



March 2019

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Lincoln Families,

Excitement filled the hallways at school this past week in anticipation of last weekend's IHSA Girls Basketball State Tournament. As most of you know, one of our PE teachers, Bob Becker, is the head coach for the MHS Girls' Basketball team, which made its fourth appearance in the last five years at the State Tournament. We are all so happy for Mr. B and the Lady Potters! Students made signs and the team vans paraded by Lincoln on their way to Redbird Arena on Thursday, with a police escort, to the cheers of the Lincoln Lions! The Lady Potters became Class 3A State Champions over the weekend, winning their fourth state title in five years. We are truly happy and excited for Mr. Becker and the Lady Potters, who are always number 1 in our hearts!!

Hopefully the changing of the month is a sign that spring is coming soon! I don't know about you, but I am OVER this winter weather! March is a busy month at Lincoln, highlighted by the Lincoln PTO's annual school carnival on Friday, March 22nd from 5-8 pm. This year's theme is Around the World, and carnival co-chairs Nikki Albers and Megan Nestrud have a fun and entertaining night planned for your family! We need every family's help for our carnival to be a success! Please see the links within this newsletter to sign up to volunteer in some way...whether it's supervising a game for an hour, working in the carnival kitchen, helping organize our baskets leading up to the carnival or even donating a cake for our Cake Walk. If each family took one volunteer shift throughout the night, we'd have plenty of volunteers and EVERYONE would be able to enjoy the carnival! Please see the information in the newsletter and be watching for your carnival packet coming home soon!

In March, our 3rd-6th graders will take the statewide assessment called the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (previously called PARCC). We are finalizing the dates for the assessment, which are in the areas of English-Language Arts and Math and will communicate those dates to you early this month. Also in March, our district social workers will present the mandated Personal Body Safety lessons to each classroom. This mandate, called Erin's Law, requires school districts in Illinois to present a lesson in body safety, sexual abuse awareness and prevention education to students in Pre-K to 12th grade. This program introduces elementary students to the subject of child sexual abuse in an easy to understand, non-threatening way. Please see the parent letter and schedule which was sent home last week for specific information and the day for your child's class's presentation.

Don't forget that Monday, March 11th IS a student attendance day for District 709. This was originally a day designated a non-student attendance day. With the three snow days we have had this winter, we have now designated that day as a student attendance day.

I look forward to seeing you later this month at our School Carnival!! I'm ready for spring...how about you??!!

Ms. Julie Albers, Principal

A Note From our Assistant Principal

We had a wonderful turn out at Open House last month! Thank you for supporting our book fair! Our teachers appreciate all the books you help provide to their classrooms. We look forward to seeing all of you at the Carnival in a few weeks. February 22nd was my last day at Lincoln before my maternity leave. If you need anything, please contact Ms. Albers or the front office for help. I will return the first week in May. Hopefully, the weather will feel more like spring when I come back!!

Mrs. Michelle Peterson, Assistant Principal

Note: Mrs. Peterson wrote this for our newsletter before going on her maternity leave on February 25th. Thayer James Peterson was born on Tuesday, February 26th. Mom and baby are doing wonderfully well, and the Peterson sisters are adjusting to having a baby brother in their home. Congratulations to the Peterson family on this wonderful new addition.

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Kindergarten Pre-Registration and Screening Scheduled for March 22nd and 23rd

Office, located at 1050 S. Fourth Avenue. Please call 263-2581 to make an appointment.

You will need to bring these documents for your child to your appointment:

- Certified Birth Certificate (the one from the county, not the hospital)
- Immunization records

• Most recent physical exam, dental exam, and vision exam (if you have them).

Kindergarten Round Up will be held at a later date this spring. We look forward to welcoming our incoming kindergarten class at that time!

It's already time to start planning for the 2019-2020 school year! One of the first tasks in the new school year planning is scheduling incoming Kindergarten students for the pre-registration and screening in March. This year, the Pre-Registration and Screening will take place on Thursday, March 22nd from 8 am-7 pm and Friday, March 23rd from 8 am to noon.

This is for children who reside in the Morton CUSD 709 School District and will be five years old by September 1, 2019. The screening and pre-registration is held at the Morton CUSD 709 District



Read Across America Week March 4th-March 8th

We will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday, which was on March 2nd, with a week of fun activities which are centered around some of his well known books!

Read Across America is an annual awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2nd.

Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries and community centers participate by bringing together kids, teens and books! During the week of March 4th, we will be having some fun dress up days to help celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America Week!

Monday, 3/4: Cat in the Hat – Wear red and black, stripes or your favorite hat!

Tuesday, 3/5: The Lorax – Wear a silly mustache!

Wednesday, 3/6: Wacky Wednesday – Wear wacky or mismatched clothes!

Thursday, 3/7: Fox in Socks – Wear silly socks!

Friday, 3/8: Green Eggs and Ham – Wear green!

We are looking forward to celebrating reading together!



School in Session on Monday, March 11th, 2019

Please remember that we are IN SESSION on Monday, March 11th. This originally was scheduled as a Teacher In-Service Day. However, with using 3

snow days already this year, the Board of Education has adjusted the calendar and that date will now be a student attendance day. Thank you for your attention to that change and for making sure your child is in attendance on that day.



SPRING SCHOOL PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Our school photographer, Lifetouch, will be at Lincoln on Tuesday, March 19th, for spring picture. These pictures are a little less formal, offer several different backgrounds and poses and are fun, relaxed pictures with personality.

You can purchase pictures online or by sending in your payment on picture day. Only students who order pictures on line or bring in payment on picture day will have their pictures taken. (So in other words, if you don't want to order pictures, your child won't have his/her picture taken).

There are several special offers available when you order ahead of time online.

You can check those out at mylifetouch.com.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE
STUDENTS WHO WERE CAUGHT
ROARING IN JANUARY AND
FEBRUARY!!**

Kindergarten: Kinley Hill, Klair Bethel, Karis Levitt, Blake Manley, Charlotte Valerio, Manning Schmidgall, Easton Reid, Madison Stephens, Scarlet Clark, Lance Bolliger, Addison Knute, Levi Parnham, Jacob Richardson, Jerry Coulter, Bentley Myers, EJ Simpkins, John O'Brien, Mason Stephens, Jayden Hoffmire, Kinsley Shepherdson, Nathan Boyer, Brylee Burget, Rosie Hamer, Carter Brown, Victoria Hall, Delaney Zimmerman, Emilaya Rogers, Cruz Kyle, Matthew Klockenga, Ary Keyser, Lewis Zauke, Eli Hawkins, Madyn Bush, Kamden Racich, Grant Schelkopf, Zachary Joos, Tripp Yordy, Caleb Orr, Charlie Klopfenstein, Luke Gronewold, Mila Ralston, Brooklyn Schwartz, Evan Gosteli, Briggs Overcash, Owen Reddy, Quinn Manley, Ashton Conklin, Ashlyn Putman, Evie Hare, Corbyn Kyle.

First Grade: Reese Warning, Asher Dellinger, AJ Johnson, Titus Hangartner, Mason LaMirand, Zeelan Dick, Sophie Dollinger, Peyt Malson, Tatym Wagenbach, Brooksley Robeen, Barrett Durlinger, Garrett Koch, Tytus Linville, Keeley Kemp, Lucas Carlson, Tinley Larson, Nixon Albers, Anna Beeney, Colton Wertz, Isaac Carlson, James Kirk, Elizabeth Shofstall, Abryna Odari, Carter Knapp, Seth Joos, Allison Carter.

Second Grade: Sophie Nestrud, Kenna Bethel, Reese Chapin, Brooklyn Chan, Taevin Hangarter, Drew Clark, Gabby Nichols, Jocelyn Hauter, Will Auxier, Raegan Miller, Reece Litersky, Katlyn Simpkins, Quinn Hellinga, Abe Hoffman, Lily Rees, Andy Ripka, Maggie Hunsley, Blake McMillan, Miley Roosa, Victoria Johnson, Henry Austin, Trent Bozarth, Schroeder Getz, Bryce Frank, Jason McElyea, Trevor Estes, Kaila Phillips, Emi Brown, Ryan Schelkopf, Schaeffer Friend, Noah Hoog, Parker Whitaker, Zoe Emlen, Nolan Shepherdson, Mason Armstrong, Charlotte Timmons, Brody Stetzler, Molly Ricci, Bridget Knapp, Lexi Ames, Josie Percy, Zoe Emlen, Elsie Parnham, Asher McClarren, Hunter Stephens, Kate Gronewold, Max Gardiner, Kade Darcy, Layla Stroud.

Third Grade: Tanner Naas, Lucy Jones, Aubrey Werries, Miley Darche, Quin Gilfillan-Jones, Ethan Barnes, Lamon O'Neal, Alexis Bozarth, Levi Sander, Norah Rice, Landry Robeen, Jason Roath, Noah Clauser, Knox Carey, Kenley Mahr, Kallie Lau, Morgan Smith, Colin Kemp, Molly Habegger, Daemon Fiscus, Piper Wagenbach, Luciano Canchola, Hailey Bassett, Penelope Drake, Nolan Smith, Ryan Clauson.

Fourth Grade: Camron Julien, Kaylee Hitz, Bradley Stoehr, Abby Brooks, Izzy Ripka, Caleb Babin, Ethan Beccue, Ezra Rabe, Jolie Farrell, Haley Kaluza, Landon Greene, Bailee Geason, Grace Petrov, Taylor Geerts, Elliot Green, Harrison Ricci, Colton McKee, Drake Shepherdson, Keaton Albers, Jack Blosser, Lieghton Boyle, Jenna Tarter, Jude Parnham, Maddie Winkel, Grace Turnquist, Kherington Vershaw, Malarie Raeuber, Piper Poshard, Haley Huff, Bryce McMillan, Cooper Campbell, Becks Zobrist, Maggie Linville, Alyssa Schumm.

Fifth Grade: Louie Nowlan, Emma McElyea, Eden Stickling, Ava Burgess, Addison Gosteli, Blair Litersky, Sierra Hitz, Cash Hill, Emma Beyer, Gavin Heinold, Gage Petrov, Jacob Orr, Christian Mucciante, Anne Sander, Izzy Crider, Carson Pier, Collin Burns, Brooklyn Bowman, Noelle Joens, Malachi Petrov, Laynie Reed, Tate Darcy, Brendan McClery, Rachel Clauson, Alison Dellinger.

Sixth Grade: Aubrey Geerts, Addie Dea, Cole Rinkenberger, Lucas Drake, Jorja Farrell, Rylen Tanner, Colleen Day, Belle Erickson, Courtney Bunton, Gideon Snyder, Conner Frank, Hannah Bankert, Carter Jones, Brynley Racich, Julia Granger.

NICE WORK LIONS!!



Parents: Please Complete the 5Essentials Survey

Every other year, the Illinois State Board of Education invites teachers, students in grades 4-12 and parents the opportunity to provide feedback about their child's school. This survey is called *5Essentials* and is currently available for parents to take. The survey will close on MARCH 15, 2019. (This is an extension from the original deadline) We are hopeful for a significant percentage of our parents to complete the survey; right now, 28 percent of our parents have completed the survey. The larger the participation, the more information we gain to improve our school. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. We hope to gain your

insight on five components found to be critical for school success:

1. **Effective Leaders:** The principal works with teachers to implement a clear and strategic vision for school success.
2. **Collaborative Teachers:** Teachers collaborate to promote professional growth.
3. **Involved Families:** The entire school staff builds strong relationships with families and communities to support learning.
4. **Supportive Environment:** The school is safe and orderly. Teachers have high expectations for students and support students to realize their goals. Classmates also support one another.
5. **Ambitious Instruction:** Classes are academically demanding and engage students by emphasizing the application of knowledge.

We invite you to take this survey to provide us with meaningful feedback about your experiences with Lincoln Elementary School. We will use this information to help improve the educational services and experiences we provide your student and for those students yet to attend Lincoln Elementary.

The link for parents to take the survey is: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>. We thank you in advance for your participation in this survey.

To learn more about the 5Essentials survey, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions link: <http://help.5-essentials.org/customer/en/portal/articles/780471-illinois-5essentials-faqs>. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have additional questions



Lincoln Night at Culver's on Tuesday, March 12th!

Mark your calendars to join your neighbors and invite your family and friends for Lincoln School Night at the Morton Culver's! This year, our annual school night is set for Tuesday, March 12th. From 4-8 pm, 10% of all sales, including in store and drive through, will be donated back to Lincoln School. Throughout the night, Lincoln teachers and staff members volunteer to serve food to restaurant guests. It's a fun night to see many neighbors and classmates, and of course, you can't beat a yummy Butterburger or Culver's Frozen Custard! We hope to see you there on the 12th!!



Important March Dates:

Tues., 3/5: First Tuesday of the Month
Schoolwide Assembly in cafeteria at 8:10 am

Wed., 3/6: 1:10 PM Early Dismissal (Kona Ice here!)

Fri., 3/8: End of Third Quarter; 11:55 AM Dismissal

Mon., 3/11: School is in session; PTO Meeting in south entrance vestibule at 7 pm

Tues., 3/12: Lincoln School Night at Culver's 4-8 pm

Fri., 3/15: Report Cards distributed; Aide Appreciation Day

Tues., 3/19: Spring Picture Day

Thurs., 3/21: Kindergarten Screening and Pre-Registration at District Office 8 am-7 pm

Fri., 3/22: Kindergarten Screening and Pre-Registration at District Office. 8 am-Noon

Fri., 3/22: Lincoln PTO Carnival 5-8 pm

Tues., 4/2: First Tuesday of the Month
Schoolwide Assembly in cafeteria at 8:10 am

Wed., 4/3: 1:10 PM Early Dismissal (Kona Ice here!)

Wed., 4/5: Lincoln PTO Family Bingo Night in gym (Time/More Info to come)



Lincoln School PTO

News and Views

Feb/March 2019

Lincoln School has been SO busy with fun activities and events. We have an amazing school supported by staff, administrators and mostly families who are generous and willing to go above and beyond! The next few weeks are filled with more great family fun events! Get involved, make memories and be a part of the fun!

~Stacy Litersky
PTO President

Team·work (noun)
cooperative or combined
effort of a group of persons
working together as a
team for a common cause



PTO Important Dates:

Mar 6: Early Dismissal with Kona Ice
Mar 11*: PTO Meeting 7 pm
(NEW meeting date!)
Mar 15: Aide Appreciation Day
Mar 22: Lincoln School Carnival
Apr 5: Family Fun Bingo Night

Lincoln Staff Luncheons

Thank you to our 2nd grade class for providing the staff lunch on February 21st! The 1st grade will host lunch on March 21st. We can always use additional help so please contact Jaime Farrell at jandifarrell@gmail.com if you are able to contribute food or help! The Lincoln Staff truly appreciates these luncheons so much! Thank you!



Thank you for an amazing book fair Lincoln School! As a school, we received \$3,527.33 worth of books FOR FREE because of this book fair. Each classroom teacher received \$75 in Follett Book Fair cash; our Literacy Coach, Ms. Gabbert received \$200; the school library received \$600 in new books; we pulled over \$500 in new birthday books as well as were able to purchase books to use in carnival baskets!

Thank you to all who volunteered and helped with our book fair!



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www.smile.amazon.com

It's an easy way to help
make a HUGE difference
for Lincoln School!



Please be sure to sign up for the Kroger Rewards program to effortlessly earn money for **Lincoln School!** 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! Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com

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Elementary School**



2019 LINCOLN SCHOOL CARNIVAL FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019 ~ 5 - 8 PM

Bon Voyage!!!

Planning is well underway for the 2019 Lincoln School Carnival to be held on Friday, March 22nd from 5-8 pm. Please join us for an exciting evening as we travel "Around the World" enjoying carnival games & prizes, inflatables, a variety of tasty foods, the fabulous basket raffle and an online auction! For more information, or to be a part of the fun, contact Carnival Co-Chairs, Nikki Albers at 309-264-8779 or Megan Nestrud at 309-648-8505.

An information Carnival Packet will be sent home mid-March!!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

The committee is looking for volunteers to help run the carnival games, including help from our 6th grade students as well as kitchen help! We also welcome junior high and high school students who are interested in volunteer opportunities.

We need everyone's help to have a successful carnival. Please sign up to work a carnival game!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044eafa62fa2fe3-school>

If your 6th grader would like to sign up to volunteer to run a game at the carnival please use this link to sign them up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044eafa62fa2fe3-6thgrade>

Want to help in the kitchen during carnival? Sign up with the link below! We are also looking ahead for a new Kitchen chair for 2020! If you're interested, please let us know!

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30e0d49a8ac2ca1fe3-kitchen>



Carnival Basket Raffle

We hope you have a chance to see what has been collected so far at the open house on Feb. 21st!

No time to shop? Send in a check made payable to Lincoln School PTO with Baskets/Your Child's classroom in the memo, and we will do the shopping for you! Donations need to be new, store bought or hand crafted. You can ask other parents to pool money together for something big. We would like to have all contributions to the classrooms no later than **Monday, March 4th** to allow plenty of time for assembly.

If you have extra baskets/bins/decorative containers you'd like to donate; we'd love to use them for the baskets – you can drop off in the office!

Parents of Lincoln Students:

If you own a business and would like to donate to the raffle or if you have connections to a sports team, entertainment venue, shop or restaurant, let us know if you can get gifts, tickets, gift cards, and etc. to raffle.

Unable to attend the carnival?

Packets listing the raffle items will be sent home mid-March and baskets will be on display in the school library one week prior to the carnival. Volunteers will be selling tickets from 2:15-3:00 pm on Wednesday, March 20th and Thursday, March 21st. If you would like to be entered into any raffle drawings, please come and pick up tickets for \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and ask a friend or family member to enter them the night of the carnival.

Thanks so much for your support!

Questions: call Nico Drake at 217-766-6713 or email ndrake25@yahoo.com.

OSF HealthCare
Children's Hospital of Illinois
**GAMEBALL
RUN**



MORTON POTTERS BASKETBALL

Sponsored by: **Howard & Howard**
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Thank you Lincoln School for another **RECORD-BREAKING** Gameball Run 2019 fundraising year!

We are SO proud of the generosity from our Lincoln Families always, but especially with this event that directly benefits OSF Healthcare's Children's Hospital of Illinois.

Lincoln School blew away the other Morton School's with our fundraising efforts, raising a total of \$14,228.48! Of that amount, over \$7,600 came from our grade level coin wars!

We are excited to announce that our 6th graders came from behind and won the coin wars this year! In 2nd place were our 4th graders and our 2nd graders finished in 3rd place! It was a very competitive and fun contest and we thank each of you for your generosity and participation!



We had an amazing weather day for the RUN and loved seeing our staff and students come together for such a great cause! Lincoln School had 29 staff members running and over 110 students participate!!



In total, this year's Gameball Run presented a check for \$113,715.12 to support the Heller Center for Kids with Cancer at OSF Healthcare's Children's Hospital of Illinois!

To learn more about the Heller Center, visit www.osfhealthcarefoundation.org/heller-center.



THANK YOU SO MUCH!

PTO COMINGS & GOINGS

Spirit Committee News:

On Friday March 15th we will be celebrating our incredible Lincoln School aides! We have over 35 aides working with our students every day. We appreciate their time and dedication so much!

SAVE THE DATE

April 5, 2019
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Lincoln School Gym

RSVP required ~ \$5 per Family

Come play BINGO, Win Great PRIZES & Have Fun With Your Entire Family!

Sponsored by:
Lincoln PTO & Family Fun Committee



Spirit week will be April 8-12 leading up to Spring Break! We will have a variety of FUN dress up days for everyone to participate in. Look for more information to follow!!



Earn Cash for Our School!

Our Spring BoxTop contest is underway! Please cut and paste your BoxTops to the sheet provided on the next page and just turn into your classroom teacher asap! Contest runs through MARCH 15th with 10 bonus points for every collection sheet submitted by Wednesday, February 27th. BoxTops are an easy way for Lincoln School to earn money! Thank you for your support!




MARCH LINCOLN LITERACY!



Our **AMAZING** teachers have been working all year to help your child fall in **Love** with reading! We are celebrating the month of March by asking our Lincoln Lions what they love most about **READING!**

Scan the **QR** codes to see what our students love **BEST** about reading!

 Scan me	 Scan me	 Scan me	 Scan me	 Scan me	 Scan me	 Scan me
K	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH

★ **WHAT DO YOU LOVE BEST ABOUT READING?**

Don't leave your personal reading time for **AFTER** the kids go to bed! Having your child see you reach for a book for enjoyment will help them see that reading **OUTSIDE** of school is an activity everyone can enjoy! Whether it's a magazine, newspaper, or a novel, make your reading practices available for your child to see! Sharing with your child why you read and what you **Love** about it can help them see how reading can bring that same joy to their lives, and is something they can enjoy their whole life!

★ **GOALS FOR MARCH:**



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



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