



# Carl Von Linné Newsletter

## Principally Speaking...

Wow, is November ever a busy month! As Thanksgiving approaches, we have so much to be thankful for. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers and staff for their unwavering commitment to the academic and social emotional development of each of our students. Your work is admirable and we feel proud and thankful to have the most talented staff in the Chicago Public Schools!

Further I'd like to thank our Local School Council (LSC) for supporting us along the way and for always putting children first! Your work is so valuable. Currently there are two parent vacancies in the LSC. If you would like to join the council please contact Ms. Martinez in the main office. Thank you to our Parent Advisory Council (PAC), and Bilingual Advisory Committee (BAC) who have begun their work and are eagerly planning workshops, presenters, and other

activities. More information will follow soon. A huge thank you to our Friends of Carl Von Linne committee who in spite of the many financial obstacles we may face, have taken the initiative to raise funds and organize so that we can continue to offer a well-rounded education. The next meeting is 11/17.

Finally and most importantly, we are thankful for the parents that have kept their faith in us. They continue to share their most valuable possession with us and work hard and advocate to be a partner in their children's education, safety and well-being. I firmly believe that your support has been crucial in the growth we see as a school from year to year. For this, we are ever so thankful.

I would like to wish all of you and your families a happy, healthy and relaxing Thanksgiving holiday!

### Dates to Remember

11/3	Quarter 1 Ends
11/4	Teacher Institute Day / No School for students
11/7	Picture Retakes
11/9	Report Card Pick-up 12–6:00 pm No School for Students
11/11	Veteran's Day No School
11/15	Local School Council Meeting. School Library 4:00 p.m.
11/17	Friends of Carl Von Linne Meeting
11/22	PAC Meeting 8:15 a.m. Cafeteria
11/23 - 11/26	Thanksgiving Break

### Save the Dates

12/19 & 12/21

Linne School Holiday Showcase

Students in Dance & Music will perform. More information coming soon.



## Parent / Visitor Check-In

Linne school takes the security of our students very seriously. As such, we remind parents and visitors that they must check in the main office when entering the building. No one is allowed to walk the hallways or walk children to classrooms without a visitor's pass issued by the main office. Parents in the primary grades will not be permitted to enter the lunchroom at drop off. Parents may make appointments to talk to teachers before or after school. Interruption of instructional times will not

be tolerated. Dropping off lunch is permissible only in the main office. Please refrain from entering the lunchroom or the recess area to give your child his/her lunch.

Working together will ensure that rules are respected and that the safety of all children is not compromised. We thank you for your understanding and support.

Carl Von Linne Elementary

Parent Teacher Conference

Report card pick-up and parent teacher conferences will take place on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please be mindful of the conference time as to give everyone an opportunity to confer with teachers.

It is recommended that you review your child's grades using the parent portal prior to arriving so that you are better prepared to engage in discussions about your child's grades. If you don't have access to the parent portal a notification with your child's student identification number and PIN will be distributed. We also encourage you to provide your e-mail address so that you may be added to the school's e-mail blast.

Local School Council Vacancy

Since the Chicago School Reform Act of 1988, Linne's Local School Council (LSC) has been committed to working with the school administration and community to develop school programs that aim at improving our student's rich learning experience. By law, Local School Councils play a role in decision-making at the local school level. As the school's governing body the primary responsibilities of LSCs include approving how school funds and resources are allocated, approving and monitoring the implementation of the annual school improvement plan, and hiring and evaluating the school's contract principal. Our LSC currently has two parent vacancies. Those vacancies can be filled by the sitting LSC. A parent is eligible to serve as a parent representative if he/she:

- Is the parent or legal guardian of a child currently enrolled in that school; and
- Is not an employee of the Board of Education

If you are interested in applying for the vacancies please contact Ana Martinez in the main office.

Fall is here!

Autumn is here and with the change of seasons comes cooler temperatures. It is very important that students come to school dressed for outdoor recess.

Unless temperatures and/or wind reach dangerous levels, or if it is raining, students will be outside for recess. Remember that our building does not open until 7:50, with most staff arriving at 8:00. For safety reasons please do not drop off or send your children to school before that time.



Other Important Information

- ◆ School spirit gear will be available on report card pick-up. Show your support and pride for Linne by wearing school gear. Hoodies for the fall will be available as well as joggers, winter hats, t-shirts and much more. For more information see Mrs. Pollina.
- ◆ Linne's Out of School Time (OST) program will begin the week of November 14th. The program will have an academic focus in the areas of reading and math. Students who qualify will be invited into the program. Students participating must have a written consent note from their parent or legal guardian. More information will follow soon.
- ◆ The Chicago Public Schools have released the achievement ratings of the district's schools. The School Quality Rating Policy (SQRP) is the district's policy for evaluating each school's academic performance in a five tier system (Level 1+, Level 1, Level 2+, Level 2, Level 3) each year. Based on results recently released the 2016 SQRP rating for Carl Von Linné School is: LEVEL 1+. This is the highest possible rating issued to a Chicago Public School! Congratulations to our students for their hard work, to the teachers for their commitment, and to the parents for their support! A detailed report of the school's progress and evaluation is available at [www.cps.edu](http://www.cps.edu) and [linneschool.org](http://linneschool.org).
- ◆ Don't forget to join us for FREE Zumba classes every Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. in the dance studio. Participants may also stay after Zumba for presentations/workshops with a health expert from Presence Health.