

Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

November 2018



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From The Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Families,

We were grateful to see so many of you at Lincoln during the month of October. We had nearly 100% attendance at our Parent Teacher conferences late last month. Thank you for making the commitment to meet with your child's teacher so that we can continue to partner together. We are also appreciative of those parents who were able to assist in our classrooms with our Halloween parties...thank you for making the day a festive, fun day for our students! I was able to stop in almost all of the classrooms to see so many fun and creative games and activities! Did you see all of the pictures on our Lincoln Elementary School Facebook page? We hope that our Halloween costume parade helped get you in the Halloween spirit! It was a perfect fall day for our costume parade down Jefferson Street. It was fun to see so many parents, grandparents and friends along the "parade route!" Thank you for taking the time to come out and watch!

Looking ahead to November, our PTO Spirit Committee will continue with the Food Drive collection which will begin on November 12th and run through Friday, November 16th. Also this month, please be

sure to read this month's newsletter closely for information about outdoor recess/cold weather dress and for information about our December Christmas programs for Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades. These Christmas programs will be presented at Bertha Frank Performing Arts Center at Morton High School in December.

We have an opportunity to specifically reflect and give thanks this month to the members of our Armed Forces, whose bravery and dedication allow us to live the kind of lifestyle we currently enjoy. We are thankful for those who have fought so courageously for our freedoms. We honor you on Veteran's Day and every day. Our sincerest wishes for a safe and Happy Thanksgiving to all of our Lincoln Elementary School families.

Ms. Julie Albers, Principal

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A Note From the Assistant Principal

Happy November! We have so many things to be thankful for at Lincoln this year. One thing we are most thankful for is all of the support our parents provide. Thank you for attending parent/teacher conferences. Your support means the world to our teachers. We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving break!

Mrs. Michelle Peterson, Assistant Principal

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LINCOLN ELEMENTARY DESIGNATED AS EXEMPLARY SCHOOL!

On October 31st, the Illinois State Board of Education released the 2017-18 School

Report Cards for all Illinois public schools. The school report cards provide a wealth of information about our school and district, include information about our enrollment, student demographics, instructional minutes, teacher experience, district finances, and performance on our state assessment, PARCC. Included on the report cards is a designation for each school. The designations provide a public benchmark of each school's progress goal of preparing all students for success in college and career. The designation is a descriptor of how well the school is meeting the needs of all students. It's based on 10 measures of performance at the school level. Some of these measures include student proficiency in English-Language Arts (ELA), student proficiency in Math, ELA and Math student growth, proficiency of our English Language Learners (ELL), absenteeism, and a school climate survey.

I am so very proud to share that Lincoln Elementary was designated as an **EXEMPLARY SCHOOL**. Only the highest-performing 10% of schools in Illinois receive this designation.

The other designations are as follows:

-Commendable: Performance not in the top 10%;

-Underperforming: One or more student groups performing at or below the "all

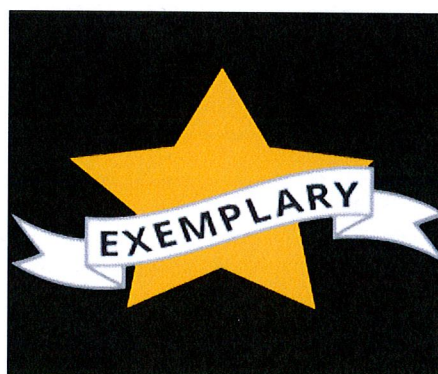
students" group in the lowest-performing 5% of all schools

-Lowest Performing: In the lowest-performing 5% of Title I eligible schools statewide

Approximately 400 schools in Illinois were identified as Exemplary. Of the six schools in Morton CUSD 709, Lincoln was the only school designated as exemplary; the other five schools were designated as commendable. You can see our full Illinois School Report Card, review other school and district report cards and learn more about how a school receives their designation by visiting

<https://www.illinoisreportcard.com/>.

This designation could not have been possible without the collaborative work of our outstanding teachers and support staff, our highly supportive and dedicated parent and families and our amazing, hard working students! It truly takes ALL of us working together to make something like this happen for our school. Thank you so much for all that each and every one of you do to make Lincoln Elementary School an amazing place for teaching, learning and growing!



COLD WEATHER DRESS REMINDERS



While the weather may be getting colder as winter approaches, it is important for our students to continue to have outdoor recess whenever possible. Typically, students will go outside when the temperature or wind chill is 10 degrees or higher. Recess is about 20 minutes long (a little less by the time the students get coats, hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, boots, etc. on!), so we try to get our students outside as much as the weather allows. There will be times when it's simply too cold or windy to go outside. We do allow students to play in the snow on occasion; students will need to have snow pants and snow boots on to play in the snow. It is important that children are appropriately dressed for outside play; please make sure that your child has cold weather clothing-coats (with zippers that work), hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, snow boots, snow pants-so that they can play outside on cold weather days and stay

warm while they are outside! We appreciate your help!!

Mark Your Calendar for our Upcoming Christmas Musical Performances



Kindergarten and First Grade
Christmas Program
Monday, December 10th, 2018
Bertha Frank Performing Arts
Center at MHS
6:30 pm

Second and Third Grade
Christmas Program
Tuesday, December 18th, 2018
Bertha Frank Performing Arts
Center at MHS
6:30 pm

More details to come from our
general music teacher, Mr.
Rocke as we get closer to the
date!



Gameball Run in the Early Planning Stages

We are already beginning to plan for this year's Gameball Run, our district's philanthropic efforts for the Children's Hospital of Illinois, located at OSF-St.

Francis in Peoria. Each year, our community comes together to raise funds for the CHOI. These activities include business and personal sponsorships, a 60 minute run at MHS and a wide variety of fundraising activities at all Morton 709 schools in January and February.

Each school identifies a "Miracle Family" and that family's story is highlighted as part of the Gameball Run events. These families have utilized the services of CHOI and want to give back by sharing their family's story. Lincoln School's Miracle Family is the Hangartner Family- parents Logan and Ashley, along with children Taevin (2nd gr), Titus (1st gr), and younger sister Selah at home. As an infant, Taevin needed medical care provided at the CHOI.

We'll learn more about the Hangartner's family story and find out more about Lincoln's Gameball Run efforts in the months ahead. For now, mark Friday, February 15th as the Gameball Run boys' basketball game at MHS; the run will be Thursday, February 14th at 4 pm at MHS.



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LINCOLN LIONS ROAR!

The following students were caught in the month of October 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: Evan Gosteli, Charlie Klopfenstein, Caleb Orr, Mila Ralston, Joshua Ulysse, Jerry Coulter, Klair Bethel, Kinley Hill, Bentley Myers, Hudson Shepherdson, Ary Keyser, Mason Stephens, Madyn Bush, Tripp Yordy, Delaney Zimmerman, Daphna Stickling, Nathan Boyer, Carter Brown, Kinsley Shepherdson, Jayden Hoffmire, Elowen Knoblauch, Lewis Zauke, John O'Brien, Kamden Racich, Matthew Klockenga.

First Grade: Peyt Malson, Nixon Albers, Tinley Larson, Garrett Koch, Zeelan

Dick, Emerson Sauder, Clara Striegel, Carter Knapp, Jovie Zimmerman, Quinn Roehm, James Kirk, Elizabeth Shoffstall, James Whalen, Addie Allen, Titus Hangartner, Wesley Couri, Asher Dellinger, Fisher Roehm, Cameron Kennay.

Second Grade: Drew Clark, Chase Bunton, Brooklynn Chan, Maggie Hunsley, Sophie Nestrud, Jocelyn Hauter, Ryker Boss, Reece Litersky, Parker Whitaker, Zoe Emlen, Kate Gronewold, Lexi Ames, Carly Babin, Max Gardiner, Bridget Knapp, Josie Percy, Hunter Stephens, Willie Ronk, Liam Carter, Ryan Schelkopf, Maggie Hunsley, Spence Kohtz, Kaila Phillips, Henry Austin, Trent Bozarth, Logan Friend.

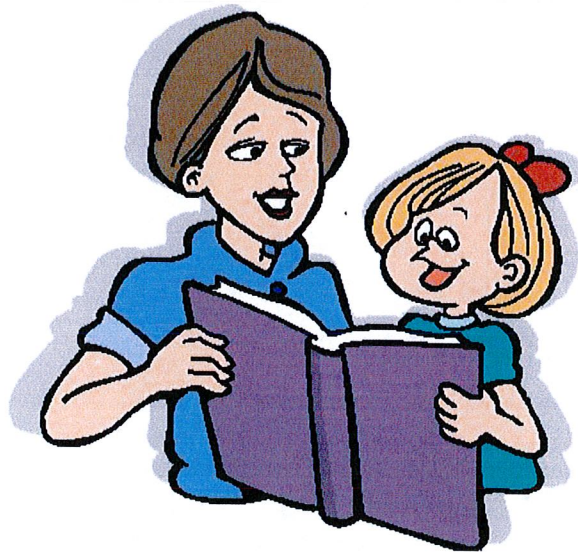
Third Grade: William Miller, Molly Habegger, Tanner Naas, Lamon O'Neal, Miley Darche, Katie Beckerdite, Ethan Barnes, Lucy Jones, Victoria LeTourneau, Asher Stickling, Max Tucker, Alexa Sweazy, Noah Clauser, Knox Carey, Jason Roath, Savannah Westbrook, Turner Albers.

Fourth Grade: Frankie Vance, Jenna Tarter, Maggie Linville, Ben Eichorn, Anderson Boss, Jude Parnham, Jack Blosser, Kherington Vershaw, Mya Reed, Becks Zobrist, Max Roosa, Piper Poshard, Brayden Tindall, Cooper Middleton, Abram Sauder, Nick Carnal, Bailee Geason, Taylor Geerts, Lana Relph, Abby Brooks, Isaac Davis, Adah Stanfield.

Fifth Grade: Liam Brown, Blair Litersky, Ellie Nestrud, Kian Grashoff, Jasa Price, Andrea Salazar, Izzy Crider, Carson Pier, Bode Mills, Nathan Park, Caela Myers, Alison Dellinger, Laynie Reed,

Rayne Bent, Vanessa Bjorling, Kayly Johnson, Ramsey Carey, Boden Morgan, Zack Tucker, Gil Poshard, Kenna Perhay, Avery Studebaker.

Sixth Grade: Josiah Rabe, Sophie Davila, Ariel Adams, Lydia Smith, Andrew Kunz, Amanda Shook, Gideon Snyder, Averi Sullivan, Callie Winstead, Emerson Timmons, Andrew Brooks, Kate Westbrook, Owen Beccue, Trae Zobrist, Lily Smith.



Conversations With Your Child

When you see your child after school each day, what's the first thing that you ask him/her? Is it "How was your day?" How about "What did you learn in school today?" Sometimes, you get the same ol' answers! Maybe changing

the questions can give you some different answers and a little better insight into your child's day at school!

How about trying some of these conversations starters...whether you are together at the dinner table, driving in the car to dance practice or home from soccer practice; or right before your child heads off to bed...these questions may give you better perspective about your child's day at school!

- What made you smile today?
- Can you tell me an example of kindness that you saw/showed?
- Did anyone do anything silly to make you laugh?
- Did you help anyone today?
- What was your least favorite part of the day?
- What is something you heard that surprised you?
- Who did you play with today?
- **Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.**
- Did you like your lunch today?
- Tell us your two top things from today.
- What was the hardest rule to follow today?
- IF YOU COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT YOUR DAY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

- What made your teacher smile today?
- If you could switch seats with anyone in your class, who would it be? And why?
- If you switched places with your teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?



Important November and December Dates:

Thurs., 11/8: Family Reading Night.
6:30-7:30 pm in the cafeteria

Mon., 11/12: PTO Food Drive begins

Tues., 11/13: MHS Madrigals perform
8:40-9:10 am in gym; School Board
Meeting 7:15 pm at District Office

Thurs., 11/15: School Board Member
Appreciation Day; Maturation
Presentation for 5th grade at 1:30 pm

Fri., 11/16: Mid Term of Second Quarter; MHS Winter Cherry and Gray Night; MJHS Girls Night Out Cheer/Dance Clinic

Mon., 11/19: Screenagers Movie for parents at Bertha Frank (MHS) 6:30 pm

Wed., 11/21-Fri., 11/23: Thanksgiving Break-No School

Mon., 12/3: Morton Elementary Choir at 5th-12th Grade Music Concert 6:30 pm at Grace Church

Tues., 12/4: First Tuesday of the Month Morning Assembly 8:10 am in Cafeteria; School Board Meeting 6:30 pm at District Office

Wed., 12/5: 1:10 pm Early Dismissal for Teacher Professional Development

Fri., 12/7: PTO Family Movie Night 6:30 pm in cafeteria

Sat., 12/8: 6th grade/MJHS Jazz Band Concert 3 pm at MJHS

Mon., 12/10: Kindergarten and 1st Grade Christmas Program at Bertha Frank (MHS) at 6:30 pm

Thurs., 12/13: 6th grade Orchestra at 6th-12th grade Orchestra concert at MHS 7 pm

Tues., 12/18: 2nd and 3rd Grade Christmas Program at Bertha Frank (MHS) 6:30 pm





Lincoln School PTO

News and Views

November 2018



In this month of Thanksgiving, the Lincoln School PTO is especially thankful for our AMAZING volunteers – our parents, grandparents & friends, who spend thankless hours supporting our efforts & helping in a variety of ways to ensure our school, staff & community have what they need! We are also beyond thankful for our teachers and staff who help teach and guide our children every day and for the outstanding leadership in Ms. Albers & Mrs. Peterson! THANK YOU ALL for helping to make Lincoln School one of the very best around!

Stacy Litersky, PTO President



Upcoming PTO Important Dates:

Dec 7: Family Movie Night
No PTO Meeting in Dec!

Next PTO Meeting is TUES, Jan. 8

Teacher Luncheons



Many thanks to the many 5th grade parents who are helping to host lunch for the staff
November 15th!

We're looking forward to our 4th grade parents hosting lunch December 13th! We could use some more volunteers- if you are a 4th grade parent (or a parent in any grade!!) and would like to help please email Jaime Farrell at jandifarrell@gmail.com



This Christmas season, and every day in between, shop AmazonSmile to effortlessly support Lincoln School PTO of Morton! www.smile.amazon.com

Be sure to select Lincoln School PTO Of Morton to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. It's an easy way to help make a HUGE difference for Lincoln School!

Spirit Committee News:

THANK YOU!!

The Spirit Committee would like to thank everyone who donated food or their time for the teacher's luncheon during parent/teacher conferences! The staff truly appreciated this lunch on a long day. We are also so appreciative to anyone who donated a coat (s) during our annual B.A.C.E. Coat Drive annual last month. It's a blessing we are able to help many local children stay warm during the cold winter months!

Lincoln School Spirit Wear

Spirit wear has been ordered!! We are anxiously awaiting for it to arrive so that we can get it to you. We appreciate everyone who placed an order!

Canned food drive for We Care/B.A.C.E.: Nov 12-16 We are so excited that 6th grade has so graciously agreed to help with this wonderful service project! If you are willing to help transport all the collected items to BACE and We Care on Friday, Nov. 16, please contact Rebecca Schelkopf at 263-4120 or email her at rebeccaschelkopf@yahoo.com

We Care/B.A.C.E. Food Drive November 12 - 16th

Lincoln's Annual Food Drive is just around the corner. We are collecting non-perishable food, personal hygiene, and household cleaning supplies! The 2 classes with the most items collected will each win a trophy!!! (One trophy for K-2 and one trophy 3-6th). **All items are appreciated, and the families that receive them live here in Morton. Please NO Ramen Noodles!!**

Items needed:

Canned Meats: tuna, chicken, etc.

Boxed Side Dishes: instant potatoes, rice sides, noodles, etc.

Cereal/Oatmeal

Peanut Butter

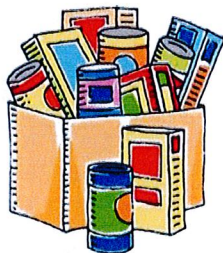
Macaroni and Cheese

Canned Soup

Canned Fruit or veggies

Spaghetti Sauce

Pasta



Dish Soap

Toilet Paper

Bars of Soap

Laundry Detergent

Paper Towels

Chap stick

Cleaning supplies



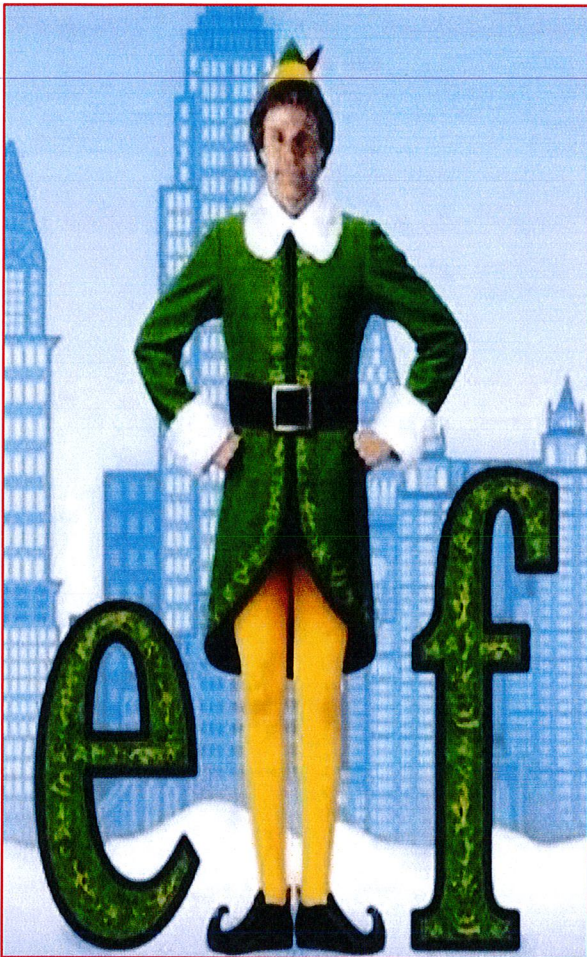
ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN ORIGINAL PACKAGING!

Multi-packs of water, toilet paper, etc. need to be in original packaging and are counted as ONE item.

The Holidays will be here before we know it. Please consider helping these wonderful organizations keep our Morton families stocked.

Thank you in advance

Sponsored by Lincoln School Spirit Committee



3rd Annual Lincoln Family Christmas Movie Night!

Friday, December 7, 2018

Doors Open: 6:00 pm

Movie: 6:45 pm

Bring your blankets, sleeping bags, chairs and don't forget to wear your pajamas for a comfy night with your Lincoln friends and family!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Popcorn and water will be available free of charge. KONA ICE will be available for purchase with 20% coming back to Lincoln School!

Sponsored by the Lincoln PTO Family Fun Committee.

Our first BoxTops Contest produced 128 total sheets of BoxTops for submission for a total of \$320 income for Lincoln School! Please continue to save your BoxTops for our next contest in January!

Our 10 winners have received a \$5 gift card to Culvers or the Morton Cinema! Thank you to everyone who submitted BoxTops!

K-2nd winners:

Delaney Zimmerman (KV)

Eli Hawkins (KV)

Josiah Gnagey (1K)

Sophie Nestrud (2S)

Lilly Howell (2B)

3rd-6th winners:

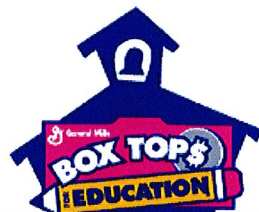
Abby Brooks (4H)

Maggie Getz (4S)

Vanessa Bjorling (5M)

Ethan Boecker (6B)

Lucas Drake (6R)



Earn Cash for Our School!



Kroger community rewards

If you aren't already, please be sure to sign up for the Kroger Rewards program to effortlessly earn money for **Lincoln School!** Our school code is **YA371**. Check the bottom of your next Kroger receipt to see when your annual renewal is up and to be sure to Join OR Renew your membership!

You can register online at krogercommunityrewards.com

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