



October 2018

From The Principal's Desk

Dear Lincoln Families,

Welcome to the month of October! After a busy start to the school year, we are settling in to the school year. We celebrated a fantastic Lincoln PTO Walk-a-Thon last Friday! We are so incredibly fortunate to have so many wonderful supporters for our walk-a-thon. In case you have not heard, we raised \$40,557.50...a new record for Lincoln! We already rewarded those students (125) who met the "dunk tank" incentive level last week. On October 4th, students earning dessert with Ms. Albers and Mrs. Peterson (345 students) will receive their treats at lunch. Just a reminder that the date of the Lock-In has been changed to Friday, November 2nd from 6-9 pm. 117 students will be participating in that activity. Water bottles (170 students) will arrive closer to the end of the month. I can't thank our Walk-a-Thon chairpersons Stacy Litersky and Bonnie Ricci enough for all they did to ensure such a successful day all around! THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

We are quickly approaching the end of the first quarter, which means that Parent Teacher Conferences are just around the corner. Our conferences are set for Thursday, October 18th and Friday, October 19th...and there will be no school on those days. For those families who will be out of town during PT Conferences, teachers will work to schedule those conferences either before school (7:50-8:10 am) or after school (2:45-3:40 pm). Please understand that the flexibility in the times that are available during our normal PT conference days will not be offered for those "make up" conferences. We appreciate your understanding in scheduling those subsequent conference times. Please understand that teachers will meet for only one PT conference for each child. Teachers will not meet separately with each parent. This ensures that everyone hears the same information at the conference and that there are no

misunderstandings about information shared between everyone. Thank you for your understanding of that.

Please be aware that your tentative conference time(s) will come home by Friday, October 5th. We ask that those confirmation slips are returned back to school no later than Friday, October 12th. If the time we have assigned for you does not work for you, the sooner you let us know, the better opportunity we have in re-scheduling to a time that works better for you.

October is a busy month...PT conferences, Book Fair, various musical presentations and the PTO Vendor Fair. We look forward to seeing you at Lincoln...as always, thank you for your wonderful support!

Ms. Julie Albers, Principal

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A Note From the Assistant Principal

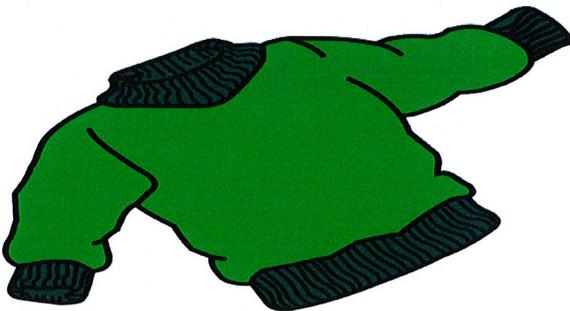
Happy Fall, Y'all! October is here and this month is packed with activities. We had a wonderful Walk-A-Thon last week and we are so blessed with all the generous donations. We look forward to seeing all of you at parent-teacher conferences in two weeks. Our PBIS focus this month is responsibility. Please help our lions find ways to be responsible at home as well as at school.

In case you haven't noticed, the Peterson family is adding another pumpkin to our patch. I am due with our third child on March 1, 2019. We are excited to add one more child to our family. I hope you have a wonderful October!

Mrs. Michelle Peterson, Assistant Principal

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DRESS CODE REMINDERS



October 12th is the last day of the first quarter. The district dress code requires that shorts, skirts and dresses be worn with leggings during the 2nd and 3rd quarters due to colder temperatures at recess. In addition, no flip flops, sandals and slides can be worn during the 2nd and 3rd quarters. Please also remember that when students wear leggings, their

shirts/sweatshirts need to be long enough to cover their backsides. Thank you for your help with these changes!

Upcoming Musical Performances



6th Grade Musical
Monday, October 15th, 2018
6:30 pm at Bertha Frank
Performing Arts Center at MHS
(Please note: 6th grade students will rehearse all day on Friday, 10/12 and Monday, 10/15. 5th grade students will watch the final dress rehearsal on Monday afternoon. All Lincoln students will be transported to MHS by school bus.)

5th-12th grade Fall Concert
Monday, October 22nd, 2018
6:30 pm at Grace Church



Halloween Activities Planned for the End of October

For the first time in many years, we encouraged K-4th grade students to wear

their Halloween costumes for a schoolwide Halloween parade last year. Parents and family members sat in the bleachers in the gym to watch the parade before the classroom parties. It was so much fun to see students dressed up in their Halloween costumes.

This year, we will continue that practice and open up the costume parade to ALL students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Students are invited to BRING (not WEAR) their costumes to school on Tuesday, October 31st. Students will change into costumes at around 1 pm, and we'll begin the parade with our Kindergarten students at approximately 1:15 pm, with classroom parties to follow.

Families are again invited to come to school to watch the costume parade. We will try to parade outside in front of the school. If the weather doesn't cooperate, then we'll parade inside in our gym.

Be looking for a note/message next week with specific information about appropriate school Halloween costumes.

Remember that costumes should be appropriate for school and follow our dress code guidelines.

Please remember that our Halloween parties (as are all holiday parties) are "treat free." This means that we do not have snacks or drinks served at our holiday parties.

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Have you "liked" *Lincoln Elementary School, Morton, IL* on Facebook yet? What are you waiting for? Like us for important school news, pictures and

“live” streaming video from various school events!



ROAR!

The following students were caught in the month of September for following our ROAR expectations. Our students can be caught by any adult in the building for being Responsible, On target, Acting like a leader or being Respectful. Congratulations students!

Kindergarten: Karis Levitt, Dani Jones, Lance Bollinger, Ary Keyser, Elowen Knobloch, Jayden Hoffmire, Kinsley Shepherdson, Cruz Kyle, Brooklyn Schwartz, Evie Hare, Luke Gronewold, Charlie Klopfenstein, Owen Reddy.

First Grade: Daniel Ginzel, A.J. Johnson, Layton Kaluza, Reese Warning, Rose Smith, Elizabeth Shoffstall, Colton Strohkirch, Miles Greene, Abryna Odari, Everly Brown, James Kirk, Hudson Zeller, Emerson Sauder, Garrett Koch, Zeelan Dick, Tinley Larson, Nixon Albers, Scarlet Long.

Second Grade: Will Auxier, Will Mettelmann, Nolan Shepherdson, Quinn Hellinga, Andy Ripka, Abe Hoffman, Ryker Boss, Reece Litersky, Gabby Nichols, Blake McMillan, Drew Clark, Chase Bunton, Kaila Phillips, Layla Stroud, Adam Herring, Asher McClarren, Olivia Brooks.

Third Grade: Brooklynn Cotton, Kenley Mahr, Levi Sander, Turner Albers, Max Nestrud, Landry Robeen, Jessie Ronk, Marley Mills, Norah Rice, Savanah Westbrook, Rylan Taufer, Tanner Naas, Logan Beeney, Isaac Gosteli,

Kylee Brown, Cade Cowley, Quin Gilfillan-Jones, Miley Darche, Kaiden Nelson, Bennett Reid, Morgan Smith, Hailey Bassett, Ryan Clauson, Madi Greiner, Jace Houghton, Penelope Drake.

Fourth Grade: Izzy Ripka, Ethan Beccue, Ethan Moser, Kayden Johnson, Sarah Salyers, Carson Price, Caleb Babin, Keaton Albers, Jolie Farrell, Maggie Getz, Alec Julien, Brandon Volpert, Landon Greene, Kaylee Hitz, Jada Rinkenberger, Max Roosa, Ben Eichorn, Becks Zobrist, Jude Parnham, Mya Reed, Frankie Vance, Malarie Raeuber.

Fifth Grade: Emma Beyer, Boden Morgan, Gage Petrov, Addison Donaldson, Bo Gill, Laynie Reed, Bode Mills, Samdon Stanfield, Malachi Petrov, Rachel Clauson, Alison Delinger, Blair Litersky, Cade Darche, Bek Powers, Kian Grashoff, Ava Perhay.

Sixth Grade: Cody Grashoff, Trae Zobrist, Rylen Tanner, Lily Smith, Josh Kolacki, Talan Winkel, Ethan Green, Brynley Racich, Addison Dea.

In October, we will be focusing specifically on the area of being “Responsible.” At our Monthly Morning Assembly this week, we talked about all of the different ways that we demonstrate responsibility at school!

6th grade Students Organize Kickball Tournament to Support Midwest Food Bank



Several Lincoln 6th grade students have been busy over the past two weeks organizing an after school Kickball Tournament Fundraiser for students in grades 3rd-6th. Pictured are the kickball tournament coordinators (L to R): Callie Winstead, Ella Vannaken, Molly Hellinga.

The three friends wanted to plan an event that would support the Midwest Food Bank in Morton. Their idea was to organize a kickball tournament, which has been scheduled for after school on Wed., 10/17. In order to participate in the kickball tournament, 3rd-6th grade students must pay a "fee" of 2 or more canned goods/food to be donated to the Midwest Food Bank. A permission slip was sent home earlier this week; these slips should be returned no later than Friday, October 12th so that the students can work on getting teams organized for tournament day!

We are very proud of these girls and the leadership role they have taken on to assist others in our community and to be a positive role model for our Lions! Way to ROAR, girls!!



Deadline for Health Records Quickly Approaching

This is a reminder for families of students in kindergarten, second and sixth grades of the

approaching deadline for immunizations, physicals and other required health records. The deadline for these records is Friday, October 12th. Students who do not have the required immunizations or health exams turned in by this date will be excluded from school beginning on Monday, October 15th. Please note that Morton CUSD 709 will no longer accept appointment cards for scheduled appointments after the 10/15/18 deadline. Letters were sent home last month to those families whose students were missing required records. Please contact Mrs. Collins, clerical aide in our office, at 284-4030 if you have questions. Thank you for taking care of this promptly.



Important October Dates

Fri., 10/5: First Grade Field Trip-All Around Town (touring various facilities in Morton)

Mon., 10/8 and Tues., 10/9: No School

Fri., 10/12: End of First Quarter

Mon., 10/15: Scholastic Book Fair Week; Lincoln 6th Grade Musical at Bertha Frank PAC/MHS at 6:30 pm

Wed., 10/17: Report Cards Distributed; Midwest Food Bank Kickball Tournament fundraiser after school (optional activity for 3rd-6th graders)

Thurs., 10/18 and Fri., 10/19: No School for Parent Teacher Conferences

Mon., 10/22: Morton Elementary Choir (5th/6th grades) performs at Fall Choir Concert at Grace Church 6:30 pm

Tues., 10/23: 5th Grade Field Trip to Funk Prairie Home in rural Shirley; PTO meeting in gym vestibule-7 pm/child care provided in the cafeteria

Sat., 10/27: PTO Vendor Fair 9 am-2 pm in Lincoln gym; MJHS Student Council Halloween Spooktacular at MJHS 6-8 pm

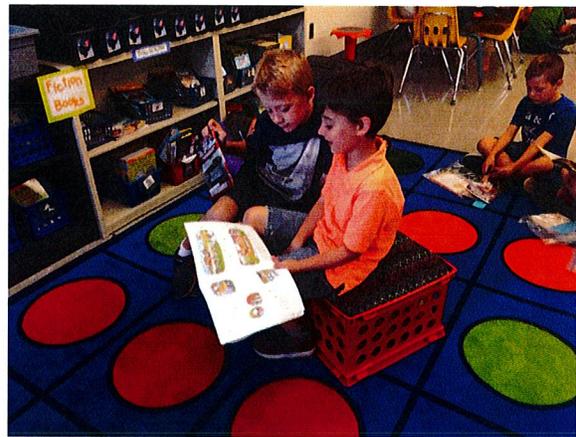
Wed., 10/31: Schoolwide Halloween Costume Parade, starting at 1:15 pm; Classroom Halloween parties to follow

Thurs., 11/1: Vision and Hearing Screenings

Fri., 11/2: PTO Walk-a-Thon Lock In (gym, cafeteria, music room, library) 6-9 pm

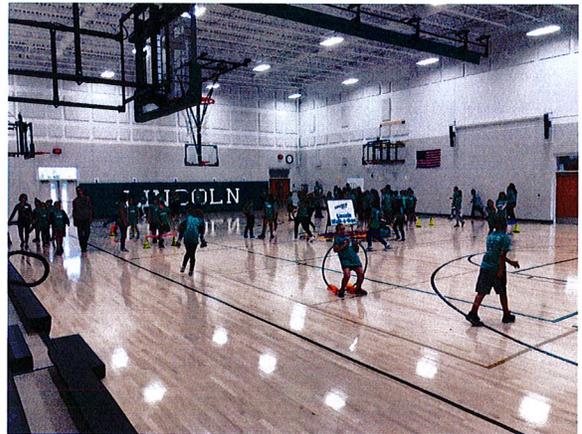
Tues., 11/6: Monthly Schoolwide Morning Assembly at 8:10 am in the cafeteria

Wed., 11/7: 1:10 Dismissal for Teacher In-Service activities; Kona Ice will be here after school!



September Photo Album!





**It was such a fun month!!
Onto more school memories in
October!!**

LINCOLN LITERACY!



When your child sees a book do their eyes light up? Do they have a favorite book or beg to read with you? Creating a **Love** of reading will help your child's confidence and ability as a learner, and it can start right at **home!**



EVERYONE'S A READER!



No matter where your child is in their literacy journey, he/she is a **READER!** If they can turn the pages of a book, look and talk about the illustrations, or find a word they know, **THEY ARE READERS!** Helping your child to identify as a reader will help their confidence and create more positive interactions with literacy. When you see your child engaging in **ANY** type of literacy activity, **PRAISE** them and call them a **READER!**

★ Your interactions with books matter too! Seeing family members reading lets your child know that reading is a lifelong activity to be enjoyed.



GOALS FOR OCTOBER:



Find ways to **PRAISE** your child as a reader!



Use literacy as a **REWARD!** Extra books for bedtime, a trip to the library, or a new book from your classroom book order can show your child that reading is a reward in itself!

- ❑ If your child chooses a book they can't read (**YET!**), read it to them! Kids are **never** too old to be read to. It's a great way to hear what good reading sounds like, and be exposed to even **more** literature, creating a **STRONGER** knowledge about books that they can utilize when reading on their own.

As always, please contact me with any and all questions related to literacy!

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Lincoln School PTO News and Views

October 2018



We have such a generous and amazing school community! Thank you to everyone for such a successful 2018 Walk-A-Thon! Through your giving, we are able to continue doing everything (and more) we have always been able to do as a PTO! As you read this, our volunteers are busy planning for upcoming PTO events and opportunities for additional parent and student involvement! Look forward to seeing you soon!

Stacy Litersky, PTO President



Upcoming PTO Important Dates:

- Oct 23: PTO Meeting 7 pm
- Oct 15-19: Book Fair & P/T Conf.
- Oct 27: Lincoln Vendor & Craft Fair
- Nov 2 – Walk-A-Thon Lock In
- Nov 7: Early Dismissal/Kona Ice



NEW FAMILY WELCOME DINNER

Thank you to all of the new Lincoln families that attended the New Family Dinner on Monday, September 17. There was a great turn out! We greatly appreciated Ms. Albers and Mrs. Petersen for being there to answer questions and give a school tour. Additional thanks to Dr Hill for coming to present on the upcoming county sales tax facilities vote. We hope you all have a great year at Lincoln!

Welcome Committee Co-chairs
Nicole Sweazy and Christy Getz



Earn Cash for Our School!

BoxTop contests are coming soon! Please be saving and collecting your BoxTops for an all new and exciting contest with great prizes to be awarded!



Teacher Luncheons

Thanks so much for all the 6th grade parents who helped provide lunch for the staff in September! Our next staff lunch will be November 15th, hosted by the 5th grade parents. If you would like to help provide food- whether you are a 5th grade parent or not - please email Jaime

Farrell jandjfarrell@gmail.com

Lincoln School PTO's 9th Annual Walk-A-Thon



WOW! Together as a school, we raised \$40,672.50, surpassing our \$40,000 goal!

Thank you so much to our Lincoln School Families for your overwhelming & generous financial support through this year's 2018-19 Walk-A-Thon! All funds raised this year will go towards the purchase of lockers for our 5th graders; benches outside of the gym and a portable coat rack for our Lincoln guests. **Most importantly, these fundraising monies will be used to help continue to support our current PTO programs at Lincoln School!** These programs include teacher classroom requests, Artistic Adventures, Mystery Science, Family Fun Events, Junior Achievement, Technology purchases, Carnival and more!

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to our sponsors

Carl's Bakery
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Central Illinois Insulation
Central Illinois Wellness Center
Clayton Financial Group
Core Construction Services of IL
Floral Designs
Friends of Lincoln PTO
Gold's Gym
Gosteli Technology Solutions
Illinois Civil Contractors Inc.
Lighthouse GMC Automotive
Michael Yordy Excavating
Morton Audiology & Hearing Aid Ctr.
Morton Collision
Preckshot Professional Pharmacy
Renewal by Andersen
Schooners of Morton
Staker & Sons
Sucre
Sum Fun Stable
Tanner Farms
The Unlimited Stitch
Tony & Sons

Thank You
To Our Walk-A-Thon Volunteers!

Thank you to our Lincoln staff: Ms. Albers, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Spinder, Mrs. Bakirdan, Mrs. Collins, Mr. Hamilton & Mr. Harkless, Ms. DeBoer, Mr. Becker, Miss Schmitt & Mr. Smith

Thanks to our AWESOME teachers who participated in the Dunk Tank: Mrs. Hoelscher, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Vastine, Mrs. Mosby, Miss Knoblauch, Mrs. Schreiner, Mr. Becker, Mrs. Gronewold & Ms. Albers

Last but not the least, **thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers:** Bonnie Ricci, Tammy Anderson, Krista Bethel, Katey Malson, Kara Roosa, Staci Leuchtenberg, Mary Miller, Rebecca Schelkopf & Stephanie Shepherdson

Fun Walk-A-Thon Facts:

- Each of our students & staff received a Walk-A-Thon t-shirt: that's over 650 t-shirts!
- 394 Lincoln students made some kind of donation to Walk-A-Thon! (75% of our students)
- We had 24 generous sponsors who contributed \$10,000 towards our total!
- 351 students received a Dairy Queen Dilly Bar for raising at least \$50 each
- There were 127 students who participated in dunking 9 Lincoln staff members!
- 172 students will be receiving a Lincoln School Water Bottle
- 120 students are eligible to attend the Lincoln School Lock-in on Friday, Nov 2 from 6 – 8:30 pm

Spirit Committee News:

The Spirit Committee has several volunteer opportunities coming up in the next few months! Most of these activities require little to no time... just a donation!!

October 18: We are hosting a teacher soup, sandwich, and salad luncheon during parent/teacher conferences. I have a few opportunities for Lincoln families to donate food and help with set-up and clean-up!

October 15-19: BACE coat drive. (See info below!)

Nov 12-16: Canned food drive for BACE/We Care. I'm so excited that 6th grade has so graciously agreed to help with this wonderful service project! More details coming on classroom contests and ways to get involved!

Anyone wishing to help cook, collect, count, or deliver can contact Rebecca Schelkopf at 263-4120 or email her at rebeccaschelkopf@yahoo.com

B.A.C.E. Coat Drive Oct 15th – 19th

It's that time of year again to clean out those closets and donate your *new or gently used coats* to kids here in Morton! Lincoln School Spirit Committee is hosting the B.A.C.E. Coat Drive October 15-19.

Please send coats to school with your child or drop off during your conferences!! Collection boxes are located in the front hallway of the school.

The following coats are specifically needed for B.A.C.E. However, any new or gently used coats (no rips, stains, broken zippers etc...) would be welcome! Extra coats are donated to local charities.

Sizes/quantity needed for B.A.C.E

Girls:

Size 6 (3)
Size 8 (4)
Size 10 (4)
Size 12 (2)
Size 14 (1)

Boys:

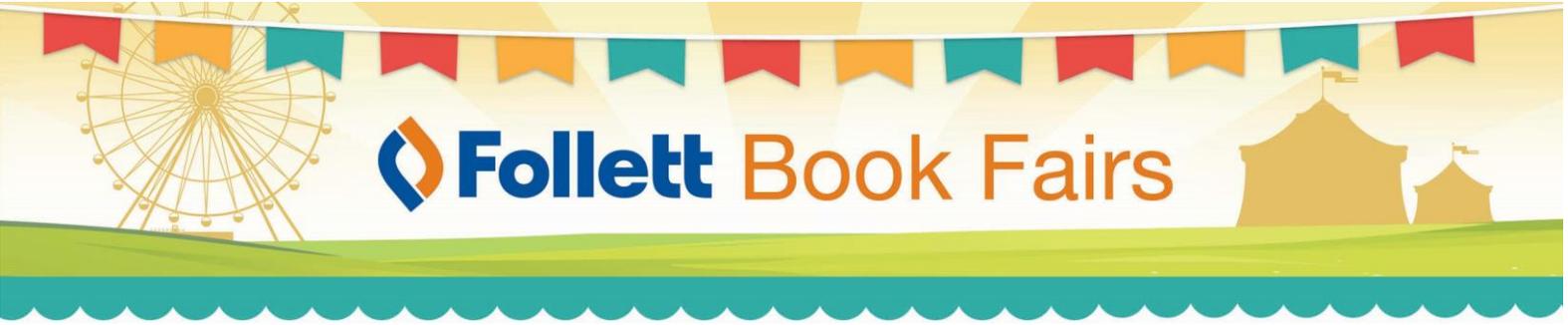
Size 4 (1)
Size 5 (4)
Size 6 (4)
Size 8 (3)
Size 10 (3)
Size 14 (1)



Please help keep the kids warm this winter!

Thank you for your support!! Lincoln School Spirit Committee

B.A.C.E. (Before & After School Christian Experience) is a non-profit, non-government funded organization that provides rides to and from school, tutoring, a Bible lesson, play time, snacks, bags of groceries, etc.! B.A.C.E., located in the back of the Morton Roller Rink, is directed by Gayle Westbrook.



Follett Book Fairs

Dear Lincoln Families,

Our school is hosting a Follett Book Fair!

Supporting a love for reading is critical to student success. The Follett Book Fair encourages your child's reading habits, builds their personal libraries and raises funds for the school, all at the same time.

What makes Follett Book Fairs different?

Follett has been supporting schools for more than 140 years which means you can expect an awesome selection of titles from a wide range of publishers. These are the books your kids *want* to read. Parents and grandparents are also able to encourage reading from afar by *purchasing a gift card online at www.follettgift.com* for your student to be used at our book fair.

Book fair dates & times:

October 15th-19th

Monday-Wednesday 8:00am-3:15pm

Thursday 8:00am-7:00pm

Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

Volunteers are needed to help with the book fair. You can sign up via Sign Up Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f48afac22a7fb6-book> or contact Kari Gosteli at 309-657-5175 or kari@gosteli.org. **All volunteers will receive a 20% discount on their book fair purchases.**

Support your school and the avid readers in your family by visiting the book fair. You can even do some holiday shopping in secret before or after your parent/teacher conference. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Tessa Gilfillan-Jones & Kari Gosteli

Book Fair Co-Chairs

Lincoln School PTO

All sales benefit the school. Find out more about Follett Book Fairs online at follettbookfairs.com.

The Family Fun Committee invites you to come and enjoy a day of fun and shopping for the whole family! We have vendors and crafts for kids and adults as well as food and coffee trucks! Invite your friends and family and join in on the fun! Saturday, October 27 from 9 am – 2 pm!



Lincoln School Vendor & Craft Fair

Saturday, October 27th

9:00am-2:00pm

Lincoln School Gym

100 S Nebraska Ave * Morton, IL

Shop These Great Vendors:

317 Designs

BeachSlimes

BeautyCounter

Brave Lettering Company

Brazen

Bubs And Beans Boutique

Bushbaby

Cedar Street Boutique

Chicory Street Boutique

D's Tees

doTerra Essential Oils

Fawn Haven Baby

four30 Scones

Fox and Pine

gl Creations

Heavenly Express

Hello Headbands

Junk From a Girls Garage

Krazy Kat Lady's Krafty Kreation's

Little Clothing Co.

Love Letters Hand Stamped Jewelry

LuLaRoe

Mary Kay

Meg & Marie

Nana's Nuggets

Noonday Collection

Norwex

Origami Owl

Pampered Chef

Pegals Pallets & Stuff

Pottery by Katie

Rodan & Fields

Runaway Rack

Scentsy

The Spot Coffee

The Twisted Chain

ThirtyOne

Tupperware

Usborne Books & More

Wildlower Jewelry

Wildwood

...And Many Others



SAVE THE DATE!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!

ELF!

Friday, December 7

Doors open at 6:00pm

Lincoln School

Hosted by the Lincoln
Family Fun Committee



Lincoln Elementary Order Form



1. Adult Hoodie

Size Options: XS-XXL
Price: \$35.00/ per



2. Adult 1/4 Zip

Size Options: S-4 XL
Price: \$35.00/ per



3. Youth Hoodie

Size Options: XS-XL
Price: \$20.00/ per



4. Youth Crew Sweatshirt

Size Options: XS-XL
Price: \$18.00/ per



5. Short Sleeve T-Shirt

Size Options:
Youth: XS-XL
Adult: S-5XL
Youth Price: \$10.00/ per
Adult Price: \$12.00/ per

There is an additional \$2.00 fee for every size over 2XL.



6. Youth Performance T-Shirt

Size Options: XS-XL
Price: \$14.00/ per



7. Youth Long Sleeve

Size Options: S-L
Price: \$22.00/ per



8. Morton Potters T-Shirt

Size Options:
Youth: XS-XL
Adult: S-5XL
Youth Price: \$14.00/ per
Adult Price: \$16.00/ per

There is an additional \$2.00 fee for every size over 2XL.

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6. Youth Performance T-Shirt
7. Youth Long Sleeve
8. Morton Potters T-Shirt

Please return
by Friday,
October 19th

Item #	Quantity	Size	Price	Gift?

Name: _____

Teacher & Class: _____

Total Due: _____

Make checks payable to "Lincoln PTO"

Please indicate if the item is a gift