A newsletter for and by Lincoln Lions and their families keeping our community close and connected

Linc's Link

This issue's title was colored and submitted by Trent Mura. Thank you, Trent! Love the many colors!

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Reminder Notes

Wednesdays & Thursdays
11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Hang out at Lincoln Lounge Classroom! https://meet.google.com/lookup/gmvid26dt3?authuser=2&hs=179

Monday, February 8



No school. Happy birthday, President Lincoln! (That'll be 212 candles this year.)

Thursday, February 11
Welcome back, blended 2nd grade! Yay!

Friday, February 12



Happy Lunar New Year! It's the Year of the Ox, which is characterized by hard work, positivity, and honesty! *Yes!*

Sunday, February 14



Spread the love! Like butter.

Monday, February 15
No school. Thank you, Mr. President and Mr. President and Mr. President...

5:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 18
Association meeting followed by Honorary Service Awards presentation. See page 6.

February 22–26
Literacy Week's coming up so plan ahead! See page 5 for details.

February 22–March 7
Online Book Fair! Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

Friday, February 26
Open enrollment ends on TUSD.org and...
March 1–5 kindergarten enrollment begins on TUSD.org. Need more info? Call the Family Welcome and Enrollment Center at (310) 972-6280!

Principal's Perspective



Katherine Castleberry, perservering principal

I hope everyone is safe and well!! We were very happy to re-welcome our kindergarten and first-grade students back to campus last week and look forward to the arrival of our second grade students this Thursday, February 11th. I know many of you still have concerns with students returning to campus—this is certainly understandable —but I'd like to assure you that the staff and I are working hard to ensure that the Department of Public Health safety protocols and guidelines are being followed closely, as the wellbeing of students and staff remain our top priority. All of our efforts are worth it when we see the excited smiles on the faces of our youngest learners as they return to campus.

It's February, which means it's Black History Month! Did you know that long before Black History Month was nationally recognized in 1976, it began as Negro History Week? In 1926, Carter G. Woodson and the Association of the Study of Negro Life and History chose the second week of February to celebrate Negro History Week because it coincided with two birthdays that the Black community was already celebrating, Abraham Lincoln (February 12th) and Frederick Douglass (February 14th). As Negro History Week gained momentum, Woodson believed that rather than focus on just two men, the Black community needed to recognize the vast number of Black men and women who shaped history over the years.



Fanny Jackson Coppin, pioneering principal

As early as the 1940s, Negro History Month was being celebrated by Blacks in West Virgina, but it wasn't until the 1960s that Negro History Week would ultimatley become Black History Month as black students on college campuses became increasingly conscious of links with Africa. Since that time, Black History Month has grown to be recognized internationally with a continued focus on acknowledging the significant contributions and accomplishments of Blacks throughout history.

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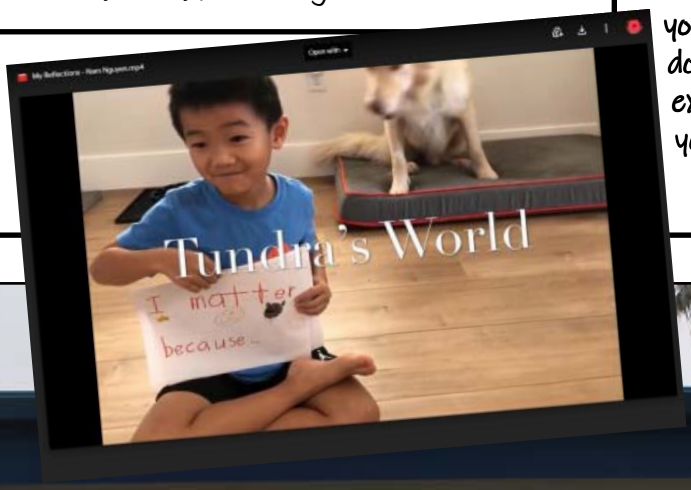
With that, making her mark on history was Fanny Jackson Coppin, the first African-American female principal. Escaping slavery at the age of 12, she indulged in self-taught education until she enrolled in Oberlin College where she was given her first opportunity to teach. Right after graduation, Coppin began teaching at the Institute of Colored Youth in Philadelphia and became the principal of the girls' high school department of the school. She remained as principal for 37 years.

I am so very proud to be Lincoln's principal and to stand on the shoulders of those educators who came before me in this noble profession. Happy Black History Month!

— *Mrs. Castleberry*

Reflections Update

Congratulations to Micah Nguyen for receiving the Award of Excellence (highest score) in Film, Primary Level, and to Madeline Sanada for receiving the Award of Merit (second highest score) for Dance Choreography, Intermediate Level, from among all the Torrance entries. Micah's entry will continue on to the 33rd District level. We're so proud of you both for doing so well expressing yourselves!

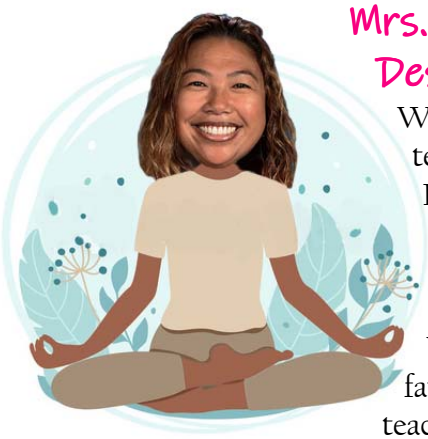






Just had to get in on the fun of Photoshopping Senator Sanders into different pictures and places! Don't you think our friendship bench is the perfect place for him to warm up for a bit?

Getting to Know Our Teachers



Mrs. Rosell Dessert

What grade do you teach? 1st grade.
How many years have you been teaching? 7 years
What's your favorite thing about teaching? Seeing the special moments when the students really understand a concept. Their eyes light up with big smiles. Also, I love watching the students grow academically and socially each year.
What are your hobbies? Meditating, listening to music and of course watching Hallmark movies
Any advice for your students? Believe in yourself!



Mrs. Michele Kaneshiro

What grade do you teach? 5th grade.
How many years have you been teaching? 31 years.
What's your favorite thing about teaching? Being with students.
What are your hobbies? Backpacking, basketball, gardening.
Any advice for your students? Be true to yourself.

Mrs. Ryoko Higashi

What grade do you teach? 4th grade.
How many years have you been teaching? 30 years.
What's your favorite thing about teaching? Getting to know the kids and the happiness when they understand a concept.
What are your hobbies? Traveling, scrapbooking, and gardening.
Any advice for your students? Be the best person you can possibly be and always show kindness to others.





Mrs. Jennifer Hutchings

What grade do you teach? 5th grade.
How many years have you been teaching? 33 years.
What's your favorite thing about teaching? Seeing the lightbulb click with kids! (And my friends!)
What are your hobbies? Traveling and shopping!
Any advice for your students? Be true to yourself and always remember that there is no goal that is unreachable if you try!

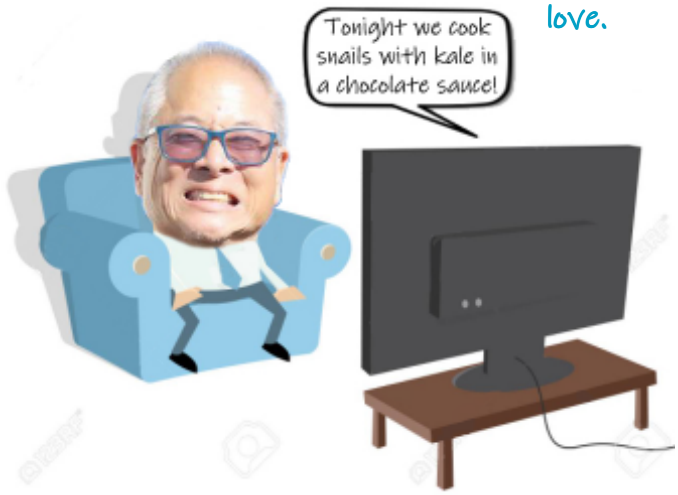


Mrs. Christina Spriesterbach

What grade do you teach? 1st grade.
How many years have you been teaching? 11 years, 3 now in first grade.
What's your favorite thing about teaching? Helping others learn from a variety of fun activities.
What are your hobbies? Hiking, reading books, collecting and hunting for rocks and minerals, cross-stitch, puzzles, and playing guitar.
Any advice for your students? Be persistent, no giving up, always be willing to try even when it seems impossible or too difficult. Also, be yourself and have fun.

Mr. Glen Kamida

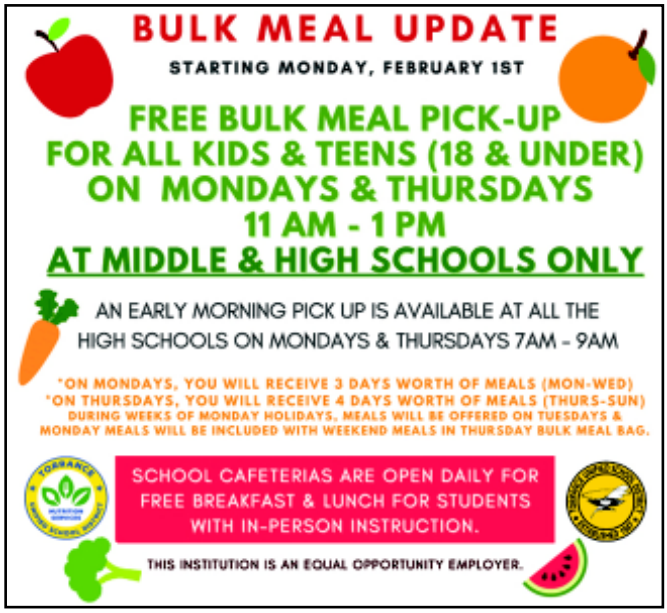
What grade do you teach? Grades 2, 3, 4, and 5th grade.
How many years have you been teaching? This is year thirty-seven.
What's your favorite thing about teaching? The students.
What are your hobbies? Golf, watching sports and cooking shows on television.
Any advice for your students? Listen, learn, and love.



Have you checked out the Lincoln Web Store at lincolnelementaryschool.myschoolcentral.com?

It's the contact-free, convenient way to shop for...





Coming Soon!



Lincoln Elementary Literacy Week

February 22-26, 2021



Monday - Read about a superhero - Wear your favorite superhero outfit

Tuesday - Read about your favorite sport/athlete - Wear athletic attire



Wednesday - Read a funny book - Crazy Hair day





Thursday - Read about science - Wear bright colors

Friday - Read your favorite book - Wear your pajamas!



Enter Our Yearbook Cover Contest!

We get a cover. You get a prize.
It's a win-win situation!

Hey kids! It's time for the

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY

Yearbook Cover Contest!

Entry Requirements Checklist
Entries missing any of the following will be disqualified.

- ☐ Name is written ON BACK, not on front of entry. Use a ballpoint pen or pencil, NOT a marker!
- ☐ Drawn or assembled on 8.5 x 11 paper.
- ☐ Picture is tall, not wide.
- ☐ Must include Lincoln Elementary, 2020-2021, and Hand in hand, we can! (this year's theme)
- ☐ No spelling errors.
- ☐ Catches the eye by being bright and colorful (use markers instead of pencils or crayons)
- ☐ Parent/guardian signature (below)

_____

Clip this to your entry and hand in to the Office by Friday, February 26.



Lincoln Elementary Literacy Week





February 22-26, 2021



Word Search Contest



Turn in your word search to your teacher or the office by Wednesday February 24 to be entered. Multiple winners per grade!



Non-Perishable Food Drive

Turn in non-perishable food items (canned goods, pasta, packaged foods) to support Project HOPE (Helping Our People Everyday). Items can be turned in to the collection box near the office during Literacy Week or at your classroom pickup. Project HOPE serves TUSD homeless families and foster youth.



Official, legal PTA Procedural Stuff. Yeah, not the most fascinating stuff...but necessary for "responsible adult-ing." Seriously, isn't it nice to know that responsible adults—all volunteers, mind you!—are this dedicated to creating a positive school climate and this focused on making things better for our kids?

Report of the Nominating Committee

The nominating committee met on January 6, 2021, to consider all eligible candidates for the 2021-2022 term of office. A proposed slate of nominees was posted on January 19, 2021. On behalf of the nominating comittee, I present the following slate of officers for the association's consideration.

Simply put, if there are no objections, here are our PTA officers for next year!

President ..... Jeannine Watanabe
1st Vice President - Programs ..... Claire Taniguchi
2nd Vice President - Ways & Means ..... Angelica Oliveira
3rd Vice President - Volunteers ..... Vicky Miyashiro
4th Vice President - Hospitality ..... Melissa Brown
Auditor ..... Melissa Castaneda
Financial Secretary ..... Paula Weisgerber
Treasurer ..... Jen Komiyama
Historian ..... Wendy Arima
Recording Secretary ..... Stephanie Fernando

Approved by the Nominating Committee: Claire Taniguchi, Rosell Dessert, Jen Komiyama, Erin Osako, Paula Weisgerber



Join the meeting and show your support for our PTA as well as our two HSA recipients!

Send In Pictures for Yearbook! Um, unless you've already sent in a bunch...because what we want is a few pictures of a LOT of kids, not a lot of pictures of just a few kids! ☺ Yeah, we like your kid too but the more kids in the yearbook, the better it will be! And in case you're wondering, we need clear, well-lit, focused pictures of kids doing our Paws on Art project! Send them to LincolnYearbookCommittee@gmail.com. Thank you!

Class of 2021
5th Grade Yearbook Dedications

Put a personalized message for one or more fifth graders in the yearbook. Every fifth grader gets a 2020-2021 yearbook FREE (paid for by class funds) and inside is a special section for dedications, where you can congratulate your child, grandchild, sibling, niece, nephew, friend, classmate, etc. while providing a lasting memento of their time at Lincoln.

This year you will need to purchase dedications online through our PTA webstore, https://lincolnelementaryschool.myschoolcentral.com (this link can be found on the Lincoln website in the News Around Campus carousel). After you purchase your dedication, email Jeannine Watanabe at watanabejeannine@gmail.com—and be sure to include your student's name in the email!

See below for size reference.
The price for one dedication is $10.00.

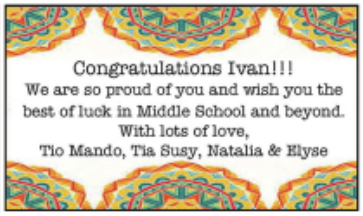
If you have any questions, please email Jeannine Watanabe at watanabejeannine@gmail.com.

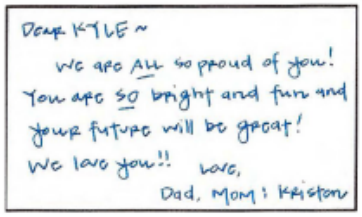
Yearbook Dedication Order Form

Deadline To Order: Friday, February 26

SAMPLES









If you submit a dedication in color, it will be printed in color.

YOUR ORDER

Create your dedication in the 2" x 3.5" box above or instead attach a created 2" x 3.5" JPG image. DO NOT GO OUTSIDE THE LINES.

Please PRINT clearly

Student Name:_____ **Teacher:** _____

Parent Name: _____ **Receipt #:** _____

Parent Email: _____ **Phone:** _____