

# Linscott News



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April Showers bring...May flowers!

April 2008

## Upcoming Events...



### April 2008:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Playground Presentation  
SMT Mtg. @ 5:30
- 8<sup>th</sup> – K-1<sup>st</sup> & RBR Parent Night Meeting @  
6:30 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr. @ 6 p.m.
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Spring Pictures
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Spring Pictures  
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Parent Night Meeting 6:30
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Teacher Workday – ½ Day  
SCHOOL OUT @ NOON
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – International Festival @ 5:30-7 p.m.

### May Heads Up...

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Apple Blossom Run!!!  
See enclosed registration form
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> – STAR Testing Week Gr. 2-8
- 6<sup>th</sup> – SMT Meeting @ 5:30
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Olympic Day!!!
- 13<sup>th</sup> – K-2<sup>nd</sup> & RBR Parent Night Meeting
- 20<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Parent Night Meeting
- 26<sup>th</sup> – MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY  
NO SCHOOL
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Middle School Parent Night Meeting
- 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> – Portfolio Conferences / ½ Days

### Kinder Round-Up April 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

*Those parents interested in Kinder enrollment for the upcoming 2008-09 school year MUST attend Kinder-Round-up. Contact Lorraine Stern sign up for an opening @ 632-2805*

## DEADLINES:

### May Newsletter Submissions:

Due April 24th

### Independent Study Packets

DUE to the office by  
Mon., April 7th @ 9 am

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER from Robin

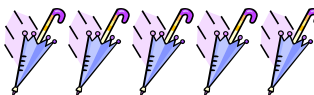
An incredible event took place at Linscott Charter School during the spring break. Our school was transformed through the work of a group of volunteers into a beautiful environment with a new playground structure, murals, an edible garden, benches, tables, etc. One day there was a plain little school site and then—*KaBoom!*—it all changed. For those of you who participated, you know that the day was the experience of a life-time. Hundreds of people appeared and together we worked, danced, sang, ate, played and built an entirely new environment. Community spirit filled the air as adults and children alike became a team.

Being the recipients of this playground is special, but even more important to our school was the opportunity to be involved with a project that brings people from all walks of life together to work towards a common goal. Rather than look at our playground as an expectation or entitlement, our students know that hard work and community effort built this playground. It modeled a positive work ethic and hopefully will inspire our families and students to continue to be involved in the community.

I want to thank everyone involved with this project from KaBoom and California Volunteers who sponsored and managed the building of the playground. I also want to thank everyone who came out to help get the work done from the build captains (great hats!), to the children who made the stepping-stones for the garden. These volunteers came from all over—we had the mayor, city council members, high school students, CSUMB fraternity members, neighborhood residents, Hummingbird Hall students...the list goes on and on. You all rock! There are also a few individuals from our Linscott community who have put in a great deal of extra time to make this come together. They deserve a special expression of gratitude so when you see them give them a high 5. Thanks Andrea Williford, Karen Lowell, Jeff Cortez, Noah Stebbins, Mark Damiani, Jessica Rice and Sylvia Banuelos. This core team of organizers put in so much of their own time and energy to make this happen and deserve special thanks. Also thanks so much to parents like Art Siqueiros, Jeff Sieraski, Joe Stern, Josh Billings, Sam Farrow, Kevin Erbe and Kelvin and Janette Ramer for their help preparing the site.

Now let's go out to enjoy our new school campus and begin to think of ways we can pay it forward!

Robin



Thanks!!!

To everyone who helped build our beautiful new Linscott Charter School play space. We appreciate all your hard work.



## Green Challenge:

This month's challenge is a research challenge. I challenge you to find an answer to the question, "How long does it take for a plastic bottle to break down in a landfill? If you find the answer let me know.

# FUNDRAISING!!!



## 12<sup>TH</sup> Annual APPLE BLOSSOM RUN

10K/5K Run or Walk  
Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

Look for the sign up sheets hanging up in the main hallway for those who are volunteering for this event... ☺

Register at the office (see insert)



## SAFEMAY 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.



[www.LinscottCharterSchool.org](http://www.LinscottCharterSchool.org)

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 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

Tuesdays: Spaghetti (Preschool)

\*\*Wednesdays: Salad Bar ~ 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

\*\*Thursdays: Tostadas ~ 6<sup>th</sup>

\*\*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

## 2007-08 YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW

RESERVE YOUR COPY TODAY...

\$25 each...we order what we need...Extras are not guaranteed!!!

Last chance to advertise your business for only \$25

-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](http://www.LinscottCharterSchool.org)

Email Suki Wessling @

[webmaster@linscottcharterschool.org](mailto:webmaster@linscottcharterschool.org)

## Classroom Happenings

### PHOENIX HALL

Phoenix Hall students are collecting new toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap and deodorant for Loaves and Fishes to help those in need. We have a box in our room labeled "Loaves and Fishes." You can drop items off there any time.

### EXPLORATION STATION

Students in Exploration Station are heading to Sacramento for a field trip to the Capital on Friday, April 4th.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### EXPLORATORY CLASSES

Students in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> have just signed up for the last session of exploratory classes. Classes included Volleyball, Bowling, Ultimate Frisbee, Paper Design, Environmental Education and Yearbook/8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Exit Projects. Museum Day will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>! Thanks to Andrea Williford for all her hard work this year in setting up and overseeing the Exploratory Program.

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## Olympic Day

Parent volunteers are needed to help out with this yearly event. Students enjoy a fun-filled day of athletic challenges that include swimming, long jump, relays, obstacle course, soccer ball control and more.

**PARENT SIGN UPS ARE IN THE CLASSROOM (INSIDE DOOR) and in the hallway across from the main office!**

*Ice cold bottled water will be on sale this year for \$1 each... Proceeds help send Amanda to Japan! Bring your \$\$\$ to get refreshed.*



## NEW AVON FUNDRAISER

100% profit will benefit Linscott

Catalogs have been put in

Orders are due April 16<sup>th</sup> by 3 p.m.

Pay when your order arrives!

Submit your orders to the office OR email to [sandra\\_traub@pvusd.net](mailto:sandra_traub@pvusd.net)

### *Your Support is Needed!*

*Many of you are aware that one of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, Amanda Muruato is working hard to raise funds towards her educational trip to Japan. She will be representing our school, PVUSD and the community of Watsonville. She still needs help! Please contact the office if you would like to make a personal donation or who would like to help her fundraise. The office will be putting on Friday Bake Sales on April 11, 18 & 25. We could use 'baked goodies', individually wrapped ready to sell by the Thursday prior to the Friday date. For those who are unable to support this trip financially, we still want you to help...keep Amanda in your thoughts and well wishes as she travels next month.*

### Safety Tips



From Jeff

With the installation of our brand NEW PLAYGROUND students need to know the following for safe play:

- No climbing UP the slides or HEAD FIRST sliding
- Watch out for moving swings - SHARE!
- No sand, rock or dirt throwing or burying kids in the sand
- No balls in the play structure area

Other rules to come as we are made aware of potential harm.

### Creativity Quote:

*"Conditions for creativity are to be puzzled; to concentrate; to accept conflict and tension; to be born everyday; to feel a sense of self".*

-Erich Fromm:



**Congratulations to Tracy Dixon and Janet Covington Newly elected SMT Board Members**

*Special thanks to all who ran for office...as always, it was a close match as we have so many wonderful parents who would do a fantastic job representing our community*



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



Keep up the hard work towards your reading goal of 1,000,000 words. Names are appearing each day on the Willy Wonka bulletin board in the entry way of the school. Way to go Linscott.