

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Lincoln PTA has done it again! This time we were *recognized for having equal or more than the total membership last year only halfway through this year!* If you're still not sure about what the PTA does, stop by the **bulletin board in the breezeway by the office** to find out about all upcoming PTA events and more.

Family Bingo Night on 1/17 was a huge success! Families gathered for an evening of fun, laughter, and friendly competition, with exciting prizes such as *Target gift cards, a Lincoln sweatshirt, Lincoln tote bags, beanies, and the coveted "Lunch with Principal Conner" experience!* Congratulations to the winners! The concession stand kept everyone fueled with delicious pizza, popcorn, and a variety of tasty snacks. Thank you to all who attended and made this event so special. We can't wait for the next one!



Join The PTA Executive Board

After two fabulous years, the current PTA **Treasurer Sabitha Krishnamurthy** will be stepping out of the role at the end of this year. **The PTA is now actively looking to fill the position for 2025/2026.** Please reach out to lincolncupertinoptapresident@gmail.com if this is you! Bonus - shadow Sabitha for the rest of the year to learn the ropes!

Project Cornerstone

One by Kathryn Otoshi is a simple yet powerful children's book that explores themes of bullying, friendship, and the power of unity. The story centers around a group of colored shapes, each with its own unique personality. Red, a hotheaded bully, torments Blue, a quiet and gentle shape. The other colors, Yellow, Orange, Green, and Purple, watch helplessly as Blue is bullied. However, when the number "One" appears, it inspires the other shapes to stand up to Red. Together, they find their voices and learn the importance of standing up for what's right. This empowering message teaches children about the power of unity and the importance of speaking out against injustice.

Ask your children about real-life examples of bullying and kindness. Practice mindfulness techniques to help children manage their emotions and develop a sense of empathy for others. Talk about how it feels when you feel like someone is bullying you or taking advantage of you or someone around you, and how you stand up to it. Ask your child how it feels when someone steps up to defend them, and encourage them to do that for others!

Upcoming Events

- Feb 7** Hungry Leopards at Ike's
- Feb 27** STEAM Fair
- Mar 3-7** Read-a-thon



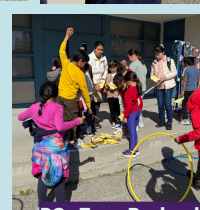
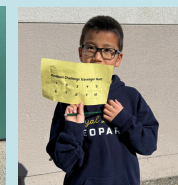
Join The PTA

Become a member today!
Together we can do so much!

Bingo Night



The Great Kindness Challenge



PC: Tara Badwal

Volunteer For The Read-a-Thon

Please visit **Konstella** to sign up for any of the **many available volunteer spots**. The more hands we have, the smoother everything will run!

We are always open to **fresh and creative ideas** for the Read-A-Thon, so don't hesitate to reach out to us at lincolncupertinoptatreasurer@gmail.com

Volunteer Spotlight

For the past three years, **Rashi Shroff** has been a dedicated volunteer at Lincoln, taking on various roles to support the school community. From **co-chairing the Reflections program** to volunteering as a **Project Cornerstone reader** and lending a hand at the book fair, art education week, and the beloved pumpkin patch, Rashi has contributed in countless ways. This year, she is also serving as the **PTA's auditor**. Whether it's assisting in her child's classroom or working behind the scenes, Rashi is always ready to help to ensure that our students have a nurturing and positive school environment.

Volunteering brings Rashi immense personal satisfaction, especially when seeing the joy on the children's faces. With one child in 4th grade and another in TK, being part of their school experience is incredibly rewarding. "As a **Project Cornerstone volunteer**, I feel like a **caring adult for these little kids who are going to build their future**," Rashi shares. Behind-the-scenes work, such as organizing Reflections submissions to the council and planning the award ceremony to give the children a boost, also brings a deep sense of fulfillment. As the Dalai Lama wisely said, *'The purpose of our lives is to be happy.'* This philosophy guides Rashi as she balances family, volunteering, and personal passions like cooking, dancing, hiking and traveling. Her dedication is a true gift to the Lincoln community!