

Principal's Corner  
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## Famous Americans

As we approach the President's Holiday, history and patriotism take center stage. On the Springer campus, famous americans have been walking across our parking lot and playground the entire week. Just yesterday I said hello to Mr. Benjamin Franklin. For some reason, these folks seem to all be heading for Grade Three classrooms. I thought all of our classes were full !

I ventured into the third grade classrooms and found these famous Americans telling about their lives and their memorable accomplishments that helped make America strong and free. Also, I found these Americans practiced and lived many of the Lifeskills we work on each month at Springer. I stopped two of these very famous Americans and asked them to tell me about the part Lifeskills played in their growth toward greatness.

**Abe Lincoln:** *" The first is the lifeskill of caring. when I was driving a wagon across a frozen river, a puppy jumped from the wagon and began drowning in the icy water. I waded waist deep into the water and saved the puppy from drowning; I don't like seeing anything getting hurt. Another thing that sets an example of caring is when I declared for slaver to end, showing I cared for all mankind no matter what the skin color.*

*Secondly, I'd like to be remembered as having a sense of humor. Once during a formal reception in the White House, my son Tad hitched his pet goat to a chair and drove into the reception, weaving in and out among the well dressed guests. They were astonished, ut I simply laughed.*

*The third Lifeskill that best describes me is integrity. I said after the Civil War "with malice towards none, with charity for all. let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind the nation's wounds."*

by Killian Fay

**George Washington:** *The best thing that I helped create was the U. S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. When people think of me I hope they remember three Lifeskills that I exhibited:*

*Caring: When I took care of my half brother , when I fought in wars of r our country, and how I cared for the slave families that worked for me.*

*Courage: I was a brave soldier and helped our country by leading troops through many battles.*

*Effort: Serving tow terms as president and creating the Constitution of the United States."*

Have a pleasant holiday week !

## Arts in Action

On Monday evening, several students and I presented an update on instruction at Springer to the Los Altos School Board. As a part of this presentation, our fine art instructor, Edie Bella selected representative art samples form the different grades. The following students now have their artwork on display in the Los Altos School Board Room:

Room 1: Sami and Audrey

Room 4: Siena and Raunak

Room 7: Nate and Darren  
Room 3: Tyler and Lucy  
Room 6: Rohan and Medeleine  
Room 9: Hunter and Sola  
Room 11: Emma and Elise  
Room 13: Pierce and Cole  
Room 14: Kate, Juliet, and Daniel

Room 16: Gerald and Elena

Room 8: Jacob and Nathan  
Room 5: Laura and Tim  
Room 2: Cassidy and Sonja  
Room 10: Mitra and Avery  
Room 12: Dane and Veda  
Room 18: Krysta and Nicholas  
Room 15: Emma, Daniel, and  
Ellen  
Room 17: Michaela and Nila

### **School Site Council**

The Springer School Site Council has been an active and involved group of teachers and parent. The council meets the last Tuesday of each month at 3:00 P.M. This council makes recommendations for materials selection, explores educational policy, and actively participates in decisions leading to curriculum and instructional practices. In addition, the council works hand in hand with the PTA and the Technology Committee in planning for the future of our school.

Childcare is available at no charge.

Hope to see you on Tuesday, February 27th at 3:00 in the Staff Lounge.