



LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PTA NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Lincoln Community,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! I always enjoy taking a moment at this time of year to pause and reflect on everything I have to be grateful for. I feel very fortunate to be a part of our school community. **I am thankful for our Lincoln staff, all of the parent volunteers, and our PTA members.**

Tomorrow is **Giving Tuesday**, a day set aside to make charitable donations to organizations that are important to you. In lieu of donations, we would like to invite you to join the PTA if you haven't already done so this school year. By joining the PTA, you are joining other like minded parents and community members who want to enrich the lives of children and enhance their school experience. When you join the Lincoln PTA you also become a member of the California State PTA, which is the largest advocacy group for children in the state. We really are stronger when we all come together for a common cause and the more members we have the more we will be able to accomplish.

December is also **Scholastic Book Fair** month at Lincoln! With books for all ages including adults, this is a very exciting week for our students and families. Be sure to look for flyers with more information as well as instructions on how to open an eWallet. Also, if you're looking to get the latest **Spirit Wear**, t-shirts (\$16) and sweatshirts (\$33) will be on sale during the book fair.

I wish everyone a joyous holiday season! I hope you are able to make memories with family and loved ones, and find a little time to rest and recharge. Please never hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. You can email me at lincolncupertinoptapresident@gmail.com. All My Best - Faith



NOVEMBER PTA NEWS

This month **Lincoln PTA** was recognized as one of the CA PTAs to have 100 members in the first 100 days as well for reaching 30 members before October 30! Thank you for your support and we look forward to getting stronger!

The **Hungry Leopards** event in November was at the popular **Chipotle** on De Anza Blvd. 25% of the sales went towards our fundraiser, giving us \$175.26. We hope you enjoyed the Mexican fare, and thank you for your participation and support!

The **Box Tops for Education** program continues to bring funds to our school, at \$119.70 currently. We encourage everyone to sign up for this program to support our school. Just signing up gives 25 points (\$2.50) with specials every month. Be on the lookout for a flyer for December!

The first test of the **Math Olympiad** through MOEMS was conducted on November 17, with all of our registered students signing in from their homes, and was administered by MOEMS co-chairs **Nithya Vijayakumar, Anu Ramanathan and Shikha Mittal**. Next test coming up in January - all the best!



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Book Fair needs volunteers for various tasks. If you're interested in helping out, email: LincolnCupertinoPtaPresident@gmail.com or sign up on Konstella



JOIN THE PTA

Speak Up! PTA is a forum for exchanging ideas - you are encouraged to make suggestions and more effectively suggest change at your child's school. **Together we can do so much!**

CONNECT WITH US



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

It's Book Fair month! As you get excited to find your favorite books and proudly own a copy to read, re-read and re-read again, have you wondered who the driving force behind this event is? **Book Fair Chair** this year is **Claire O'Neill**, mom of a 5th grader and a 2nd grader at Lincoln, and our volunteer of the month. When asked what motivates her to give her time, she quoted JFK who said "Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country", as she considers showing up for the causes we care about our civic duty, which includes volunteering at your child's public school. A native of Ireland, Claire has volunteered with Special Olympics Ireland, Age Action Ireland, and brought her sense of civic duty to the United States, volunteering with Grassroots Ecology at Blackberry Farm, serving on the Board of Directors at her kids' preschool, as well as helping kids in foster care. When she goes to her children's classrooms to **read for Project Cornerstone** or for class parties, she enjoys watching their reactions when she shows up, while knowing that she is able to give the teachers a tiny break during those times. Having started volunteering at the school only in the last 2 years after her youngest started Kinder, she already has contributed in various ways by chaperoning field trips, volunteering at events like the hot chocolate day during the read-a-thon, field day, multicultural night, kindness week, covered yard duty during Teacher Appreciation Week, and will soon chair **5th Grade Promotion**. But why Book Fair? "I love to read and learn!" - thank you, Claire, for bringing your enthusiasm to Lincoln.



PROJECT CORNERSTONE Special

On November 14, 1960, six-year-old **Ruby Bridges** became the first African American child to attend an all-white elementary school and became a national icon for the **Civil Rights Movement**. Today, her story continues to inspire the next generation to end racism. As she bravely walked to school every morning, we recognize her on **November 14th by walking to school in support of equality for all**. Ruby Bridges has also authored numerous books including **"I Am Ruby Bridges"** and **"Through My Eyes"**. Project Cornerstone readers continue to tell her story by reading these books to Lincoln children every year.

This year we had three different locations to start our walk: Blackberry Farm, Linda Vista Farm and McClellan, led by **Shan Natarajan, Tara Badwal and Bhama Vemuru** respectively. We had over 200 students, teachers, staff, friends and family join, and many more join at Lincoln as students walked together around the field. It was a sea of purple beanies, mittens, headbands, wristbands and t-shirts. Students proudly held up signs that they made at school or at home. Their signs pledged their support for Ruby Bridges with encouraging words such as, **"Lincoln Includes All People"**, **"Stop Bullying"**, and **"I Pledge to be Kind"**.

What an amazing event!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 9-13** Scholastic Book Fair
- Dec 10** Hungry Leopards at Habit Burger
- Dec 11** Scholastic Book Fair - Family Night



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