



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/3- Book Fair
- 10/14 Lunchroom
- 10/7 Progress Reports
- 10/10 Columbus Day No School
- 10/18 LSC Meeting at 4:00 p.m. in the Library
- 10/20 Friends of Carl Von Linne Meeting 3:30p Library
- 10/31 Halloween Parade 2:30p PK -2 Only
- 11/3 First Quarter Ends
- 11/4 No School for Students School Improvement
- 11/9 Report Card Pick-up 11:45a—6p
- 11/11 Veteran's Day No School
- 11/23 Thanksgiving to Break
- 11/25 No School

## Principally Speaking...

Happy Fall to All! Many fabulous things are happening at Linne this month. Hispanic Heritage month brings many activities that honor and celebrate the culture and heritage of many of our families. Zumba continues to be a big hit and the number of participants continues to grow. We are grateful to our sponsor

Presence Health Care and for the work of Registered Nurse Viviana Iglesias who is available each week to answer questions and provide healthcare advice. We hope to see you every Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. in the Dance Studio. The 55 Alive program had an amazing response and a waiting list has

been generated to ensure maximum student participation.

Planning for October after-school programs have begun and more information is soon to follow. These programs will have an academic focus.

What a great school! Great things continue to happen at Linne!

## Friends of Linne

Join us on October 20th at 3:30 p.m. for a Friends of Linne meeting in the school library. This important meeting will lay the groundwork for fundraising activities for the 2016-2017 school year. We invite you to attend and

would love your participation and feedback. In a time of increasing school budget constraints the work of Friends of Linne could not be more important. We encourage you to volunteer and help us sustain our academic and enrichment programs.



## Dual Language Program

We are very excited about the growth of our Dual Language Program. This year we opened an additional Kindergarten Dual in order to meet the demands of parents interested in enrolling their children in the program. A brief informational meeting was held earlier this month and a second meeting is scheduled during report card pick-up. A number of resources including "parent tips" and how you can support your child's second language is available. For more information please contact Ms. Mendez or Mr Parra. [emendez@cps.edu](mailto:emendez@cps.edu) & [gaparra@cps.edu](mailto:gaparra@cps.edu)

## Other Announcements

In order to offset current budget constraints Linne's LSC has implemented a **student fee** policy. Student fees may cover expenses in various academic or enrichment programs. The cost is \$25 per student. Please make sure to stop by the office or check with your child's teacher in order to pay the fee.

**Progress reports** will be distributed on Friday, October 7, 2016. Please make sure to ask your child for a copy of his/her progress report. **Report card pick-up** and parent conferences are scheduled for November 9, 2016 from 11:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

## 55 Alive Program

Through the generous work of the Otis Wilson Charitable Foundation Linne school will continue to host the 55 Alive Program. This after-school program includes homework support, literacy, martial arts, exercise, dance, and culinary classes. This year's response was overwhelming and a waiting list has been generated in order to provide all applicants a chance to participate. For more information please contact Executive Director Chlyla Wilson at [Chlyla@theowca.org](mailto:Chlyla@theowca.org).

## Volunteers

We need your help! Linne is searching for volunteers to help supervise students during lunch and recess. Please don't hesitate to come to the main office and sign up to help support our students. Activities may include helping students open lunches, wipe down tables, or simply supervising students. It takes a village!

## Halloween Parade

The annual Halloween parade is scheduled for Monday, October 31, 2016. As in previous years we encourage students in PK—2nd grade to come dressed in costumes. Please keep in mind that masks or costumes with weapons (swords, knives, guns) are not acceptable. The parade will begin at 2:30 p.m. and weather permitting will continue around the school perimeter.

## Parent Portal & E-mails

Have you signed up for **Parent Portal**? Please visit [www.parent.cps.k12.il.us](http://www.parent.cps.k12.il.us) to sign up. Parent Portal allows parents to monitor student progress and attendance. Through this application you are able to see specific classroom assignments, grades, and attendance. It is a great way to support your child's school work. You can set notifications to alert you when your child's average falls below a specific percentage. For more information and to receive your assigned PIN please visit the main office. Are you part of Linne's **e-mail blast**? We encourage parents to update their registration information to include their personal e-mails. This is a great way for the school to quickly and efficiently communicate with parents. Announcements, newsletters, and meeting dates are distributed electronically. For more information please contact the main office.

## Traffic Announcement

Ensuring the safety of our students is our most important priority. As a result, we are in continuous communication with community members to discuss ways to improve traffic flow and ensure the safety of our students during dismissal.

With the collaboration of city officials, we have closed Richmond street from the intersection of Richmond and School to Belmont Avenue. All alleys around the perimeter of the school are also closed. We understand that this brings an

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inconvenience to parents picking up their children. We suggest that you arrive early so that you may park and walk to the school grounds to meet your children. We appreciate your support and cooperation and continue to look forward to serving our students and community in an orderly and safe manner.

