

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PTA NEWSLETTER

special edition

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Lincoln Community!

Welcome to a new school year and to the first ever edition of our PTA newsletter! This is going to be a monthly publication that will be released on the first Monday of each month. A huge thank you to Bhama Vemuru for making this possible. I would like to invite you all to become a member of the PTA. It is a great way to show your support of the staff, advocate for the students, and meet other parents. Your membership dues go directly back into the school to fund community events, field trip transportation, assemblies and much more. We have a really exciting year planned with many fun activities and events. If you would like to learn more please join us for our first PTA meeting on September 12th at 5:00pm in the Multipurpose Room. Please reach out with any questions or if you would like more information on volunteer opportunities. We still have many open PTA chair positions that we are looking to fill in the coming weeks.

- Faith



AUGUST PTA NEWS

It's been a busy month at Lincoln once school started on August 15th. Students, Teachers and Staff quickly got busy falling into a school routine.

Meanwhile PTA lost no time in getting to the business of creating community. Our **Principal's Coffee** on the first day of school was a fantastic way to kick off the year, filled with engaging conversations and warm welcomes. Principal Conner shared an exciting new initiative, whereby classrooms work towards adopting a snow leopard by showing their commitment to the Lincoln Value System.

The first social event of the school year hosted by the PTA, the **Ice Cream Social**, held on August 23rd, was a smash hit with over 700 attendees! The event was packed with smiles, laughter, and a fantastic selection of treats. From popsicles to ice cream sandwiches, everyone savored the sweetest day of summer.



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

PTA Chair positions (Readathon, Red Ribbon Week, and many more) - LincolnCupertinoPtaPresident@gmail.com

JOIN THE PTA



Just your membership makes many of the PTA events possible for our school. **Together we can do so much!**



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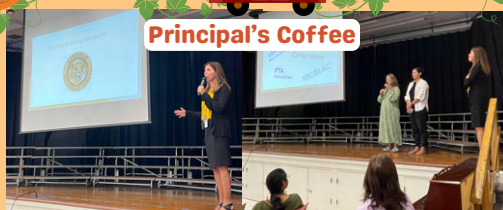


VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Volunteering comes naturally to **Adriana Pappas**. The parent of a 2nd grader, she has chaired many PTA events for our community including this year's Principal's Coffee and the August Ice Cream Social. Meticulous planning, pooling resources, coordinating with different individuals including vendors for ice cream are just some of the behind the scenes activities that Adriana has done to bring our Lincoln community these wonderful events.

Says Adriana - "Special thanks to **Sharyl Yao-Wang** for helping me organize the delicious treats with coffee and tea. We also appreciate **Shannon Bee** for helping, and everyone who joined us to make this a sweet beginning to a promising school year! A special thank you to our incredible volunteers for the Ice Cream Social—**Ms. Riccomini, Jeehae Park, Raquel Perez, Erika Macias, Sharyl Yao-Wang**—you made it all possible and unforgettable." The PTA and school community thanks you all for your time and commitment!

Principal's Coffee



Ice Cream Social



PROJECT CORNERSTONE

We are **JoEllen Poon and Shanthini Natarajan**, and we are leading Project Cornerstone at Lincoln this year! Project Cornerstone is a program developed in 2004 by a parent who wanted to help create a safe, caring climate at her son's elementary school. She had an idea to use children's literature to teach students concepts of empathy, kindness, and resiliency. At Lincoln, we have parents reading in every classroom! We will kick off our first book reading in October with the theme "Growing UPstanders". If you are interested in taking part in Project Cornerstone, please email us at: ProjectCornerstoneLincoln@gmail.com. And watch this space to find out about our latest book.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sept 9-13 National Arts in Education Week

Sept 10 Hungry Leopards at Local Kitchens

Sept 12 First PTA Meeting of the Year

Sept 27 Picnic(5pm-7pm) followed by Movie

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MEET THE PTA

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Faith Bonitz-Tanaka **President**

Hi! My name is Faith Bonitz-Tanaka and this is my family's 3rd year at Lincoln. I have 3 daughters, a 2nd grader, 7th grader and 11th grader. Last year I was the PTA Vice President and I am excited to be the President this year. I enjoy volunteering with the PTA to show my support for the staff, make an impact on my daughters' school experience, and to feel connected to the Lincoln community. I am also a ballet teacher and former professional ballet dancer so the arts hold a special place in my heart.

Erika Macias **Executive VP**



Hello Lincoln community! My name is Erika Macias and I have one son who is a fifth grader! This is my first year with an official PTA role and I will do my best to support the PTA president and board members so that the 24/25 school year is fun and memorable!



Shannon Bee **Secretary**

Hi, my name is Shannon Bee. This is my sixth year in the Lincoln community and my fourth year serving on the PTA Executive Board. I have a son in 5th grade. I am very grateful for the opportunity to volunteer and contribute to our community at Lincoln. Working with PTA members and parents has been a very enjoyable experience for me.

Sabitha Krishnamurthy **Treasurer**



Hi! My name is Sabitha Krishnamurthy and this is my family's 6th year at Lincoln and my 2nd year serving on the PTA Executive Board. I have 2 sons - a 4th grader and a 6th grader. I work in the tech industry. I joined the PTA as a means to be more involved with the school and community, and to make new friends (I've made many!). Being part of the PTA also gave me more exposure to all the hard work and efforts of the school and staff to enrich our child's learning experience, and the opportunity to show my support to them. Thanks!



Tara Badwal **Parliamentarian**

Hi! My name is Tara Badwal. I'm a mom of a 4th grader, Aish. I enjoy being a part of the PTA. This will be my 4th year. The last 2 years, I had the pleasure of serving Lincoln Elementary as President and this year I am excited to be Parliamentarian. I have found the PTA to be a nice way to connect with other parents and stay connected with the school. I look forward to a fun year ahead!!!

Jason Lim **Historian**



It's an honor to be part of our school's PTA and to connect with such a dedicated group of parents and educators. Over the years,

I've had the privilege of serving the Regnart and Lincoln school communities in various roles, including Project Cornerstone chair, audit committee member, classroom volunteer, and room parent. As I begin my second term as PTA Historian, and as a parent of a 4th grader, I'm deeply committed to making sure our school is a place where all children can excel academically, socially, and emotionally!



Adriana Pappas **Financial Secretary**

My name is Adriana Pappas. I have a second grader Iliana Pappas in room 22. I also have two older girls, one just

graduated from college and my second girl is in De Anza college. I'm the Financial Secretary on the PTA Executive Board. I enjoy volunteering for the PTA, and I feel more connected to my daughter and with the Lincoln community.

Bhama Vemuru **VP Communication**



Hello! I'm Bhama Vemuru, mom to 2 boys, one of whom is a 3rd grader at Lincoln who started here in TK. This is my first year on the board, having previously volunteered as a Project Cornerstone reader and designing flyers for our school events. I love that I can be a part of my child's school experience which I know he will remember a long time. It also allows me to interact with like-minded parents at school, all of whom are deeply invested in their children's school experience. I look forward to serving our community this year as VP Communication.

Sharyl Yao-Wang **VP Events**



Hello, I'm Sharyl Yao-Wang, but most people call me Shay. I have a daughter in second grade and a son who will be in Kindergarten next year. This is my first year on the PTA Executive Board and my second year with the LEEF board. I'm enthusiastic about volunteering to create meaningful experiences for our children and to build connections that strengthen our community.