

# Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

## November-December 2019



### November-December 2019 From The Principal's Desk

*Dear Parents and Families,*

*I decided we'd go with a November/December newsletter as we wind down the year since we've had both fall and winter weather over the past few weeks! This crazy weather has made it difficult to get outside for recess either due to the cold temperatures or due to the ice/snow covered playground! Please see inside this month's newsletter for reminders about dress for outside play and winter recess guidelines.*

*Thank you to all who generously donated to our B.A.C.E. Coat Drive, sponsored by our PTO Spirit Committee earlier this month. Those new and gently loved coats will be given to Gayle Westbrook at B.A.C.E. for distribution to children who need a new warm winter coat this season. Thank you to parent Megan Miller who organized the collection.*

*Looking ahead to the rest of this month, our annual We Care/B.A.C.E. Food Drive collection begins on November 18<sup>th</sup> and run through Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is always a "friendly" competition between our classes, but those in need will be the big*

winners from our food drive. We thank you in advance for your donations to help others in our community in need as we approach the holidays.

In December, we will present our Christmas programs for Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades. These Christmas programs will be presented at Bertha Frank Performing Arts Center at Morton High School. Please see information inside of this newsletter for specific dates and times of these performances.

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 Holiday season from my family to yours! 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. Every year the time from turkey to tree is always a whirlwind. Excitement fills the air with the anticipation of the holiday season. I hope your family can find time to relax and enjoy this joyous time of year. We have a full schedule planned at Lincoln through the end of the year. Hopefully, we will see all of you at a Christmas concert, choir concert or classroom holiday party!

Mrs. Michelle Peterson, Assistant Principal

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## COLD WEATHER RECESS 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!!

### Daily Lunch and Recess Schedule:

6th grade: Lunch-11:00 am; Recess-11:30-11:50 am

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades: Recess-11:00 am; Lunch 11:30-Noon

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades: Recess-Noon; Lunch 12:30-1 pm

Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grades: Lunch-Noon; Recess-12:30-12:50 pm

### Mark Your Calendar for our Upcoming Christmas Musical Performances



Again this year, the Lincoln Christmas programs will be performed at the Bertha Frank Performing Arts Center at Morton HS. Each grade level will perform its own program, lasting about 30 minutes. We ask that families who do not have children in other performances leave the auditorium area in a timely manner so that families for

the next performance can easily find a place to sit.

**PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:**

Kindergarten and First Grade  
Christmas Program

**Tuesday, December 17th, 2019**

Bertha Frank Performing Arts  
Center at MHS

Kindergarten: 6:30 pm

First Grade: 7:15 pm

Second and Third Grade  
Christmas Program

**Thursday, December 19th, 2019**

Bertha Frank Performing Arts  
Center at MHS

Second Grade: 6:30 pm

Third Grade: 7:15 pm

Students are asked to arrive about 15 minutes before their grade level's scheduled performance and meet their teachers in the cafeteria at MHS. The cafeteria can be accessed through the lobby area of Bertha Frank.

Students will practice at Bertha Frank on Tuesday, 12/17 (K-1<sup>st</sup>) and Thursday, 12/19, (2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>) and will travel by bus with their teachers to the daytime rehearsals.

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



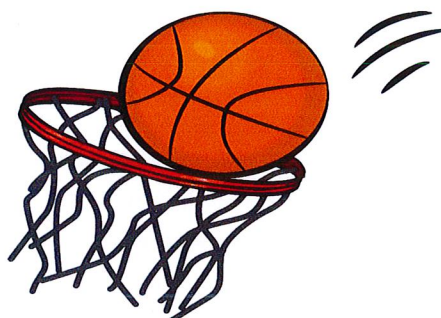
*Fifth and Sixth Grade Parents:*

*Mark your calendar for these December  
musical performance dates:*

*Monday, 12/9: Morton Elementary Choir  
and PB&J at 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Choir Concert; 6:30  
pm at Grace Church*

*Thurs, 12/12: Orchestra Concert at 7 pm  
at MHS West Gym (6<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra)*

*Saturday, 12/14: Band Concert at 3 pm at  
MJHS Gym (6<sup>th</sup> grade band)*



**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 Getz Family- parents John and Christy, along with their daughter Maggie, who is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Lincoln. As an infant, Maggie needed medical care provided at the CHOI.

We'll learn more about the Getz's family story and find out more about Lincoln's Gameball Run efforts in the months ahead. Our school's Gameball Run Kick Off Assembly will be Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. For now, mark Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> as the Gameball Run boys' basketball game at MHS; the run will be Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm at MHS. In addition, Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> will be Lincoln School Night at the MHS Boys' basketball game. The Getz family will be the guests of the team and will be

introduced at the end of the first quarter.



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### Notes from Nurse Annette

With our cold and flu season upon us, it is good to review some healthy habits for our Morton students!

If your child has vomited, has a fever of over 100° or has an illness that you feel may be serious or contagious, please keep him/her home until fever or illness free for 24 hours. This includes coughing, diarrhea and sore throats. If your child has been diagnosed with strep throat or conjunctivitis (pink eye), s/he needs to be on the prescribed antibiotic medication for a full 24 hours before returning to school.

Remember that teaching your child good hand hygiene is the BEST way to prevent the spread of germs! It is also not too late to get flu shots, too! This will help with the strains of influenza that the CDC feel will be most prominent this flu season.

Lice is a very common problem, especially for kids. Lice are contagious, annoying and sometimes tough to get rid of. While they are frustrating to deal with, lice aren't dangerous. They don't spread disease, although their bites can make a child's scalp

itchy and irritated and scratching can lead to infection. It's best to treat head lice quickly once they are found because they can spread easily from person to person. If a child is found to be with lice at school, s/he does not need to be sent home from school immediately (though a parent will be contacted and may choose to pick up a student in order to begin treatment). A child may return to school after the administration of a proper lice treatment. If a child is found to be with lice at home, we ask that parents please let us know so that we can treat the classroom areas (carpet, reading pillows, etc.) as well.

Morton 709 policy is that we will notify parents of a child found to be with lice; other students' parents will not be contacted. We encourage you to make lice checks a regular part of home hygiene as you care for your children.

A good reference for information and tips regarding care for your child's health is [kidshealth.org](http://kidshealth.org). I am also glad to be an additional resource to assist our families in the Morton 709 school district. Have a healthy winter!

**Nurse Annette Kelso**

[lincoln.nurse@mcusd709.org](mailto:lincoln.nurse@mcusd709.org)



### **Toys for Tots Collection Site**

Lincoln Elementary School (as well as all District 709 schools) is again a drop off location for the Toys for Tots program. The Marine Corps collects the NEW toys (not used please), which are given to children in the Peoria area who may not otherwise receive a new toy for Christmas. There is a drop off box located in the hallway just inside the school entrance. We appreciate your consideration. Toys will be collected through Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. We thank you in advance for your generosity and thoughtfulness.



### **Communication on Snow Days**

As we head into winter, please remember that Morton 709 rarely has snow days. On the occasion when school will be closed or dismissed early due to inclement weather, the district will send emails, text messages and/or phone messages to inform you of any changes in the school day. In addition, these weather-related changes will be



posted on the school and district Facebook pages and on local television stations. *If your phone number or email address has changed since the beginning of the school year, please be sure that we have the most up to date phone number and email address on file in the school office. You can email changes to Mrs. Bakirdan*

*([jennifer.bakirdan@mcusd709.org](mailto:jennifer.bakirdan@mcusd709.org)) or to*

*Mrs. Spinder*

*([sueann.spinder@mcusd709.org](mailto:sueann.spinder@mcusd709.org)).*

***Thank you for your help to ensure that we have accurate information on file.***



**LINCOLN**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### **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, being on target, acting with kindness or being respectful. Congratulations students!

**Kindergarten:** Tad Johnson, Matthew Gnagey, Nina Fretsch, Elaina Hansard, Blake Neptun, Ty Anderson, Carly Behm, Grant Herring, Parker Johnson, Josh Huff, Brady Fulton, Autumn Schick, McKenna Massey, Eli Gorshe, Colin Phillips, Hudson Chan, Penny Nowlan, Jax Hayes, Charley Wagenbach, Kolbie Klopfenstein, Layton Strohkirch, Tripp Linville, Wyatt Smith, Jack Hermann, Brynn Campbell, Forbes Levy, Ashton Mucciante, Cordelia Roath, Mason

Schultz, Genny Kneller, Eva Whitaker, Olivia Miller, Lucy Lowder, Miles Dunham, Oliver Auxier, Rowen Zeller, Dominik Stetzler, Vinny Cipolla, Hutch Carey, Annie Carter, Finley Lavery, Zach Klockkenga.

**First Grade:** Joshua Ulysse, Carter Brown, Gray Getz, Grant Schelkopf, Bentley Myers, Trevor Ricci, Matthew Estes, John O'Brien, Hudson Shepherdson, Matthew Klockkenga, Evie Hare, Mila Ralston, Blake Manley, EJ Simpkins, Daphna Stickling.

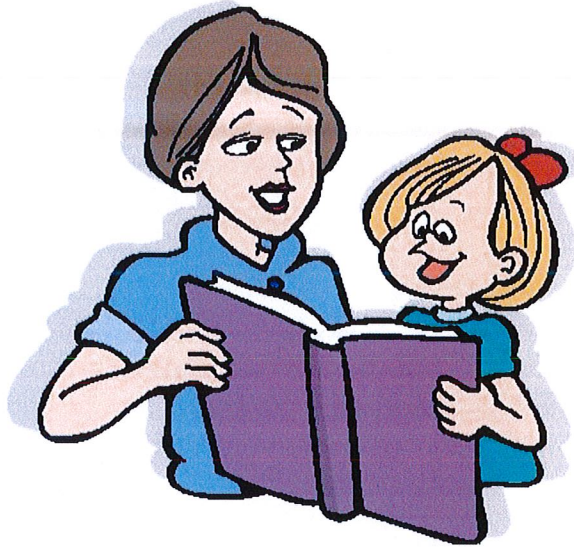
**Second Grade:** Colton Strohkirch, Nixon Albers, Barrett Durflinger, Brendan Kiddy, Peyt Malson, Isabella Carlson, Ben Volpert, Fisher Roehm, Allison Walvraven, Miles Greene, Addison Kiddy, Nolan Hinz, James Whalen, Zenek Richrath, Tate Miller, Rose Smith, Lucas Carlson, Quinn Roehm, Addison Allen, Mark Knapp, Hudson Zeller, Payton Johnson, Colton Wertz, Ruxin Higgs, Paxton Lowder, Josiah Gnagey, Allison Carter.

**Third Grade:** Kate Gronewold, Chase Bunton, Cooper Klein, Alexis Ames, Bryce Frank, Bridget Knapp, Juliet Tewksbury, Layla Stroud, Logan Friend, Trevor Estes, Olivia Brooks, Jenna Farrell, Henry Austin, Lucas Kraft, Brody Stetzler, Reece Litersky.

**Fourth Grade:** Savannah Westbrook, Turner Albers, Addy Schwab, Madi Greiner, Morgan Smith, Ryan Clauson, Faye Brown, Natalyn Simpson, Keegan Wright, Kallie Lau, Bennett Reid, Landry Robeen, Rylee Maher, Ava Althiser, Penelope Drake, Alexis Bozarth, Kenley Mahr, Cade Cowley, Max Greiner.

**Fifth Grade:** Maggie Getz, Alec Julien, Kaylee Hitz, Weston Bieneman, Piper Poshard, Micheal Walraven.

**Sixth Grade:** Addison Donaldson, Christian Mucciante, Ramsey Carey, Cade Darche, Gage Petrov, Lola Wagenbach, Sierra Hitz.



## Conversations With Your Child

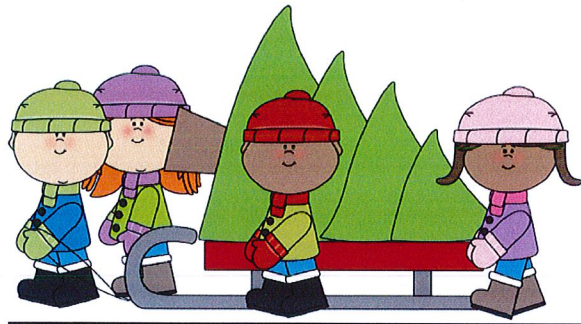
When you see your child after school each day, what's the first thing that you ask him/her? Is it "How was your day?" How about "What did you learn in school today?" Sometimes, you get the same ol' answers! Maybe changing the questions can give you some different answers and a little better insight into 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:**

**Mon., 11/18:** PTO Food Drive begins

**Tues., 11/19:** 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Challenge Reading students to Leaves and Beans after school

**Fri., 11/22:** Girls Night Out Cheer and Dance Clinic at MJHS-6 pm; Food Drive ends

**Wed., 11/27-Fri., 11/29:** Thanksgiving Break-No School

**Tues., 12/3:** First Tuesday of the Month Morning Assembly for K-3<sup>rd</sup> grades at 8:10 am in Cafeteria; School Board Meeting 6:30 pm at District Office

**Wed., 12/4:** First Wednesday of the Month Morning Assembly for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades at 8:10 am in Cafeteria; 11:55 am Early Dismissal for Teacher Professional Development/Kona Ice here

**Fri., 12/6:** PTO Family Christmas Movie Night; doors open at 6 pm; movie begins at 6:30 pm in cafeteria (wear jammies/comfy clothes; bring blankets/sleeping bags/pillows to enjoy Christmas movie)

**Mon., 12/9:** Morton Elementary Choir at 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Concert 6:30 pm at Grace Church

**Thurs., 12/12:** 5<sup>th</sup> grade Maturation Presentations at 1:30 pm (Parent info note to come after Thanksgiving)

**Thurs., 12/12:** 6<sup>th</sup> grade Orchestra at 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Orchestra concert at MHS 7 pm

**Fri., 12/13:** 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to sing to residents at Apostolic Christian Restmor 1:30-2:30 pm

**Sat., 12/14:** 6<sup>th</sup> grade/MJHS Jazz Band Concert 3 pm at MJHS

**Tues., 12/17:** Kindergarten and First Grade Christmas Programs at Bertha Frank (MHS): K begins at 6:30 pm; First Grade begins at 7:15 pm

**Thurs., 12/19:** Classroom Christmas parties in PM; Second and Third Grade Christmas Programs at Betha Frank (MHS); Second Grade begins at 6:30 pm; Third Grade begins at 7:15 pm

**Fri., 12/20:** All School Christmas Sing at 9:30 am in gym; School dismissed at 11:55 am for Christmas Break



**School will resume on Monday,  
January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

**Have a wonderful Christmas  
and a very Happy New Year!**



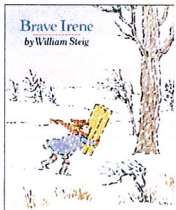


## Lincoln School

# November 2019

Olivia Gabbert, Literacy Coach, [olivia.gabbert@mcusd709.org](mailto:olivia.gabbert@mcusd709.org)

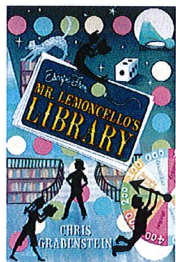
### Book of the Month



(Grades K-2 and beyond) Brave Irene  
by William Steig

*Brave Irene* is Irene Bobbin, the dressmaker's daughter. Her mother, Mrs. Bobbin, isn't feeling so well and can't possibly deliver the beautiful ball gown she's made for the duchess to wear that very evening. So Irene volunteers

to get the gown to the palace on time, in spite of the fierce snowstorm that's brewing-- quite an errand for a little girl. But where there's a will, there's a way, as Irene proves in the adventure that follows. She must overcome many obstacles before she completes her mission. Surely, this winning heroine will inspire every child to cheer her on.



(Grades 3-5) Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library  
by Chris Grabenstein

This is the story of the millionaire toy maker Mr. Lemoncello, who sponsors a new, state-of-the-art library. The town of Alexandriaville, Ohio has not had a public library in twelve years. For the grand opening, Mr. Lemoncello invites 12

twelve-year olds to spend the night at the library and then, they are to take part in a game to escape from the library. The winner gets to star in his TV commercials. Kyle Keeley wins a spot to be one of the first twelve kids to stay overnight at the library. Will Kyle and the other winners be able solve the clues and secret puzzles to find the hidden escape route?

### Website of the Month

[www.dogobooks.com](http://www.dogobooks.com) and [www.dogonews.com](http://www.dogonews.com)

Dogobooks is an online community that allows children to read book reviews written by children, track the books they like, rate books, and write their own book reviews. This website offers free book giveaways, contests, and a summer reading program.

Dogonews is a website that has fun articles for kids on current events, science, social studies, sports, and more!

### Strategy of the Month ~ QUESTIONING

Readers ask questions about the text and the author's intentions to seek information, clarify, and extend their thinking before, during and after reading.

Simply asking your child to tell you about what they read may be too general. A few questioning strategies many help improve the conversation.

- "Right There" questions are on a literal level and have answers that can be found in a specific place in the text.

- "Think and Search" questions are on an inferential level and have answers that relate to information found in the text.

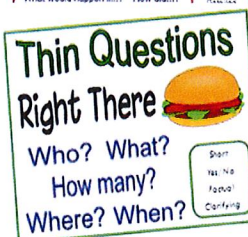
- "Author and Me" questions have answers that are not stated in the text. It requires the students to combine previous knowledge with evidence from the text.

These levels of questions are on an increasing level of difficulty, and it requires practice to develop these critical thinking skills.

For example, a "Right There" (Thin) question could have the young readers naming the major characters and locations in a story. They could sequence the events in the story and tell you how characters react to the events.



In "Think and Search" (Thick) questions, the student could explain character traits and personalities. They could justify, from the character's point of view, why they reacted the way they did to the events in the story.



In "Author and Me" questions, the students could analyze a character's traits and personalities. They could compare how a character's actions are alike and different from a similar character in another story.

Good reading comprehension is critical to school success and involves so much more than just rote memorization of information. Students will be excited to have conversation before, during and after reading!

### Reading Challenge of the Month



Reading every day increases accuracy, fluency, stamina and comprehension. Comprehension is also greatly increased by active questioning before, during and after reading. *Challenge* yourself to answer at least one (before) one (during) and one (after) question when you are reading. You will be amazed at how much more you will understand and remember what you have read!



Hello Lincoln Lions!

With first quarter officially behind us, our first snowfall of the season, and the addition of Christmas songs on the radio, we are reminded that the holiday season is upon us! Although it is an exciting time of year, it can also be a rather stressful time for those who have family visiting from out of town or for students who were disappointed by their academic progress throughout their first quarter of school. Before getting too overwhelmed by the upcoming festivities, I encourage each one of you to press pause and recognize the stressors that you or your child are currently experiencing as the first Wednesday of November marks National Stress Awareness Day. As adults, it is easy to forget the social dynamics and academic pressure that children face on a day to day basis. Although a moderate amount of stress allows us to take on new challenges, an excessive amount over an extended period of time can lead to feelings of anxiety, avoidance of hard tasks, and/or withdraw from social opportunities. As a caregiver, it is important to tune into your child's behavior in order to determine whether he or she is experiencing a high level of stress at home or at school, as young children may not be able to accurately name how they feel. Common signs of excessive stress include; crying, sleeping too much or too little, changes in appetite, irritable mood, complaining about school and/or classmates, or complaining of stomachaches, headaches, or other physical pains.

If you notice any of these changes, there are a variety of things that you can do to help you child. First, look for a calm time to talk to your child about the signs that you have noticed. If school work is causing your child to experience a great deal of stress, attempt to establish a regular after-school routine including; down time, a quiet and neat study area, a discussion about what tasks need to be accomplished, a set amount of time that should be spent on homework each night, and an opportunity for you and your child to sit down and review his/her work. Also, for those who tend to hyper focus on grades, encourage your child to look at his/her grades online a limited amount throughout the quarter. In addition to tackling school work with your child, it is also critical to teach the importance of balance through play, involvement in extracurricular activities, family dinners, and exercise! Last but not least, sleep is crucial to dealing with the ups and downs that we all face. School age children should sleep between 9 to 12 hours per night. Some tips to helping your child get a restful night's sleep include; limiting screen time at least 1 hour before bedtime, using the bed for sleep only, taking a warm bath or shower at night, engaging in deep breathing exercises, and/or listening to white noise or calm music.

Along with these suggestions, it is also beneficial for children (and adults!) to journal two to three things per day that they are grateful for. This allows us all to focus on the positive aspects of our lives that we often forget to notice in the day to day shuffle!

I hope you all have a fantastic, relaxing start to the holiday season!

Molly Winkler, MSW  
School Social Worker





# Lincoln School PTO

## News and Views

Nov & Dec 2019

It seems like fall has already come and gone, but we are keeping things warm in Lincoln School! On October 26, we held our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Craft and Vendor Fair. Despite the wind and rain, the day was a huge success! We had several Lincoln student vendors who showcased their talents this year! What a wonderful real world experience for these young entrepreneurs. Sixth grade sold water (\$167) to help fund their 6<sup>th</sup> grade spring trip. I wish to extend *many thanks* to all of our wonderful volunteers and staff that helped tape, set up, unload, tear down, etc. (Ashley Valerio, Stacy Litersky, Allison Vershaw, Christy Getz, Sara Armstrong, Brooke Behm, Molly Stephens, Jen Underwood, Dani West, Ms. Albers, and others!!) The day could not go on without you!! We have lots of vendors requesting to sign up again already for next year!!

Mark your calendars now for Oct 24, 2020!

The PTO Coat drive was a great success last week. B.A.C.E appreciates our wonderful donations each year! Thank you Meghan Miller for heading up this project!

The canned food drive will be held Nov 18-22! The kids (and teachers) get pretty excited about this competition! The sixth grade students will be giving of their time over their lunch hour to count the donated items. Susan Nichols (nichosd1@gmail.com) is happy to take volunteers if you are interested in helping count or load and deliver food this Friday! The Family Fun Committee is hosting a movie night on Friday, Dec 6. Get your pajamas on and join us in the cafeteria to watch Arthur Christmas. See attached flyer for more info.



Happy holidays from all of us on PTO!



### Upcoming PTO Important Dates:

Nov 18-22 – Canned Food Drive

Dec 6 – Family Fun Christmas  
Movie 6 pm

Jan 13 – PTO Meeting 7 pm

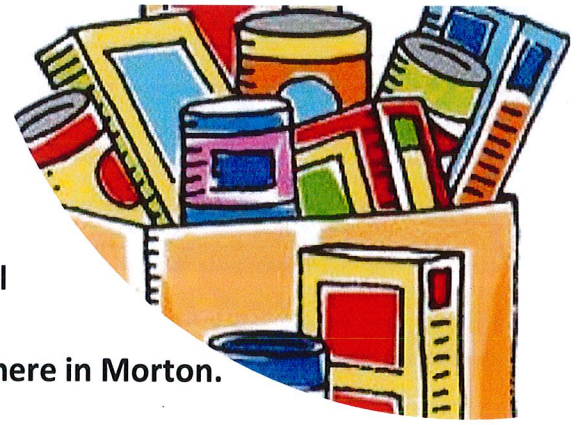


Our 5th grade parents will be hosting the November staff luncheon and our 4<sup>th</sup> graders, the December luncheon. Thank you all in advance for your help! If you would be willing to make or bring food please contact Erin Jones at [robertanderinjones@yahoo.com](mailto:robertanderinjones@yahoo.com)



**We Care/B.A.C.E. Food Drive**  
**November 18 through the 22nd**

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 3-6<sup>th</sup>). All items are appreciated, and the families that receive them live here in Morton.  
**NO Ramen Noodles Please!!**



**Items needed:**

**Canned Meats:** tuna, chicken, etc.

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

**Cereal/Oatmeal**

**Peanut Butter**

**Macaroni and Cheese**

**Dish Soap**

**Canned Soup**

**Canned Fruit or veggies**

**Toilet Paper**

**Bars of Soap**

**Laundry Detergent**

**Paper Towels**

**ChapStick**

**Spaghetti Sauce**

**Cleaning supplies Pasta**

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**

**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.**



give the gift of warmth!

Thank you to all who graciously contributed to this year's coat drive!  
We collected all specified sizes and more as we were able to collect 50 coats as well as hats, gloves and even some snow pants!  
We appreciate the amazing generosity shown to help keep kids in central Illinois warm this winter!



# Family Fun Events:



## Join us for the 4th Annual Family Movie Night

Friday, December 6th in the Lincoln Cafeteria

Doors Open ~ 6:00pm

Movie begins ~ 6:30pm

\*Please wear your pjs, bring blankets, pillows, chairs!\*

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Popcorn & Water will be served.

Sponsored by the PTO Family Fun Committee

Available for purchase!



**PEORIA RIVERMEN**

**LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Lincoln Elementary School PTO  
Night with the Rivermen  
Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>  
Puck Drops at 3:05 PM  
Tickets are \$15  
(\$3 of each ticket goes to the Lincoln Elementary PTO)

Scan here to  
order online

To buy tickets, go to the QR code above or to this link: [http://rivermenteamstore-com.3dcartstores.com/Lincoln-Elementary-School-PTO-Night-216\\_p\\_453.html](http://rivermenteamstore-com.3dcartstores.com/Lincoln-Elementary-School-PTO-Night-216_p_453.html)

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*In this season of Thanksgiving, we want to thank the countless volunteers who give of their time, resources and efforts to help Lincoln PTO and Lincoln Elementary School be it's best! Whether you volunteered at Book Fair in October or the Walk-A-Thon Lock-in last weekend or plan to help with the canned food drive with a bag full of donations or any of the other countless ways to give or help - WE THANK YOU and appreciate your efforts!*

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See attached sheet!



# Morton School District Elementary Lunch Menu

December 2019



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2</b> *Bacon Cheeseburger Or Turkey Pepperoni Pizza Oven Fries Shredded Romaine Orange Wedges	<b>3 Lucky Tray Day</b> Chicken Quesadilla Or Hot Digdilly Dog BBQ Baked Beans Fresh Pico Salsa Sweet Peas	<b>4</b> Half Day No Lunch	<b>5 Breakfast for Lunch</b> Waffle w/Scrambled Eggs Or Yogurt & Cheese Fun Meal Potato Smiles Broccoli Buds Blueberries	<b>6 Cookie Bite Day</b> Cheese Pizza Or **Chili Cheese Fries Golden Corn Carroteenies w/dip Juicy Mixed Fruit
<b>9 Breakfast for Lunch</b> Fluffy Pancakes w/Sausage Patty & Syrup Or Juicy Hamburger Oven Fries Sliced Cucumbers Chilled Peaches	<b>10 Brownie Bite Day</b> Fiesta Nachos with Taco Meat & Cheese Sauce Or Crispy Chicken Sandwich Seasoned Black Beans Fresh Zesty Salsa Cinnamon Peas	<b>11 Way Cool Wednesday</b> Mini Corny Corn Dogs Or **Chicken Alfredo Bake Romaine Salad w/Dressing Tiny Tomatoes Blue Raspberry Slushie	<b>12 Lucky Tray Day</b> **Popcorn Chicken Or *BBQ Rib Sandwich Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Carroteenies w/Dip 100% Fruit Juice	<b>13</b> *Sausage Pizza Or Hot Digdilly Dog Seasoned Green Beans Broccoli Buds Blueberries
<b>16 Cookie Bite Day</b> Western BBQ Burger Or Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Carroteenies w/Dip Strawberry Applesauce	<b>17 Winter Wonderland</b> Soft Shell Tacos Or Chili Cheese Dog Glazed Carrots Sliced Cucumbers Chilled Peaches	<b>18 Way Cool Wednesday</b> **Seasoned Chicken Tenders Or **Salsbury Steak Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Sweet Corn Kiwi Strawberry Slushie	<b>19 Breakfast for Lunch</b> French Toast Sticks w/Sausage Patty & Syrup Or Turkey and Cheese Sub Potato Puffs Tiny Tomatoes 100% Fruit Juice	<b>20</b> Half Day No Lunch
<b>23</b> No School Christmas Break	<b>24</b> No School Christmas Break	<b>25</b> No School Christmas Break	<b>26</b> No School Christmas Break	<b>27</b> No School Christmas Break
<b>30</b> No School Christmas Break	<b>31</b> No School Christmas Break			

**Lunch**  
**\$2.70**  
 Milk is  
 included with  
 Meal

**Milk**  
**\$0.50**  
 A Variety of  
 Milk is Offered  
 Daily

Questions about the menu?  
 Kristina Klein  
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 309-284-6320

For more information  
 or to "Ask the Dietitian",  
 check out our website!



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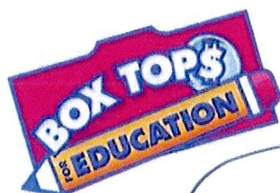
CRISPY CHICKEN SALAD  
 OR  
 JUMBO CORN DOG

(\*) Contains Pork  
 (\*\*) Served With Whole Grain Bread  
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 necessary. Notice will be given when  
 possible.

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