

Linscott News



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March 2008

Upcoming Events...



March 2008:

4th – SMT Mtg. @ 5:30
4TH & 7TH Writing Test (STAR)
11th – OPEN HOUSE
14th – SMT NOMINATIONS DUE
17th – St. Patrick's Day! Wear GREEN
19th & 20th – Science Fair
20th Yearbook
8th Grade Dedication Pages DUE
21st-28th – Spring Break
27th – KaBOOM Playground Prep-Day
29th – KaBOOM Playground Build Day
300 volunteers NEEDED to attend our Build Day! Sign Up in the hallway or see gals in the office for more information!

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.

Open House

Tuesday, March 11th

Kinder families: 6:30-8 p.m.

Grades 1st-8th: 7:00-8 p.m.

Spread the word to all those interested in the 2008-09 school year!

DEADLINES:

April Newsletter Submissions:

Due March 26th

Independent Study Packets

DUE to the office by
Mon., March 10th @ 9 am

DIRECTOR'S CORNER from Robin

As we made our way through the rewrite of the charter this year we were asked to consider how our educational program meets the needs of students in the 21st century. When we answered that question we looked at our current school practices and those we hope to achieve over the life span of our new charter. Here is a section from the charter revision that addresses that the question "What it means to be an educated person in the 21st century".

Change is the only constant. The story of the last century, in education as well as society in general, featured change in the leading role. All of us with school-age children have seen phenomenal shifts in society within our lifetimes. These evolving norms and beliefs along with an ever-expanding knowledge base are evident in our homes, our neighborhoods, our schools, the nation and the world. This pace is only accelerating in the 21st century. As educators teaching children who will live in a rapidly changing world, we need to help them function in a society that does not yet exist. How can we do that? At Linscott we begin by creating a community that values lifelong learning. Parents participate actively as learners, modeling lifelong learning for their children. Teachers learn from children and parents, modeling the same value for their students. We all view ourselves as a community of learners.

The five-year-olds of today will face an entirely different set of challenges as adults. They will work with new tools, form human relationships in ways that we can only imagine, and solve problems we cannot foresee. Therefore, the most important lessons our children learn in school will be about themselves and how they learn. When they recognize their own learning styles, intelligences and what works best for them as individuals, they will have prepared themselves to value and collaborate with others in problem-solving. Given the necessity to keep pace with constant change, we consider lifelong learning to be the most essential value of an educated person in the 21st century.

In order that they may successfully face their challenging future, we expect our graduates to use their hearts and minds well. We work together in supporting the development of personal character, habits of mind, knowledge and critical thinking skills, positive personal attitude about learning and global awareness.

The charter also includes detailed information about each of the five attributes listed. We are including a graphic of those attributes along with detailed examples. I will continue to include portions of the charter each month for your information. When the approval process is complete we will post the new charter for all to see.



Robin



8th Grade Graduation is right around the corner!!!



Now is the time to buy your graduate a 'dedication' page in our 2007-08 Yearbook to say how proud you are of your child. Prices are \$25 = ¼ page, \$50 = ½ page or \$100 = full page. Pictures AND text welcome. Does your 8th grader have a pal – share a page with another parent! Deadline for dedication pages are Feb. 20th. Thanks for your support!

-Linscott Yearbook Staff

We need...

Four adult volunteers to work at our Registration/Information Table on March 27th and 29th

who might be unable to help physically with the building, but could register and assist those who come to work...Bilingual would be an asset but not mandatory.

See Robin or Andrea

FUNDRAISING!!!



Hearts of Fire Casino Night & Auction Results

\$9200.00

Thanks to all who worked to make the Hearts of Fire a night to remember! Without these special people this important event could not have happened. When you see them around give a big smile and thank them for their efforts to fund the Linscott Charter School music and P.E. programs. We especially owe a debt of gratitude to:

MARI ORTIZ-MCGUIRE
ANDREA WILLIFORD
JESSICA RICE

SAFeway eScrip:

Families 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.



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All proceeds benefit our school!



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

AFTER SCHOOL OPTIONS



DROP-IN ART CLASSES

Mondays ONLY - \$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.

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)

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

Please put them in a zip lock baggie ☺

School Lunch Fundraisers throughout the week!

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

Tuesdays: Spaghetti (Preschool)

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

**Thursdays: Tostadas ~ 6th

**Fridays: TBA

→Linscott for Kids Lunch Cards: \$25/10 lunches**

Please make checks payable to Linscott for Kids or LFK

→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

All lunches are \$2.50

2007-08 YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW

RESERVE YOUR COPY TODAY...

\$22 by March 31st / \$25 after April 1st

Advertise your business for only \$25 (bus. card size)

-Middle School Yearbook Committee



Web News

1. 'Online Business Directory'

If your business is not in 'Linscott's Business Directory' it should be. Please e-mail details ASAP. We can post logos and descriptions. Log onto the site to see what sort of info to submit.

2. Classroom Websites

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

Check us out...

www.LinscottCharterSchool.org

Email Suki Wessling @

webmaster@linscottcharterschool.org

Build Day Tools Needed List:

- Skid Steer w/12" and 18" augur bits bobcat
- Spade shovels (25)
- Rock/metal rakes (25)
- 6' Step ladder (2-3)
- Wheel barrows (15)
- Manual post hole diggers (2-3)
- Corded drills (2-3)
- Powerful cordless drills (1-2)
- 8 lb. Sledge hammers (3)
- 4 lb. Sledges (4)
- Garden hoses (2-3) w/spray nozzle
- 100' extension cords (2-4)
- Digging bars (2-3)
- Tamps (1-2)
- Cement (or garden) hoes (10-15)
- Garbage Cans (3-5)
- Other tools, depending on Play Enhancement Projects



Interview with My Teacher By Kelsi Newcomb

My name is Kelsi and I am a student in Cathy Novak's class. When I interviewed my teacher she had the following answers:

- 1. Why did you decide to become a teacher?**
"I have always wanted to be a teacher since I was little."
- 2. What do you like best about your job?**
"It's fun, creative and I love working with the kids."
- 3. How do you enjoy spending time when you are not at school?**
"I like to spend time with my family, listen to music, go hiking and go to the beach."
- 4. Who is your hero/heroine?**
"Martin Luther King and Madeline Albright."
- 5. If you could go anywhere in the world on a trip, where would you go? Why?**
"I want to go to Ireland because that's where my family is from."
- 6. Why did you want to teach 7th and 8th grade?**
"I love middle school students."

New Playground Build Project UPDATE

We are making progress on our playground project. As you can see, the old play space has been removed thanks to Noah Stebbins, Jeff Seraski, Jeff Cortez and Kelvin Ramer. It was an exciting day, watching the machinery tear out the past and prepare the space for the future. Jessica Rice has been working on donations for the food we need for build day. Karen Lowell is working with KaBOOM! And California Volunteers to get the publicity for the event (did you see the article on the front page of the Register Pajaronian? - we have even had a few volunteers call and sign up from our community) Sylvia Banuelos is busy recruiting volunteers throughout Watsonville community. (We have approximately 160 families and 20 staff at Linscott and so far 53 families and staff are represented on our volunteer list. Hopefully this number will increase in the next couple of weeks). There is still so much to do over the coming weeks so join us and help make this playground a reality. If you want to sign up to work on build day OR have a connection for donations please contact either Robin or Andrea at 728-6301.

Spread the word by passing on the enclosed flyer
For more copies, see the gals in the main office!

Safety Stuff

From Jeff

If You are on our school site and you come across something that is unusual or out of the ordinary (graffiti, broken glass, etc), please let me (Jeff) know about it so that I can take care of it in a timely fashion. Many hands make the load light. If I am unavailable or you cannot locate me on campus, please fill out a "Custodial Request Form" outside of my door along with your name. This will allow me to follow up, will be able to ask questions as well help my memory of all of the different projects that are going on here at our site.

**REMEMBER I don't come in until 2 pm on Tuesdays Thanks ☺

"Happiness is not in the mere possession of money; it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort".

-Franklin D. Roosevelt



SMT Election Time...Make sure to submit your SMT Nominations who would represent our community for the next two years. Nomination Box is located on the main office window ledge...**DUE BY MARCH 14th**



2007-08 1,000,000 Words!!!



Congratulations to all who are keeping up with the 1,000,000 words reading. Your names will soon appear on the Willy Wonka bulletin board in the entry way of the school. Keep up the good work.