

Lincoln Links



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Website: www.burlingameschools.com/lincoln

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Coming Events:

3-20 SSC 3:15
3-20 Parent Ed.
Night @ BIS
3-21 Noon PTA
Mtg. Library
3/24-28- Spring
Break- No School
4-1, 8, 15, 22,
29: Walk to
School Tuesdays!
4-8 Board Mtg. 7
PM D.O.
4-9 6:30 Kinder
Orientation MPR
4-11 Giant's
Night
4-17 PTA Mtg. 7
PM Library
4-18 Movie Night
4-21, 22, and 28:
Incoming kinder-
garten
assessment
4/21-25 Turn Off
TV Week
4-22 Earth Day
Assembly
4-23 Math Night
4/28-5/2 Outdoor
Ed. 5th Grade
4-30 BIS
Orientation

Have a gr-r-reat week
& weekend,
Lynn Gurnee,
Principal

SSC ELECTIONS: We have two parent openings for next year's School Site Council. Please let Lynn Gurnee, Sumita Fleming, or

ote Eliot Alfi know if you're interested in serving on this committee. (See web site for contact information.) We meet monthly on Thursdays from 3:15-4:15. Our team of parents and staff review the school plan and approve the annual school improvement budget. We also review and update the plan on an ongoing basis. If you would like more information, please see the SSC link on our web site or contact Lynn, Sumita, or Eliot, who are the co-chairs retiring from SSC. Deadline: April 18, 2008.

INTENT TO RETURN? Please return the form informing us of your intent to return to Lincoln or attend BIS by April 11. We attached the form to this newsletter. Thanks for helping us plan for next year.

2008-2009 DISTRICT CALENDAR: Attached to this issue of the Links is next year's school calendar. We begin the new school year on Tuesday, August 26. Please note the school days off and schedule your vacations during these times. (We STILL have not reached our goal of 98% attendance and hope to do that very soon)! On the back of this calendar you'll find Lincoln's April calendar. Just when you think the March madness is over, we take a deep breath to get ready for the busy line-up in April.

SAVE THE DATE: The April 8 Board meeting will feature our student council present Carol Qiao. Carol will read the second amendment to our Constitution and tell us a bit about herself. Come hear our Lincoln Lion roar!

SPRING BREAK NEXT WEEK:

Hope you have a fabulous time with family and friends. We will see you on Mon., March 31 when school resumes.

CONFERENCE SUCCESS: Teachers had positive things to say about their conferences. We appreciate the hard work teachers put into preparing report cards, goal review, and portfolios. We also thank parents for making every effort to come at the time agreed upon and their patience for the few conferences that ran a little late. Sitting in on some of the student-led conferences was fun to hear the reflections about the goals. We know the kids at Lincoln are really special! ☺

PTA NEWS: Tomorrow is our fun lunch PTA meeting at noon in the library. Come find out who our officers are for next year! We'll be discussing state budget, BSD boundaries & the bond projects. Plus we'll talk about school lunch, superintendent search, early bird/ late bird schedules, and much more.

SPRING FEVER: Uh-Oh! With weather changes, allergies, growth spurts, and vacation, things may get stressful. Plus at this is the time of year many kids make a developmental leap. Your child may be processing more, but change is hard. Something that may help is stop and smell the flowers. And speaking of that...

Check out the planter boxes by room 15! Thanks Dave Mossolo of Millbrae Lumber for the donation of all the lumber used to make the planter boxes. Dave also donated the wood for the garden!

WEE CARE

The theme for this month's Project Wee Care collection is "Giving Makes Us All Feel Lucky". Please help support CALL Primrose by donating toiletries and personal hygiene products and food. The last day of our collection is tomorrow, Friday, March 21. Working together, we make our community a better place to live.

FILMS AT THE LIBRARY

Come and enjoy 4 Fun Family Films on Fridays – a series of free events at the Burlingame Public Library, 480 Primrose Road. The movies begin at 4:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium – March 28

Nancy Drew – April 4

Bee Movie – April 11

Enchanted – April 18

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 650-558-7440.

WALK-A-THON

ARE you ready to ROAR? Are you ready to RUMBLE? Save the date for a walk through the JUNGLE! Mark May 9th on your calendars now. Lincoln's third annual Take a Walk on the Wildside Walk-a-thon will take place after school on Friday, May 9th.

We are currently looking for Event Sponsors to underwrite the cost of the event. Not only will we be eternally thankful, we'll put your name up in lights (well on a few posters, at least!). If this opportunity to support your school interests you, please contact Christine Thorsteinson, christine.thorsteinson@gmail.com.

Would you like to spend a couple of crazy hours out in the sunshine, cheering on our walkers? Then volunteer now to assist with the Walk-a-thon. There are roles of all size and description - we can find something for everyone to do! Contact Stephanie McMaster (mcmaster2k1@sbcglobal.net) and she'll put you to work.

A WILD art contest for students!

Lincoln's third annual walk-a-thon is Friday, May 9th and we need WILD artwork to help promote this event. The design will be featured on our walk-a-thon t-shirts! This contest is open to all Lincoln students, K through 5th grade. Our theme is "Take a Walk on the Wildside". What you draw is up to you, but it should have something to do with the theme. Get those creative juices flowing. Be WILD!

A few rules:

- * use white 8 1/2 x 11 paper only
- * use black marker only (The final design will be printed in color)
- * you can turn in more than one design
- * label your art on the back with your name and room number
- * turn your art into the Office by April 2nd.

Questions? Call Christine Thorsteinson, 490-4803, christine.thorsteinson@gmail.com

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT ON THE FEBRUARY 26, 2008 AND MARCH 4, 2008 STUDY SESSIONS AND THE MARCH 11, 2008 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FEBRUARY 26, 2008 STUDY SESSION:

1) The Board of Trustees selected Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates, Ltd. to conduct the superintendent search for the Burlingame School District.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MARCH 4, 2008 STUDY SESSION:

1) The Board of Trustees reviewed the search process and set timelines for meetings with Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates, Ltd., the superintendent search firm.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MARCH 11, 2008 REGULAR MEETING:

1) Jing-Jing Wang, Assistant Superintendent/Chief Business Official, announced she would be resigning from the Burlingame School District at the end of the school year. We wish Jing-Jing well after seven years of dedicated service to the Burlingame School District. Dr. Robert Clark, Principal of Washington School, is slated to replace Jing-Jing as Assistant Superintendent/Chief Business Official.

2) The Board of Trustees approved the Community Based English Tutoring (CBET) Program for the 2008/09 school year.

3) The Board of Trustees approved a contract with Mandate Resource Services to provide Mandated Cost Claims preparation and a contract amendment with Chartwells/Compass Group on Capital Expenditures.

4) The Board of Trustees approved a change to Board Regulation 6115 Ceremonies and Observances.

5) The Board of Trustees approved the Academic Calendar for 2008/09.

6) The Board of Trustees received an update on bond projects from the District's architects, Dreiling, Terrones Bartos Architecture Inc.

7) The Board of Trustees received information on the Second Interim Report and approved Budget Changes Resolution 2007/08-15.

8) The Board of Trustees approved an increase in Developer Fees.

9) The Board of Trustees received information on a summer school meal waiver request.

10) The Board of Trustees approved the Financial Advisor Agreement between Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC and the Burlingame School District.

The next meeting of the Burlingame School District Board of Trustees will be held on April 8, 2008.

At 5:30 p.m., prior to the regular Board meeting, a study session will be held where a presentation will be made on the Superintendent Search Leadership Profile. At the regular meeting, scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Board items will include: the presentation of a Boundary Study proposal, a review of the District's Interdistrict Transfer Policy and approval of contracts for architects. Parents, staff and community members are invited to attend meetings of the Board of Trustees. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Dr. Sonny Da Marto, Superintendent

March 17, 2008

Burlingame School District Budget Survey Coming Soon!

To: The Burlingame School District Community
From: From the District Budget Advisory Committee (BAC)

Dear Burlingame Community,

The State of California is anticipating a budget deficit of \$14 to \$16 billion in 2008-09 which will impact school funding statewide. The Governor has proposed a 2008-09 budget that would fund schools at a level significantly below the Proposition 98 minimum funding guarantee level. This budget would eliminate the cost of living increase for 2008-09 (of approximately 4%) and reduce funding levels for general education programs by an additional 3% from 2007-08 (current year) levels. The Burlingame School District Board, administrators, and other committees are taking pro-active steps in light of this budget issue. It is important to both balance our budget in 2008-09 (next school year) and protect the most important programs. However, if the governor's proposal were to be implemented, we will need to make significant cuts to the district's educational programs.

The Burlingame School District values your opinion. The BAC plans to conduct a survey in early April requesting your input. The purpose of this survey is to understand which programs the parents and staff of the District most value. It is intended to help the School Board identify budget reductions and determine the priority list for reinstating funds to the budget should funding be greater than the governor is currently proposing. The board will utilize the survey results along with many other considerations to make the best decisions for our children and keeping our district financially responsible.

An automated voice announcement, email, and bulletin notice will be sent out when the survey becomes available. Your input will be very helpful.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Budget Advisory Committee. A list of the members along with budget information can be found at www.burlingame-elementary.com

Sincerely,

The Budget Advisory Committee



Lincoln Lions

APRIL 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 31: School resumes WELCOME BACK! ☺	1 K-8 Meetings (Tuesday at 2:00 Release) Walk to School Tuesdays Yoga	2 Yoga	3 Hazardous Air./ Fire Drill Yoga	4 School counselor 8:30-12
7 Happy Monday! ☺	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-8 Meetings Board Meeting featuring Lincoln student council pres. Election Day MPR 	9 6:30 Kindergarten Orientation MPR	10 FAMILY LUNCH DAY!	11 Giant's Night
14 National Library Week (Did you remember to welcome Gennie back?)	15 K-8 Meetings Yoga	16 <i>Suzanne Hall visits Lincoln</i> Yoga	17 BIS Parent Conferences, 6:00-8:00 PM PTA Mtg. 7 PM Yoga Spring Harvest	18 <u>BIS 1:30 Dismissal</u> Movie Night & Dad's Club BBQ (Enchanted) Spring Harvest School counselor 8:30-12
21 <i>Turnoff TV Week</i> Incoming Kindergarten Assessment KOHL music 3 rd garde Wee Care all week	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-8 Meetings Board Meeting Earth Day Assembly Incoming Kindergarten Assessment 	23 Math night Admin. Professional Day-Thanks Nancy & all district support staff	24 SSC 3:15 Lynns Office	25 Incoming Kindergarten Assessment
28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Literacy Assessment begins / Incoming Kindergarten Assessment 5th & 7th physical Fitness testing begins Lincoln & Washington Outdoor Education 	29 K-8 Meetings	30 BIS Orientation for 5 th Graders	May 1 It's May already! ☺	May 2 5 th graders return from Outdoor Ed. ☺ School counselor 8:30-12 Father/Daughter Dance

BURLINGAME SCHOOL DISTRICT
2008/2009 Calendar
 Approved 3/11/08

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*Teacher Meeting 1/2 Day August 25
 ☆ First Day of School Aug. 26

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☆ Last Day of School
 June 11

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Holidays

Sept. 1 Labor Day
 Nov. 11 Veteran's Day
 Nov. 26/27/28 Thanksgiving Days
 Dec./Jan. 12/22-1/2 Winter Break

Jan. 19 Martin Luther King Day
 Feb. 16-20 Presidents' Week
 Apr. 6-10 Spring Break
 May 25 Memorial Day

Parameters

181.5 Teacher Workdays
 NS Day March 6 (no students)

☐ Vacation Days (shaded) ☐ Teacher Work Day ○ Teacher Professional Develop. Day △ Holiday ☆ 1st & Last Day of School for Students

The Librarian's Guide to Great Web Sites for Kids

Great
Web
Sites

The Internet, World Wide Web, information superhighway, and cyberspace are all words used to describe an exciting and fun learning tool that continues to offer families and children access to a wide variety of information.

At the touch of a keyboard or screen, at the click of a mouse or by voice command, it is possible to view a copy of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address or today's breaking news. Children can find assistance with their science projects, watch a movie trailer, or send electronic messages by e-mail, instant messages, or chat, to a friend across the street, in another town, or another country.

Using this technology wisely with your children will help keep them safe and provide fun and educational experiences for the whole family.

Since the sheer volume of places to go and things to do online can be overwhelming, parents and children might need help finding the most useful and appropriate information on the Internet. Librarians are experts at selecting, organizing, and categorizing information, making it easier for you and your children to use. Today, librarians are applying those same skills to cyberspace so that you and your child can make the most of the vast resources the Internet offers.

We hope that these tips and guidelines will help you and your children enjoy the benefits of the Internet. Remember: It's not the technology, but how it is used that makes a difference in a child's life.

Keep up with the Internet!

How do parents and children keep up with new technologies and the opportunities they provide for fun and learning?

Whether you have Internet access from home, libraries and librarians are always there to help. Almost all libraries also offer free Internet access for adults and children.

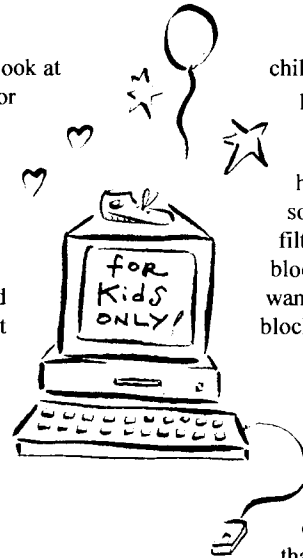
A great starting point is the American Library Association's "Great Web Sites for Kids" (www.ala.org/greatsites). These sites are fun to visit and many of them are educational. They are easy to navigate, have clearly identified authoring sources, and make effective use of

You and your children can also look at your local library's Web pages for recommended Web sites, take classes on Internet use for children and adults, get homework help, and attend the special programs your local libraries, schools, or community centers provide to get acquainted with the newest and best Internet technology and content. This way both you and your children can become experts in what the Internet has to offer.

Spending Time Online

Spending time online with your children is the best way both to learn about the Internet and to teach your children responsibility, good conduct and the values that are important to you. Ask children to share their favorite Web sites and what they like about them. Help them discover Web sites that can assist with their homework, hobbies, and other special interests. A set of suggested criteria is available at the Great Web Sites for Kids. These criteria are helpful for parents and children when considering the quality or validity of any Web site.

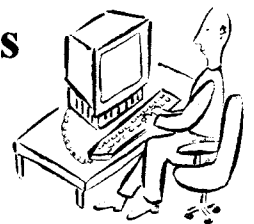
The vast majority of Internet sites are safe. But, like the real world, the virtual world contains content that may not be appropriate for children. Parents also should examine Web sites for racial, gender, and other



children. For your home computer, parents need to learn about and decide if filtering software has an appropriate role in your household. Studies on such software have demonstrated that filters are not perfect. They cannot block everything you might not want your child to see, and may block information that is helpful.

Whether or not a filter is in place, guidance from parents and other adults is crucial in creating safe and positive Internet experiences for your children. We strongly recommend that you supervise older as well as younger children's Internet use at home and at the library. It's a good idea to place computers in the kitchen, family room, or

Sites for Parents and Caregivers



• www.safekids.com/child_safety.htm

A guide to Internet safety for young people, originally from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and Interactive Services Association.

• www.connectforkids.org

This nonprofit site provides news and information on issues affecting kids and families, over 1,500 helpful links to national and local resources, and two e-mail newsletters.

• www.kidshealth.org

Articles on many aspects of child health—for parents, kids, and health professionals—from the Nemours Foundation.

• www-personal.umich.edu/~pfa/dreamhouse/nursery/rhymes.html

A collection of nursery rhymes, with tips on how to share them with children of different ages.

Find out more at

Sites for Kids

☛ www.scholastic.com/harrypotter

Scholastic has created a fun-filled site for Harry Potter fans of all ages. Click on this site and find a trivia game, a pronunciation guide, owl posts and more.

☛ www.seussville.com

The Cat in the Hat, Sam-I-Am, Horton and the Whos, and the rest of the Seuss characters welcome you to Seussville. Dr. Seuss's playground in cyberspace. You can play games, chat with the Cat in the Hat, win prizes, find out about new Dr. Seuss books and CD-ROMs, and much, much more!

☛ www.timeforkids.com

This companion to the Time for Kids magazine connects youth with up-to-the-minute news and current events. The site also includes a dictionary, measurement conversion table, country information and games. Full-text articles are available in English and Spanish.

☛ www.congressforkids.net

Learn the basics about the U.S. government with activities led by Uncle Sam.

Find out more at
www.ala.org/greatsites

living room so that you can see your children using it. Young children should never be allowed to "surf the Net" alone. Review your safety guidelines with them on a regular basis.

Suggested Family Internet Activities

The best way to ensure your child's safety on the Internet is to be there. Of course, that is not always possible. Just as you teach your children rules about dealing with strangers outside the home, you must provide rules for communicating online at home or elsewhere. Discuss your library or community center's Internet use policy with children as well as your family rules. You may also decide to

make an "Internet Use Agreement" with your child. Getnetwise.org offers sample contracts.

☛ Always ask your parents' permission before using your full name, address, telephone number, or school name anywhere on the Internet.

☛ Don't respond to messages that make you feel uncomfortable or uneasy.

☛ Never tell anyone your passwords.

☛ Do not give out credit card numbers without parents' permission.

☛ Never arrange to meet in person someone you've met online unless you discuss it with your parents and an adult goes with you.

☛ Do not believe everything you see or hear online. Some people may be trying to sell you something or spread inaccurate information. If information you see or hear seems untrustworthy or frightening, discuss with your parents or other adults you trust.



Teaching Children About Netiquette

It's also important to teach children "netiquette"—how to behave online. Such straightforward rules as not typing in all capital letters (it looks like you are shouting), being polite, and keeping quiet in chat rooms until you get a sense of what people are talking about, are simply good manners as well as common sense.

Types of Sites

Just as there are different TV channels and kinds of magazines, there are many types of places to visit in cyberspace.

Here are a few examples:

World Wide Web sites often contain colorful graphics, sound and animation, as well as text, and each may be linked to many other Web sites. Many of the most informative sites are sponsored by educational and nonprofit organizations. Some

sites are sponsored by movie companies, toy manufacturers, publishers, and other firms to sell their products. There also are thousands of sites created by individuals to express an idea, pursue a hobby, or "publish" their own vision.

Databases offer an enormous quantity of searchable information. Whether compiled by a commercial entity or other institutions such as museums and the federal or local government, experts tend to be consulted or in charge of content selection.

Search Engines are computer programs that search and store information about Web sites and allow users to locate web sites based on such information. Unlike a database, a search engine is not composed of human experts in its compilation process and cannot judge the validity or authority of each Web site found.

E-mail is electronic mail that makes it possible to send a written message to one person or thousands almost instantaneously.

Instant Messaging (IM, IMing, ICQ, etc.) allows people to see if their friends are using the Internet and then send messages back and forth in "real time." This combines the "instant" aspects of a chat with the messaging aspects of e-mail. IM is also available on some cellular phones.

Blog (Weblog) is a frequent, chronological publication of personal thoughts and Web links—a personal online journal that can be viewed by all.

Chat rooms are generally devoted to particular subjects like baseball or video games. Participants can talk to each other in "real time," with their remarks appearing as they type them in.

Usenet groups are postings on specific topics, where the comments—and sometimes images—follow one another in a "bulletin board" style.

Discussion/Mailing Lists (listserv*) are email-based online communities that allow subscribing members to exchange ideas on a given topic. List topics range from pure entertainment (movie star fan mailing list) to highly specialized professional discourses (applications of biopsychology).

FRIDAY, APRIL 18th

Lincoln Dad's Club brings you *Family Movie Night!*



**Multi-Purpose Room Doors open at 6, movie starts around 7.
Folding chairs in back, floor up front. Blankets/beach chairs optional.**

**\$5 entry fee at the door gets you: Admission, a slice of PIZZA,
popcorn/candy, a drink, and a raffle ticket for prizes.
(More of each can be had for \$1.)**

Proceeds benefit Lincoln Elementary School

Questions/Volunteers: Contact Ben Cheyette: bc@lppi.ucsf.edu