

Linscott News

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January 2008

Upcoming Events...

January 2008:

7th – School Resumes
8th – SMT Meeting @ 5:30 pm
15th – K-1st & RBR Parent Nigt Mtg @ 6:30pm
2nd Gr. @ 6pm
18th – Director’s Coffee
21st – NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Holiday
22nd - 3rd - 5th Grade Parent Night Mtg @ 6:30pm
28th – Donation Deadline for Auction
29th - 6th - 8th Grade Parent Night Mtg @ 6:30pm

Student of the Month for Pajaro Valley Unified School District

Each year one student from Linscott is chosen as the PVUSD Student of the Month. This year **Ian McCaffrey** from Lion’s Lair receives this honor. Ian is an exceptional 8th grader who represents the positive attributes of a Linscott Charter School student. He is intellectually curious, engages actively in the learning process and is respectful and responsive to those in our community. He will be honored on January 23 at the PVUSD Board of Trustees meeting. Congratulations Ian

DEADLINES:

February Newsletter
Submissions:
Due January 25th
Independent Study Packets
DUE to the office by
January 14th @ 9 am

DONATIONS FOR THE AUCTION NEEDED!!!

We are still in need of donations for our auction. In the past parents have successfully solicited donations from their employers, local business, or have donated their own talents or time to the auction. If you know or have access to items or services for this purpose please contact Jessica Rice as soon as possible at ricepeople@juno.com or pick up a donation form in the main hall across from the office.

Donations must be received by January 28, 2008

DIRECTOR’S CORNER from Robin

Happy New Year Linscott !! We are nearing the mid point of the year as our first semester ends January 18. The first half of the year has been very positive. Four wonderful new teachers and many new families joined our community; our town hall meeting set a constructive tone for the charter renewal; students are learning and enjoying school. We now begin the second half of the year and I have high hopes for an equally successful spring semester. Some of the upcoming events include:

- Hearts of Fire: Our annual auction will be held February 9 at the La Selva Beach Club House. We will have dinner, dancing, silent auction and casino. This is our big event and should be a lot of fun.
- Open House/Information Night: This will be held on March 11 and is intended to be an evening for both current and prospective parents to visit the classrooms their children will attend next year. Teachers will provided information about curriculum, field trips, etc.
- Science Fair: The science fair will be held during the spring semester. this is always an exciting experience. The creativity and work of our students is amazing. You can expect more information soon.
- International Festival: This year in place of a performance we will be holding an International Festival. Each class will choose a country or culture and will complete projects, prepare food and perform a song, dance, or ritual form the culture. Preparations will begin soon, but the event will be held in April.
- Apple Blossom Run: The Apple Blossom takes place May 4. Start training!!
- Olympic Day: While there is not a set date for Olympic Day it will take place. This is a favorite spring activity—as soon as the date is set you will be informed.
- Eighth Grade Exit Projects: One of my favorite spring activities is watching our 8th grade students present their exit projects. These are always interesting and show case all that the students have learned during their elementary years.

Environmental Challenge of the Month: January 2008

Save all the plastic water bottles used in your class this month. Count them and record the number you have at the end of each week. The Green Team will pick them up to recycle. Research information about the effect those bottles have on our environment and the earth. What are some solutions to this problem?

Robin

FUNDRAISING!!!



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All proceeds benefit our school!

SAFETY STUFF

Jeff Cortez

Our weather has changed drastically over the last few weeks, resulting in falling branches, wires, and general debris. Please use caution when walking around and on debris so that you do not lose your footing and injure yourself. Please let the office know if you find something that may be unsafe so that we can address it in a timely manner.

Please make sure that items you bring to school (car seats, pots and pans, snack items, etc.) go home after your done with them. And if you have something that you would like to donate or you think the school could really use, please contact the office so that we can determine the potential of the item donated. It could be a diamond in the rough but we have to have the space and the need for it. Thank you

SAFEMAY eScrip:

With the closing of Albertson's we are losing a lot of scrip funds. Those of you who shop at Safeway can help bring in scrip by registering with the eScrip program. It is so easy and will make money for our school. If you are registered, but haven't used it for a while you will need to reactivate your account. This program also allows you to register Visa or Mastercards as well as other retail stores. See the enclosed flier or go to www.escrip.com.



Linscott recycles all used printer cartridges and used cell phones - We receive \$\$\$ for our kids!

Show your Linscott Spirit!

Purchase your Linscott t-shirt or sweatshirt TODAY!

T-Shirt: \$11.00 per shirt (all sizes)

Hooded Sweatshirt: \$20.00 per shirt (child), \$25 (adult)

Crewneck Sweatshirt: \$17.00 per shirt (child), \$20 (adult)

AFTER SCHOOL OPTIONS



DROP~IN ART CLASSES Mondays & Wednesdays - \$10 per session OR 6 for \$50



MUSIC LESSONS! Huzur Coughlin is offering lessons in wind instruments and beginning drums/percussion on Fridays after school. Call 427 0416.

School Lunch Fundraisers throughout the week!

**Mondays: Mexican Food ~ Lion's Lair 7th & 8th

Tuesdays: Spaghetti (Preschool)

**Wednesdays: Soup Bar ~ 4th & 5th

**Thursdays: Tostadas ~ 6th

**Fridays: TBA

→Linscott for Kids Lunch Cards: \$25/10 lunches**
Please make checks payable to Linscott. *All lunches are \$2.50*

→PVUSD Lunch Cards \$50/20 lunches (see menu in parent boxes at the beginning of each month...these lunches are provided by the district and come from Watsonville High)

Please make checks payable to PVUSD

→Preschool Spaghetti lunch cards \$25/10 lunches

Save your box tops and turn them in to Lorraine Stern - Staff Box in the Lounge!

Please put them in a zip lock baggie ☺

Attention Fundraisers!

MAKE SURE TO EMAIL ALL YOUR INFO TO webmaster@linscottcharterschool.org, IN ORDER TO FEATURE YOUR FUNDRAISER ON THE WEBSITE

LINSOTT COMMUNITY CURRICULUM

This semester we will concentrate on

Resourceful

I am *resourceful* when I find solutions to take care of myself and my community.

New Classroom Websites for Exploration Station & Discovery Room!

Both Exploration Station and Discovery Room have new websites and they are loaded with information about the classroom activities, field trips, parent meetings, etc. If you are on the Linscott website choose "Our Classrooms" and then click either classroom. There is a link from the class page to the website. This is a great way to stay in touch with all the news in these classrooms

WE NEED HELP!

If you are able to help us put together our 2007-08 LINSOTT YEARBOOK Let us know!

Parent Corner

Self-esteem is how we feel about ourselves and is a major key to success in life. You can help your child feel positively about him/herself by teaching them about decision making and to recognize when a good decision has been made. We make decisions all the time, but children do not always realize they are doing so. Parents can help their children make wise decisions by:

1. Teach children to change their demands to preferences. Point out to children that there is no reason they must get everything they want and that they need not feel angry either. Encourage them to work against anger by setting a good example and by reinforcing them when they display appropriate irritation rather than anger
2. Encourage your children to ask for what they want assertively; pointing out that there is no guarantee that they will get it. Reinforce them for asking and avoid anticipating their desires.
3. Let children know they create and are responsible for any feeling they experience. Likewise, they are not responsible for others' feelings. Avoid blaming children for how *you* feel.
4. Encourage your children to develop hobbies and interests which give them pleasure and which they can pursue independently.
5. Let children settle their own disputes between siblings and friends alike.
6. Help children learn to focus on their strengths by pointing out to them all the things they can do.
7. Encourage your children to behave toward themselves the way they'd like their friends to behave toward them.
8. Help your children think in terms of alternative options and possibilities rather than depending upon one option for satisfaction. A child who has only one friend and loses that friend is friendless. However, a child who has many friends and loses one, still has many. This same principle holds true in many different areas. Whenever you think there is only one thing which can satisfy you, you limit your potential for being satisfied! The more you help your children realize that there are *many* options in every situation, the more you increase their potential for satisfaction.
9. Laugh with your children and encourage them to laugh at themselves. People who take themselves very seriously are undoubtedly decreasing their enjoyment in life. A good sense of humor and the ability to make light of life are important ingredients for increasing one's overall enjoyment.



Hearts of Fire

Mark your calendars for February 9 and join us for the annual Linscott Charter School fundraiser. This year the event will be held at the La Selva Beach Club House and will be an evening to remember. For a suggested donation of \$50/person there will be a catered dinner, dancing to music provided by DJ Martin the Hit Man, and \$30 in chips to be used for the casino games offered through Ace Casino. It is also possible to purchase an entire table in advance if you have friends or family who want to attend. There will be a wonderful silent auction with a variety of valuable merchandise as well as prizes and drawings. As you all know this is an important fundraiser for our school and helps us pay for our P.E



Interview with My Teacher By Miguelina and Annabelle

Our names are Miguelina and Annabelle and we are students in Seth Lewis' class.

When we interviewed our teacher he had the following answers to our questions:

Q: Why did you decide to become a teacher?

A: I decided to become a teacher because I like kids a lot and because I like going to school. I believe the students are the future and I want to influence the future.

Q: What do you like best about your job?

A: The kids!!

Q: How do you enjoy spending time when you are not at school?

A: I enjoy surfing, traveling, reading and time with my wife.

Q: Who is your hero/heroine?

A: My heroes are Bob Dylan, Duke Kahanamoku, and Malcolm X

Q: If you could go anywhere in the world on a trip, where would you go? Why?

A: I would go to Sri Lanka, Mongolia, China, and Tibet because they are all places with fascinating cultures and history.

Q: What was the happiest memory of your life?

A: My happiest memory was my wedding day. My parents wedding anniversary was second.



Green Team Notes

Hi Everyone—

As captains of the Green Team it is very important for our school to show how much we care for the environment. We have many ideas, but we still always need more from you. Please help by supporting and showing you care by joining the Green Team!

Tootles,

Annie L and Miguelina ☺

Linscott's Green Team leaders, Annabelle Louderback-Valenzuela and Miguelina Manriquez, are two Fox Landing students who care very much for our world and the environment we all share. They will be visiting all of the classrooms this month to give tips on the roll each class can participate in the Team activities and get ideas for ways everyone can help make our earth a better place. Each newsletter will contain ideas and updates about the green actions being taken.