

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY

OPTIONS OPUS

A Community Committed to Learning, Kindness, and Celebration

It's Auction Time – Take Your Slice of the Pie

- Jeannine DeBray, *Lincoln Parent*

Auction is March 10th and it will be here before we know it. This is your chance to help our school raise over \$20,000 to fund the things that make Lincoln Options your choice for your child, including the Spanish program, the organic garden and wetlands, as well as funding for field trips. Without the auction, our school would be without Options!

So jump in and find a place for yourself in this huge project. *Meetings are every Tuesday at 6:30* at the school, or you can call Jeannine DeBray at 360-531-3046 to find out how to help. Or talk to your child's teacher.

Carve Yourself a Slice of the Pie

The process of procuring the many amazing items we auction off has begun. But there are many pieces of the auction pie still to be taken on.

Do you have community contacts we could use to get good deals? Can you procure some donations? Consider helping in these areas...

Tech Help

We need help from folks who know how to network the computers. This will be required the day before and the day of the auction.

Publicity

We need help getting posters out, printing posters, making a few phone calls.

Procurement

Who do you know who might have something to donate? Think outside the box, experiences are super, and even specialty items are valuable!

Food

Can you make something for the dessert table? Bring it the day of the auction! Pies, cookies, cakes, etc., all sell wonderfully at the Bake Sale.

We are trying to gather a dinner together, but would love help with the set up, serving, and clean up.

FEBRUARY 2012

BOOKS, BEARS & BLANKETS
Thursday, February 9
6:30-8:00 pm

EARLY RELEASE at 12:55 pm
Friday, February 10

**SPECIAL ELECTION
SCHOOL BOND AND LEVY**
Tuesday, February 14

OCC
Tuesday, February 14 6:30 pm

MID-WINTER BREAK
February 17 – 20

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION
NIGHT
Wednesday, February 22
6:30-8:30 pm

SANTO TOMAS GARAGE SALE
Saturday, February 25

OLYMPIA SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING at Lincoln
Monday, February 27

OBSERVATION WEEK
February 27 – March 1

MARCH 2012

TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY
NO SCHOOL
Friday, March 2

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION
NIGHT
Wednesday, March 7
6:30-8:30 pm

LINCOLN AUCTION
March 10

CONFERENCE WEEK
March 19 – 23

OCC
Tuesday, March 27 6:30 pm

Auction Pie (cont. from page 1)

Pre-Auction and “Day of” Help

There is so much to do! Can you commit to helping Friday, March 9th and/or Saturday, March 10th? We need to set up all the tables, make all the signage, etc. Please call to make the commitment!

Classroom Projects

Each classroom is encouraged to create a project to be auctioned off. Ask your child’s teacher what has worked in the past, and see what new ideas everyone can come up with. Please contact Jeannine at 360-531-3046 to indicate what your classroom project is!

Let’s make the auction something we all work for, and we all see the benefits from! It is a wonderful community-building event, and our children see the value of giving and creating such a large school event. But it will only happen if EVERYONE pitches in! See you at the meetings or call Jeannine 360-531-3046 or kempeesj@yahoo.com to take on a small slice of the auction pie! Sweet!



Wanted: New Enrollment Chair!

For more information
please call Alex Asbury
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email at
[alexa@milestone-
tech.com](mailto:alexa@milestone-tech.com)

Welcoming New Students ***Observation Week,*** ***Enrollment Information Nights***

You might notice new faces roaming the halls in early March. We have two important times when potential Lincoln families will be coming to our school – two *Enrollment Information Nights* (February 22nd and March 7th) and *Observation Week* (February 27th – March 1st).

Observation Week runs from 9 a.m. to Noon, February 27th through March 1st. During this time parents of potential students (and current students) may visit classrooms to see how they operate.

Observation Week is followed by the second *Enrollment Information Night* on March 7th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

At *Enrollment Information Night*, parents will learn more about the Options program, philosophy, and parent involvement opportunities. They also will learn about the lottery process, Lincoln’s unique way of accepting students who live outside the Lincoln service area.

Attendance at one of the information night meetings *is required* to participate in the lottery for a spot at Lincoln.

April 20th Early Release Field Trip – Want to Get WET?

The Lincoln kids will have the opportunity to visit the WET Science Center on April 20th. Susie Vandenberg has invited the early release gang down for another visit this year. The group will have a learning session with Susie and also visit the interactive education at the LOTT learning center.

We will need about 5 parents to travel with the kids by bus from Lincoln to the WET Center and back again. If you can volunteer on Friday afternoon, April 20th, to help with this great trip, please call Addie Spencer at 705-0879 or addiespencer@comcast.net.



From the Library

Book, Bear & Blanket Night

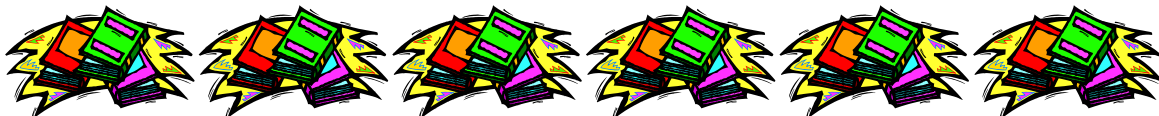
– Thursday, February 9th (6:30-8:00pm)

Lincoln's annual Family Literacy event is coming soon! Families bring a blanket and/or cushions and read together, in a furniture free library, all the inviting books displayed around on top of the shelves. Kids wear their "jammies," cuddle a soft toy, and go home with a **FREE BOOK**.

Library Inventory Week

– March 19th through 23rd

This is quite an undertaking for our huge collection of over 15,000 titles. It's an "**All Hands On Deck**" event! We will need volunteers of shelf readers and scanners. Check in with Donna when you can contribute a little of your time. "Many hands make light work" and *un poco a poco* (little by little) we get it done (hopefully by Thursday of that week).



WANTED

- 1. A Potter**
- 2. A Rockclimber**

For Early Release on February 10th or 24th from 12:55 to 3:22 PM.

We have 10 lbs of clay and a kiln ready to go.

The rock wall in the gym is calling for more kids to climb.

And any parent who volunteers for an early release activity can have their kids attend the class of their choice **FREE!**

Please contact Addie at 705-0879 or addiespencer@comcast.net



Enrollment Information Nights Set for February 22nd and March 7th Help Spread the Word

When we asked parents how they had found out about Lincoln Options, 80 percent told us that they had heard about it through word of mouth – parents of students, coworkers, teachers, friends, in other words, YOU!

Please help us spread the word about Lincoln Options, especially if you know of any families whose children will be entering kindergarten this fall. A robust enrollment is the key to keeping Lincoln a viable alternative school. See details below about how you can help.

Enrollment Information Nights will be February 22 and March 7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Lincoln cafeteria. Attendance at one of these meetings is required to participate in the lottery for admittance to Lincoln. Childcare will be provided.

During the Enrollment Information Nights, parents will learn more about the Options program, philosophy, and parent involvement opportunities. They also will learn about the lottery process, Lincoln's unique way of accepting students who live outside the Lincoln service area.

Contrary to popular belief, it is NOT almost impossible to get into Lincoln. Usually most, sometimes all, kindergarteners who live in the Olympia School District are accepted and enrolled in the Options program. Enrollment is guaranteed for students who live in the Lincoln service area. The lottery is a way to ensure that all families outside the Lincoln service area have an equal chance of admittance.

We all love Lincoln Options and know that it is a unique school offering multi-age classrooms where social, emotional, and academic growth are equally valued, and where cooperation, social justice, and sustainability are taught and practiced. Now's the time to let others know exactly why we have our children enrolled here.

How can I help?

The enrollment committee will be venturing into social media this year as a way to help spread the word about the Enrollment Information Nights. If you blog, tweet, or use Facebook and are willing to distribute a message, please e-mail Susan Zemek at zemeks@comcast.net. She'll be preparing material for you to send or to customize for your friends. Please contact her also if you are willing to post flyers around town. Remember, we're all in this together.



Lincoln Winter Market in Review

-- Shanty Slater & Tina Olson

The Lincoln Winter Market went amazingly well. The true spirit of Lincoln Options and the surrounding community showed through loud and clear. We had a wide variety of high quality crafts, edibles, and entertainers. There were seasoned and first time vendors. In fact, some new vendors had so much fun selling that they want to do it more often! This is one of the reasons we enjoy organizing markets.

The turnout for the event was fantastic. We attribute this to families spreading the word to their friends and family. The news spread amazingly fast with no money spent on advertising. Thank you.

Vendors		Balance Sheet	
Kids	2	Bake sale	\$ 267
Lincoln family	18	Vendor fees	\$1,750
Local community	44	Cost for Facility	-\$ 265
		TOTAL proceeds to OCC= \$1,782	

We would like to acknowledge **OCC's** flexibility and support of this event. We'd also like to thank those folks who stepped up to help us:

Wendy Trevorrow-- without her support, encouragement and knowledge this event wouldn't have happened

Nikki McClure- for creating a fabulous image to advertise the market

Rich Sikorski- for encouraging and organizing our young performers to show off their talents

Teresa Winstead and Julie Williamson- for organizing and running the awesome bake-sale

Paulette Frisina- for lending her beautiful vocal talents

Erik Neatherland and Marcela Abadi-for their trust in our abilities to pull this off.

And to **all the vendors and customers** who had enough faith in this last minute market to show up and participate! A true example of our amazing community!

Thank You!

Tina and Shanty

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Some Notes from OCC January 24th Meeting

The council created a new position – Lincoln Campout Chair. This post was formerly part of the duties of the Social and Appreciation Chair

Lincoln is hosting the upcoming School Board Meeting on February 27th.

The Options Program

- The emotional and social growth of children and academic progress are equally valued and developed in an environment where differences and diversity are appreciated and respected.
- Children stay with the same teacher in multi-age classrooms for two years or more to support their learning and strengthen family school relationships.
- The curriculum is organized around concepts and themes rather than as a series of separate subjects. A variety of experiences acknowledging the many forms of intelligence encourage individual initiative and cooperative learning.
- Multiple intelligences, cooperation, social justice and sustainability are taught and practiced.
- Parents are vital to sustaining the Options Program and are involved in governance, as partners supporting learning in the classroom, enrichment activities, field trips, fund raising, and social events.
- The Options classroom provides a developmentally-based curriculum that takes children from where they are "in total" and gives them opportunities and equipment to move forward at their own rates (in areas of their specific interest), enabling them to acquire life support skills (the basic education) in the process.

Options OPUS Deadlines

Our goal is to get the Opus out to you during the last week of the month for the month to come. That means submissions need to get to opuseditor@gmail.com by the middle of each month so that we have time to edit, fact-check, proof, format, and go through the final process with the main office prior to email distribution and printing. *Please do not assume that items submitted for the weekly Talking Points will be forwarded for inclusion in the OPUS.*

Upcoming Deadlines:

Wednesday, February 15 – March OPUS

Wednesday, March 14 – April OPUS

Wednesday, April 18 – May OPUS

Wednesday, May 16 – June OPUS

Questions? Contact Melissa Minjares at opuseditor@gmail.com.

Sustainability: We hope to shift distribution of the OPUS almost entirely to email this year. If you need a paper copy, please let us know in the main office.