



Lincoln Avenue PTA November's Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Call to Order/Pledge
- October Events Recap
 - Fall Catalog Profit: thank you for all that ordered; profit over \$3,000 going towards events this year; no date yet for shipping
 - Fall Festival: become a October event; such a big hit; face painting done by high schoolers; tattoos; bounce house; pumpkin patch; 3 food trucks; EMT, police and fireman; thank you for coming for those that attended
 - Survey: Thank you to everyone that participated and completed our PTA School of Excellence survey. We will use your feedback and build an Excellence Action Plan. More details in the new year.
 - Trunk or Treat: Thank you for all that volunteered; we had 30 cars and didn't ran out of the candy with such a great turn out; since it was our first one we are already in discussions on changes that can be made for next year; spoke to Armano about having the school help organize donating candy
 - Red Ribbon Week: During Red Ribbon Week our children celebrated this year's theme, "Be Kind to their Mind" by participating in fun themed days and mindful at home activities. We decorated the school property with signs and red ribbons. In school on Tuesday, October 24th, our children attended an assembly with Jodi Cameron to learn how to be kind to their mind and body. They learned how their brains have an alarm that goes off when they are nervous or frustrated. Mrs. Jodi taught our children how practicing breathing can help release their stress and calm down by getting them excited dancing and showing techniques to calm down after.
 - Reflections Submissions; 15 submissions entered; more than last year (9), every category but film has someone. This weekend they are being sent to the judges; announce winners this month
 - Book Fair: Sales \$10,785.16; Largest Book Fair Sales to Date! This year we were set up in the small room in front of the library and everyone loved the location and said it felt like a little store! We had a successful Book Fair thanks to the students shopping and our generous school community who donated to all for books. Thank you to Mrs. Volpe, the parent volunteers and the Lincoln Library Junior Librarian's who helped the children shop, stay on budget and find their favorite titles. We are looking forward to our Spring Book Fair!
- Treasurer's Report: checking \$20,150.11 outstanding \$2,493.75
- Membership Update : 351; only class to hit 100% Mrs. Connelly; 75% party Mrs. Lombardi
- Ways to Stay Connected:

- Newsletter
 - On PTA website, Facebook
 - Sent monthly via email
- Website: <https://www.lincolnavepta.org>
- Remind App
- Facebook & Instagram
- Email: lincolnavenupta@gmail.com
- Year-round Fundraising:
 - Box Tops App **scan on your phone; receipt**
- Upcoming Events
 - Virtual Bingo 11/8 **Halloween bingo had jokes, singers; next is the 8th; sign up for \$5 per card; you can purchase multiple cards; have jokes ready; closes Sunday to purchase cards**
 - Veteran's Day Breakfast 11/9 **Thursday, November 9th from 8:15-9am; students are encouraged to bring their favorite veteran; student council is preparing speeches; Mrs. Cirillo is working on songs with her students; all students will be sent home with a star to decorate. The stars will be used to decorate a Hallway of Hero's; there are still spots available on the sign up genius for donations; lass parents please share; teachers donating pastries; PTA donating bagels; there is a box to donate items; local veterans invited**
 - Raise Craze Fundraiser 11/13-11/27 **WORLD KINDNESS WEEK is the third week in November. During that time, participants attempt to make the world a better place by pledging acts of kindness. This year we've partnered with Raise Craze to do just that! Raise Craze is an online platform for students to set up custom websites, where they request donations. Our hope is to spread kindness, while also helping give back to the students through PTA funds. Instructions and fun incentive sheets will be sent home this month. Any questions email the Lincoln Avenue PTA**
 - Spirit Wear: **New This Year! Fully customizable Spirit Wear! Lincoln Avenue and Sayville. Ships directly to you within 1-2 weeks. 6 Logos over a variety of 40 items. High quality pieces and apparel brands you know and love. Open and ready to shop. Suggestions are welcome; no closing date; there is express shipping; screen printing**
 - Picture Retakes: **Thursday, November 16th; along with club pictures; please send a note in to your child's teacher ahead of time so they know you want a retake**
- 5th Grade Committee
 - Yearbook middle school picture was a great turnout; thanks for getting the time
 - Boo Bags sales hot 253 bags; thanks so much for supporting the 5th grade class;
 - Our next fundraiser will be after the holidays; maybe February
 - Monthly Treat: The 5th graders received glow bracelets from their friend Lightning

- 5th Grade Theme: will be unveiled this month for the class party; will be incorporated for shirt and party
- 5th grade club pictures; word master, math masters, chorus, Lincoln singers, band, orchestra, etc. anything the student does outside of the class room
- **Teacher Liaison Report;** teachers unable to be here; Coach reminding candy donations end tomorrow; collecting in front office
- **Principal's Report;** thank you for coming out; huge shout out to the PTA; he has worked with many PTA groups and he sees how organized/ best interest at heart for the children;
 - Coach created a movement hallway; gives students the ability to move all day to help control their behavior and stay engaged in learning; helps them stay focused
 - Self Esteem Winners announced two weeks ago; Lincoln Leader; some kids come home with a certificate but they didn't understand why; the certificate will be with a letter so they know why they earned the award;
 - Juice & Jot: the principal asks the students a set of questions and have an honest question; talk about what they like/ love about Lincoln/ teachers/ principal; ask what they want from their principal and teachers; some students want to interview Armano and going to announce the answers on the loud speaker; the children were chosen by the teacher on characteristics based on STRIDES; students will rotate monthly but goal is an initiative comes out of each meeting; the students will be different then the winner of the month; helps teachers look at the students from a SEL
 - Touch a Truck/ PSEG: come to the school for all students
 - Educating General Education students on some of our special education's needs; special providers pushing in to classroom to help provide information
 - Dr. Ferris asked principals to come by with Individual missions for our school: Who is Lincoln? Created last June with teachers/ staff what are the things they are proud of, what they want for student outcomes, etc
 - Lincoln is a family comes up often; they didn't feel that the community knew; Why are you're a family? The LA faculty meetings are professional development; the teachers created a journey map of their career; they were reconnected with their "why"; common themes were
 - Mentorship
 - Inspirations
 - Passion for learning
 - Seeing student growth
 - Why is Lincoln a family is Octobers theme. It is charted in the hallway for the community; common themes
 - Caring
 - Also held one to one meetings with teachers; many said they want to be heard and seen
 - Election Day next week they will be exploring this more; will be guiding themselves into Lincoln Learns will be a home

- Academics
 - Culture of Caring: building and classroom culture
 - Lincoln Family; Parents, Peers, Pupils
 - Building Outcomes
 - Final outcome/ decisions of what Lincoln is will be revealed by February
- Clubs; there will be a menu of items available for kids to choose from
- Questions:
 - What grades will participate? Clubs will be based on grade labels for signing up
 - Will it be a lottery? Yes, if there are 20 seats and 25 students sign up
 - Teachers are out of the classroom often. How can we decrease that? There are 6 permanent subs in our building; tends to be the same substitute; usually half day; percentage is about 3-5% of missed class time by classroom teacher
 - Are substitutes certified? Our subs have graduated with a degree and have passed their certifications; many are just starting out
 - Wants to do when the TC is going to be out of the district? New assistant superintendent is doing a curriculum study on each subject with principals co-chairing; each committee is talking the pros and cons
- Guest Speaker,
- Other Reports:
 - SEPTA new fundraiser is 10 Days of Holiday Fun; two options are 12 days of winter themes or 8 days options; for example one is hiding 6 candy canes; order by 11/17; giving out on the 11/20; any questions you can email; money goes to 8th and 12th grade scholarships for vocational schools; next meeting is 12/4 @6:30 in Middle School cafeteria
 - SMBA membership is on their website; need volunteers for middle school vendors at the play, the students need one hour of volunteering to qualify for their scholarships; will send QR code to our PTA to boost to help get kids sign up
 - Shared Decision Making was site base team; last year decided to create Student Greeters; this year we have peer leaders that walk around helping the littles and greeting with high fives
 - Creation Stations and Motivational Stickers:
 - Student Beautification project: working on sprucing up the bathrooms by putting up motivational quotes on the wall; especially students that need to recenter themselves and use the bathroom as a place to take a break
 - There are 400+ students so working on making sure all students are enjoying their recess time; not all kids want to play games; creating an alternative with a station that they can sign up to attend a creation station; piloting with the 4th and 5th grade students. Will be in the library space that was used for the Book Fair; craft stations, Legos; reading, starting in Mid-November and an adult will be present; 12-15 students ; sign up by signing up on

a clipboard in the classroom on a weekly bases; up to the teacher; starting it that everyone gets a turn if wanted and if a pattern is noticed the school will work on helping the kids be there with the children they want to be with organically

- Math hallway: reenforce math skills; skip counting and patterns to help with students interact
- Selfie Hallway: send a picture of your child with something that are proud of to Mr. Armano
- Board of Education
- New Business - we welcome your ideas!
- Meeting Adjourned