

Linc's Link

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Hand in Hand, We Can!

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Reminder Notes

Thursday, October 15

If you're participating, the annual Great Shake-Out's scheduled for 10:15 a.m.! Even if you're not, make sure you know what to do during an earthquake! 📶

Friday, October 16

Calling for Reflections participants! Get your creative juices flowing and get rewarded for it! Get your submissions in today! Seriously, you matter because... you do! Learn more and register at PTA.org/Reflections. Still got questions? Contact PTA President Jeannine Watanabe at Jgardea21@yahoo.com. ⌚

October 19-23

It's Red Ribbon Week. Do you know what to do? Monday, stretch for five minutes; for Tuesday, wear a positive "I Am ____" statement about yourself; Wednesday, just stay in your pjs (which is normal for some of you); on Thursday, eat a red fruit or veggie; and finally on Friday wear red from your waist to your head (in other words, wear a red shirt, folks)! Be sure to post pictures and/or email them to us for the yearbook! 📷

Friday, October 23

When can you pick up the Lincoln Spirit wear you ordered you ask? From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on this wondrous Wednesday! 📣

Sunday, October 25

Skecher's Virtual Friendship Walk starts at 10 a.m. and ends...when you do, silly! It's virtual! However long it takes you, just know that it's for a good cause: Lincoln Lions! Thanks for supporting us! 📱

Principal's Perspective

As we continue to forge ahead this school year, I hope that your daily routines and schedules have become more manageable and things have settled a bit as we all continue to adjust to our new "normal" this school year. I will admit, as I was doing some planning and looking ahead on the calendar, I did have moments of melancholy about not being able to hold the events and activities scheduled for this time of year.



I especially felt this about the awesome Multicultural Night we held last fall. So many of us came together that evening to celebrate and educate ourselves on some of the wonderful cultures and ethnicities that make up this school community. It was a memorable event that set into motion plans, ideas, and suggestions on how to make that event *this* year even more memorable and enjoyable—plans that, unfortunately, were placed on hold. That evening reminded me of how important it is to celebrate our differences, how beneficial it is to learn about others, and how joyfully unifying it is to share where we come from and what makes each of us unique. Food from Japan, dances from Hungary, cultural garb from Samoa...it was all so amazing to see and experience!

As we've all been forced to rely upon technology more than ever before, it seems as though the world is getting smaller and smaller while the importance of integrating multicultural education into our daily instruction and our daily lives is a necessity that has grown exponentially. I know this is certainly something that I need to get better at as we continue to build upon and improve the quality of education we offer our young people.

With that, I would be remiss if I did not share that we are currently at the tail end of Hispanic Heritage Month. This month is unique in that it occurs during two different calendar months, beginning on September 15 and going till October 15. These dates are significant because several countries gained independence during this span of time, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua on September 15; Mexico on September 16; Chile on September 18; Belize on September 21; and the territory of Puerto Rico on September 23. Hispanic Heritage

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Month is a time for Americans with roots in these countries to honor their respective cultures and the rich history behind them. We at Lincoln are fortunate to have an expansive Hispanic student population that enriches us daily with their language and strong cultural values.

Like our Multicultural Night, celebrating Hispanic heritage is also one of the ways we learn about one another and teach our students to be culturally aware and empathic. This builds strong social skills and relationships, both of which make for a better tomorrow and—with our current state of affairs—I'm all for that! Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!

Mrs. Castleberry

Arlington + Lincoln = ArLincoln

So have you heard the news that we're teaming up with Arlington Elementary? In an effort to ease the strain on teachers virtually teaching not one but two grade levels at the same time and students struggling with their teacher's divided attention, TUSD dismantled the combo distance learning (DL) classes at our two schools by moving some of our fifth graders and third graders to Arlington and moving some of their kindergarteners and fourth graders to Lincoln.

Only DL classes were affected because DL students, unlike blended (BL) students, will not return to campus for in-person classes this school year—even if our school campuses reopen—so transferring them does not affect the spacing needed for social distancing BL students will still have to do when they return to campus.

Despite their official *transferred* status, this group of almost 40 students will be "shared" between the two schools with both PTA boards supporting the idea of keeping the students involved with their original schools. And, yes, of course our ArLincoln students will be in our Lincoln yearbook...as long as they send in pictures!



What do you do when you're feeling overwhelmed?



Mrs. Castleberry
I do something I have control over, like clean up a room.



William Wamsley
When I feel overwhelmed, I take a break.



Mrs. Komiyama
I isolate myself and hide away for 10–15 minutes... or until my kids find me.



Davy Low
I try to go back to sleep but my parents won't let me.



Mrs. Genie
Jog if possible. If not, I listen to feel-good music.



Mrs. Tammy
Hydrate or meditate. I don't really like meditating but it does help.



Nick Watanabe
I like to go to the beach.

Share Your Thoughts

What is your favorite food? (Or one of them, at least.)

The holidays are coming! The holidays are coming! For many of us who love to eat, this is the best time of year! Email your answer by November 1st so we can include it in a future issue! Add a picture if possible!

Email your answers as well as any suggestions, comments, questions, etc. to lincslinks submissions@gmail.com. Send us drawings inspired by your life, teacher, homework, or school in general. C'mon, there's gotta be *something* you want to share with us!



Lincoln Elementary
Red Ribbon Week
A Healthy "Me" is Drug Free

Monday October 19	Tuesday October 20	Wednesday October 21	Thursday October 22	Friday October 23
STRETCH MY BODY, STRETCH MY MIND, A HEALTHY ME IS WHAT YOU'LL FIND.	"I AM....." SURROUND YOURSELF WITH POSITIVE WORDS.	LIGHTS OUT ON DRUGS. SLEEP IS IMPORTANT TO STAY HEALTHY.	FEEL HEALTHY BE HEALTHY EAT HEALTHY	NO DRUGS FOR ME. I WANT TO STAY HEALTHY AND SAFE!
 STRETCH FOR 5 MINUTES TODAY.	HELLO BRAVE WEAR A NAME TAG WITH A POSITIVE "I AM" STATEMENT ABOUT YOURSELF.  I AM AWESOME I AM SPECIAL I AM GRATEFUL I AM HAPPY I AM LOVED	WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS 	 EAT A HEALTHY RED FRUIT OR VEGETABLE TODAY	 WEAR RED FROM HEAD TO WAIST 

Give Us Your Best Guess!

Thank you to all who supported our school by donating reams of white copy paper. *Look, you literally supported Mrs. Castleberry!* We received a total of 282 reams and Mr. Covey's class brought in the most. How many reams did



his class donate? Send your best guess to us at LincsLinkSubmissions@gmail.com and if you guess the correct number, you'll get a prize sent home to you with your next school pickup.

Started in 1985, Red Ribbon Week is the nation's largest and longest-running drug awareness and prevention program, according to the United States DEA.

Color this picture by Ally Low (Class of 2017) and then send a picture of it along with your name and teacher's name to LincsLinkSubmissions@gmail.com for a chance to have it included in a future newsletter and/or the yearbook. Plus you'll get a little appreciation gift just for sending it!!

