

Linscott News

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October 2007

Upcoming Events...

October:

2nd – SMT Meeting @ 5:30
NO PARENT NIGHT MEETINGS DUE TO OUR ANNUAL TOWN HALL GATHERING
 4th – Gift Wrap Fundraiser Orders DUE
 16th: Town Hall Meeting
 17th – Picture Day
 18th – Picture Day
 26th – Crazy Hair Day
 31st – Harvest Celebration **HALF DAY**
 Students may wear costumes in good taste.
 School ends at 12:00 noon

November:

5th – 8th: Parent/Teacher Conferences
HALF DAYS – School out @ noon
 6th: SMT Meeting @ 5:30
 12th: Veteran's Day **NO SCHOOL**
 21st-23rd: Thanksgiving Break **NO SCHOOL**

We have two new staff members for the 2007-08 school year:

*Grace Hernandez – Office Assistant
 Tina Koch – Yard Duty Supervisor*

DEADLINES:

Linscott News
 Publisher.....Sandra Traub
 Editor.....Robin Higbee
 Email: Sandra_traub@pvusd.net
November Newsletter Submissions:
 Due October 25th

Independent Study Packets DUE to the office by October 8th @ 9 am

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Linscott Charter School was one of the first charter schools in California, receiving its charter in 1993. Charter schools are required to have their charters renewed every 5 years and so we are now in the process of preparing for our third charter renewal. Our school is collaboratively governed by parents and staff and it is important that we come together to review our values and goals as a community as part of the renewal process.

October 16 we will all meet at the Watsonville High School Cafeteria and hold a town hall meeting to familiarize ourselves with our charter and to give input for the next 5 years. It gives everyone an opportunity to be part of a process that is not available in most schools today. The parents of Linscott are given a strong voice in the direction of the school and the educational program provided to their children.

As members of a charter school we share the value that parents know best what benefits their children and should therefore have a choice regarding their education. We are also proponents of public education and believe that every child is entitled to equal access to a high quality educational experience. As we gather on October 16 to share our thoughts on the Linscott charter we will participate together in crafting the document that gives us the guidance for our school's future. I'm looking forward to this event and think our community grows stronger when we come together for a common purpose.

We will begin our meeting with a pizza potluck. Linscott will provide the pizza and everyone will bring a dish to share. We will eat together between 6:30 and 7:00 at which time we will begin our town hall workshop. We will provide childcare at the Linscott campus for those who need it (you must sign-up in the office in advance). The workshop will give everyone an opportunity to learn about the charter and express their thoughts.

See you there!!!
 ♥Robin

SAFETY STUFF

From Jeff



The Safety Committee would like to encourage all students, parents and staff to use step ladders when ever possible rather than chairs. Step stools are now available in all classrooms and extras are available in the lunch prep room and in the main building hallway. Larger Ladders are available upon request.



Staff Lounge from 8:45-10:00 a.m.

Come and join me for coffee, tea and conversation. I am very interested in discussing your thoughts and ideas – or just chat!
 I hope to see you there. –Robin

It is extremely dangerous for cars to pull around and pass cars that are waiting in line to pick up students after school. Please be patient!!

FUNDRAISING!!!



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**All proceeds benefit
our school!**

Linda's Drop-In
AFTER SCHOOL
ART CLASSES
Mondays & Wednesdays
3:15-4:30 p.m.
Starting Sept. 5th
\$10 drop-in/6 sessions \$50
Information: 406-7056 or 768-7341

Linscott For Kids Procedure:

Shelley Oxsen is in charge of all LFK funds – Please place check requests and notes in her staff box in the staff lounge. Deposits can be prepped and turned into Sandra in the main office to be kept in the safe until Shelley is able to make a weekly deposit. →Please read and follow the **ENTIRE** procedure before turning in deposits. Incomplete paperwork will be returned!

WE NEED HELP!

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

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 here at Linscott on Fridays after school. For more info, call him at 427 0416.

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

Please put them in a zip lock baggie ☺

2007-08 School Year

Get your orders turned in
for our annual gift wrap
fundraiser!~

DUE DATE: Oct. 4th



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

All lunches are \$2.50

→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

Please make checks payable to: WCP

CLASSROOM REPORTS...

Heart Room

We used our imagination to write stories about our teddy bears and used the teddy bear theme to create math story problems. We are starting our unit on healthy eating. We will start our local habitat mapping where we will visit Sunset Beach to map the sandy shore. Students are anticipating Linda Cover's artistic magic within the month.

Discovery Room

We are producing a newsletter, corresponding with pen-pals across the country, and have begun our first Flat Stanley exchange with an Ojibwe village in Canada. Students are making puppets for our new puppet theater and we will visit the M.B. Aquarium this month. The class is studying the Ojibwe language to add to our Friday language labs in Spanish, Japanese and American Sign Language.

Phoenix Hall

Studying botany and the Ohlone culture. We had a praying mantis visit for a week and the highlight was to watch it catch eat crickets right before our eyes!

Fridays are SPIRIT days!!!

Every Friday, show your spirit by wearing purple and/or gold, your Linscott t-shirt or sweatshirt! Once a month we will have



FUN FRIDAY:

This month Oct. 26th is **Crazy Hair Day**

SEPTEMBER 'FUN FRIDAY' SUPER SPIRIT GOES TO HEART ROOM WITH 19 STUDENTS WEARING FUNKY GLASSES!



Honorable Mentions: Exploration Station – 18;
Fox Landing-17, Discovery & Phoenix Hall – 9.

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This semester we will concentrate on

RESPECT

I am respectful when I treat others as I would like to be treated

RECORD MONTH FOR LATE PICK-UPS!

A huge thanks goes out to parents who have improved on picking their student(s) up in a timely manner after school. This has been a yearly problem, and last month the numbers were significantly lower. Please continue to make this effort and remember...**STARTING OCTOBER 1ST – ALL LATE PICK UPS WILL BE COUNTED AS A TARDY TOWARDS YOUR STUDENT'S ATTENDANCE!**



Check out our Linscott Website!!!
www.LinscottCharterSchool.org?



SMT CONNECTION

Dear Linscott Community

We are off to another "sizzling" start this year. As a community, we faced considerable challenges at the end of last year as we came to grips with having to hire four new teachers and help them integrate into our somewhat unusual learning environment. Well I want you to know that I keep my ear close to the ground at Linscott and I have heard nothing but glowing reports on how we are doing so far. Many thanks must go to Robin and the hiring committee who came together at the close of last year and gave their time to the cause of finding the right individuals to come in and fill these positions.....thank you on a job well done.

I enjoyed taking part in the night meetings this month. Whenever we are on the Linscott campus, we are role models for our kids and these meetings provided some good utilities for us to look to in situations that arise that can be difficult.....we had a few laughs at some of the role playing as well. We rely on our adult community to be good problem solvers as it is very difficult for our administration to have to get into policing the behaviours of adults at school. So I encourage you to stay focused on the positive and working on solutions.

We have a Town Hall meeting coming up next month. A big part of that will focus on our charter renewal. This will be a time that the SMT and staff will need your help as we go through the process of coming up with the charter that will bind us for the next 5 years as an organization. We need to think about what we are doing well and which areas we need to improve on and tie this to the construction of the new charter.

On behalf of the SMT, many thanks to you all for your positive spirits and I look forward to a great year.

Johnny McGuire, SMT Chair

Parent Education Opportunity!

Through the Cooperative PreSchool

Preschool Director Debbie Craig has put together a Parenting Class focusing on helping children achieve: self-discipline, responsibility, problem solving and self-esteem! Thursday evenings 6:30-8:30 pm Nov. 1-Dec. 13 See insert!



Middle School Dance!!!

October 26, 2007

6-9:30 p.m.

If you would like to participate, contribute food or drinks please let me know. All Proceeds go towards 8th grade graduation. If you have further questions please let me know. Thanks, Jeff (Facility Mgr.)