



January 2020

From the Assistant Principal's Desk

Dear Lincoln Families,

How can we already be at the end of January 2020? Perhaps our return from Christmas Break on January 6th has resulted in a speedy month. January has flown by due to the busy schedule. Our school Spelling Bee was held on January 10th and our Geography Bee was last Friday.

Over the next month, our entire district and the school community will join together for the 8th Annual Gameball Run. Detailed information about the Gameball Run activities at Lincoln is included with this newsletter. You can also read more about our Gameball Run family-the Getz Family-in our newsletter. At Lincoln, we will participate with t-shirt sales, coin wars (which began on 1/24), sock sales, sticker sales and staff jeans days to raise money for the Children's Hospital of Illinois. Students and parents will also have an opportunity to participate in the highlight of the Gameball Run-the actual run! We also have many teachers and staff members participating in the run. We kicked off our Gameball Run activities with our Kick Off Assembly with the Getz family, MHS Boys BB Coach Matt Franks and the team player reps last Friday.

Besides Gameball Run activities (2/20 and 2/21), other upcoming activities this winter including Valentine's Day parties (2/14), PTO Book Fair (2/10-2/14), our Open House (2/13), 4th/5th Grade Music Program (2/25) and our PTO School Carnival (3/20). Be sure to mark those dates on your calendar...we hope to see you at Lincoln soon!

Ms. Albers will return to school for partial days on Monday! We are so excited to welcome her back to Lincoln. Please be patient and grant her grace as she slowly returns back to full capacity.

Mrs. Peterson, Assistant Principal

Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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KEEPING WARM AT RECESS IN WINTER MONTHS



As the snow falls outside over the next few days, our students will be anxious to go outside to play in the snow!

At school, our students go outside for recess when the temperature (factoring in windchill) is above ten degrees Fahrenheit and it is safe to be playing on the blacktop (little to no ice). It's important, even in colder weather, for our students to get outside, exert some energy and get some fresh air.

There are some occasions when even though we are above 10 degrees, we make the decision to keep the students inside for recess. For example, our blacktop had been cleared after our weekend weather, but there were still slick spots and large icy areas. In order to ensure safety for all, we decided to keep students inside. In addition, the snow limits the space we have for our students...leaving just the black top area for 150+ students are each recess.

Recess is about 20 minutes long (a little less by the time the students get their cold weather gear on!), and we try to get our students outside as much as the weather allows. We do allow students to play in the snow on occasion; students will need to have snow pants and snow boots (not fashion boots) to play in the snow, along with mittens/gloves and a coat. Students should bring a different pair of shoes to wear during the day (and for PE) and change into their boots for recess. 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!



Gameball Run Kicks Off with Assembly and Coin Collection on 1/21!

Lincoln School began its Gameball Run activities with our Kick Off Assembly on 1/17. MHS Boys' Basketball Coach Matt Franks and Potters and former Lincoln Lions visited our school to tell us about the Gameball Run and the CHOI. We also met John and Christy Getz and Maggie, our Miracle Kid! Maggie is in 5th grade at Lincoln and the Getz's are sharing Maggie's story and the family's gratitude to the CHOI. Our students watched a video which chronicles Maggie's life. We are thankful for the services that CHOI provided for Maggie and all children throughout central Illinois.

Over the next few weeks, students will have an opportunity to participate in several activities to raise funds for CHOI:

-Coin Wars: The money collection began on 1/21. We will have grade level competitions and instead of counting money, we'll count points to determine the winning grade level. How does it work? When students put coins into their jar, those are "positive," but when students put dollar bills into another grade level's jar (not their own), that is a "negative." In other words, if a student puts 2 quarters in his grade level jar, that is 50 points towards the grade level total...but if another student places a \$1 bill in that same grade level jar, then it is negative 100 points. In the end, our PTO reps will add up the money and tally the points to determine who the winning grade level is in our coin war.

-T-Shirt Sales: This year's Gameball Run t-shirt is navy with glow in the dark blue letters. By purchasing a t-shirt, you not only donate to the CHOI, but you also gain free entry into the Gameball Run game on Friday, 2/21 if you are wearing your t-shirt. Order forms came home last week!

-Participation in the Gameball Run itself! Students and parents can choose to join in the run fun by signing up to participate in the run, which will take place on Thursday, 2/20, starting at 4 pm at the MHS track. Info about race sign up/t-shirt came home last week.

-Socks and Stickers: This year we are also selling socks and stickers. Please look for the order sheet and information in the Gameball Run packet.

Thank you for your support of the Children's Hospital of Illinois. We hope to see many of you on the track during the run and many more in the bleachers on Friday, 2/21 at MHS. Thank you to the Getz Family; we are proud to have them as our Lincoln Gameball Run family! For more information visit our school Facebook page.

Lincoln Geography Bee Crowned

Congratulations to sixth grader Rachel Clauson, who was crowned the Lincoln School Geography Bee champion last week. Rachel is the daughter of Bob and Joy Clauson. The second place winner was sixth grader Uday Anand. Third place went to Caela Meyer



(Pictured above are Jolyon Webb (moderator), 3rd place Caela Meyer, Geography Bee Winner Rachel Clauson and 2nd place Uday Anand.)

Ten students competed in the Bee, which was moderated by former Lincoln School principal Jolyon Webb. Thank you to sixth grade teachers Jaime Farrell and Rachel Roush, who organized our event. Thank you also to our other judges, Stu Smith, El Higus and Jenny Auxier. Congratulations to all students.



In front: Izzi Moore, Caleb Babin, Kallie Lau, Molly Habegger. Jolie Farrell, Colin Kemp.
Back Row: Uday Anand, Sammy Heer, Caela Meyer, Rachel Clauson.

Spelling Bee Crowned

Congratulations to sixth grader Delanie Nichols, who was crowned the Lincoln School Spelling Bee champion. Delanie is the daughter of Scott and Susan Nichols. The second place winner was fifth grader Caleb Babin.



(Pictured above are Spelling Bee Winner Caleb Babin and runner up, Delanie Nichols.

Eighteen students competed in the Bee, which was moderated by 6th grade teacher Andrea Knepp. Thank you to sixth grade teacher Andrea Knepp, who organized our event. Thank you also to our other judges, Stu Smith, Kaiti Brown and Jenny Auxier. Congratulations to all students.





Communication on Snow Days

As we head full force 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) or to Mrs. Spinder (sueann.spinder@mcusd709.org).

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



Important January/February Dates:

Mon., 1/20: Gameball Run Coin Wars begin

Fri., 1/31: Lincoln School Night at the MHS Boys Basketball Game (info to come)

Mon., 2/3: PTO Meeting at 7 pm

Wed., 2/5: 11:55 Early Dismissal (Kona Ice here)

Fri., 2/7: Third Quarter Mid Term

Mon. 2/10-Fri. 2/14: Book Fair (Open during Open House)

Thu., 2/13: Open House 6-7:30 p.m.

Fri., 2/14: Classroom Valentine Parties in afternoon, starting at 1:30 pm or later

Mon., 2/17: No School for President's Day

Thurs., 2/20: Gameball Run "Run" at MHS Track at 4-5 pm (weather permitting)

Fri., 2/21: Gameball Run "Game" vs. East Peoria at MHS

Tues., 2/24: 3rd Grade Field Trip to Bloomington Center for Performing Arts

Thur., 2/25: 6:30 4th grade Recorder Concert. 7:15 5th Grade Chimes Concert



Lincoln School PTO

News and Views

January 2020

Happy New Year from PTO!! January has already flown by. There are so many great things coming up at Lincoln School this semester. Lincoln skate night was held at The Morton Roller Rink on Jan 21 and Jan 23. Many of our students were able to show off their skating skills they learned in PE throughout December. **Gameball: Grade level competition coin wars** are currently under way and continue Jan 22-31st!! Dollars count as negative points and coins and checks count as positive points. Also, you can purchase custom Lincoln or Potters socks for \$15 until Jan 31 or Lincoln stickers for \$1 on Jan 29-31. **Lincoln Night at MHS boys' basketball game** is Friday, January 31. Each student will receive a free ticket for admission into the game. Let's show the MHS Potters some Lincoln Pride!! Keep collecting those box tops via the Box Tops Collection App. *Just scan your receipt!* **The next Box Top collection is Feb 7.** Use the attached sheet if you still have cut outs. Follet Book Fair will be held February 10-14. If you are interested in volunteering, you do receive 20% off your book purchases!! Please contact Kari Gosteli at kari@gosteli.org if interested. **Lincoln School night at the Riverman Hockey game is Sunday, February 16!!** Bring the entire family out for an exciting afternoon! Tickets are \$15 ea. and a portion of the proceeds will return back to Lincoln. The puck drops at 3:00 pm. Scan the attached code for tickets!

As always, we invite you to attend our monthly PTO meetings! Our next meeting will be Monday, Feb 3, 2020. Free babysitting is provided. Use the South entrance please.



Upcoming PTO Important Dates:

Jan 21-31 – Gameball Run Fundraising
at Lincoln School
Jan 31 Lincoln Night at MHS Boys Game
Feb 3 – PTO Meeting 7 pm
Feb 7 Box Top Collection
Feb 10-14 Follet Book Fair
Feb 13 Lincoln Open House
Feb 16 Riverman Hockey Game
Feb 20 – Gameball Run at MHS Track
Feb 21 – Gameball Run Ceremony 7 pm
Feb 28 – Family BINGO night



Thank you to the 4th grade parents for hosting our December luncheon and to the 3rd grade parents for hosting our January 23rd staff luncheon! 2nd grade will be hosting on Thursday, February 27th and 1st grade will be hosting on Thursday, March 26th. If you signed up at the beginning of the year to help with staff luncheons, be on the lookout for an email closer to your grade level's date. If you did not sign up but would be willing to make or bring food please contact Erin Jones at robertanderinjones@yahoo.com



PTO is looking for the following volunteers

***Book fair co-chair (POSITION BEGINS 20-21 SCHOOL YEAR)** - this person will help the chairperson plan and execute two book fairs during the school year. Typically, the book fair is held during P/T Conferences in Oct. and in Feb. during Open House. Approximately 10 hours total time!!

***Carnival Chair/Co-Chair/Volunteer Coordinator (3 POSITIONS)** – Grab your spouse, or a friend or two, and help Chair the School Carnival (typically held in March). **A detailed guidebook is provided for you!!** *If interested, there is still time for you to shadow the current chair persons during this year's carnival prep!* The **Volunteer coordinator** is responsible for finding volunteers for the games and kitchen time slots via sign up genius. This person will also be responsible for checking in volunteers on the night of the carnival. It requires little time commitment.

***PTO Vice President position-** this position will begin during the 20-21 school year and is a 2 year commitment. This person is responsible for the following:

- Making babysitting arrangements during the monthly PTO meetings by working closely with the 6th grade teachers to create an online sign-up
- Assisting with annual school fundraising committee in creating a successful fundraising event
- Work with the Lincoln office admin. to update school sign

SPRING FLING

Save the date and join us to celebrate all things Spring and the Lincoln Lions at the 2020 Spring Fling school carnival on March 20th from 5-8pm.

The PTO is coming out of hibernation to present an exciting evening filled with great food, thrilling games and prizes & a spectacular basket raffle.

The school will be in full bloom, bringing back favorites like the Cake Walk, photo booth, and basketball in the gym. Look for more details on the new attractions planned for this year's carnival in next month's newsletter and on our Facebook page.

"Spring is nature's way of saying Let's Party!", and we'll need lots of volunteers to pull off this popular event! Please look for the Volunteer Signup at the Lincoln Open House in February.

We will also post the SignUpGenius link on Facebook. If you are interested in joining the planning team, please contact Carnival Co-Chairs, Nikki Albers at 309-264-8779 or Megan Nestrud at 309-648-8508.

Spring will definitely be in the air!!!!!!



Carnival Basket Raffle

Classroom themes have been chosen for the March 20th Spring Fling Carnival!

We would like to have all contributions to the classrooms by **Monday, February 24th** to allow plenty of time for assembly.

Please donate to your classroom basket theme! Donations need to be new, store bought, or hand crafted. You can ask other parents to pool money together for something big.

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!

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.

Please contact basket raffle coordinator:
Nico Drake at 217-766-6713 or email ndrake25@yahoo.com.

Unable to attend the carnival?

Packets listing the raffle items will be sent home and baskets will be on display in the school library one week prior to the carnival.

Thanks so much for your support!

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GAMEBALL RUN



MORTON POTTERS BASKETBALL

Sponsored by: **Howard & Howard**
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In it's 8th year, Gameball Run has become a huge part of the Morton Community & School District! We're excited to participate in this year's festivities to help raise money & awareness for the OSF Children's Hospital of Illinois! Lincoln School will be fundraising from Tuesday, January 21st until Friday, January 31st!

Here are 5 ways to get involved!



1 – COIN WARS: GRADE LEVEL Competition

Tuesday, January 21 – Friday, January 31

Coins & Checks are positive points, CASH is negative!
Checks made payable to Children's Hospital of Illinois!
Winning grade level gets popcorn party!

2 – Get your Gameball Run T-shirt \$10

Tuesday, January 21 – Friday, January 31

Order forms available on Lincoln School Website. T-shirts glow in the dark!



3 – RUN with Lincoln at the Gameball RUN

Thursday, February 21st 4 pm

\$25 gets student t-shirt and run bib, plus popcorn
\$50 allows parent to run with student and gets them t-shirt, run bib and popcorn!

4 – Custom Lincoln & Gameball SOCKS \$15 ea

Order forms available on Lincoln School Website. All orders need to be placed by Friday, January 31.



5 –Lincoln Stickers for Sale \$1 ea

\$1 stickers will be sold during lunch on Jan 29th, Jan 30th & Jan 31st





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Lincoln Elementary School PTO Night with the Rivermen

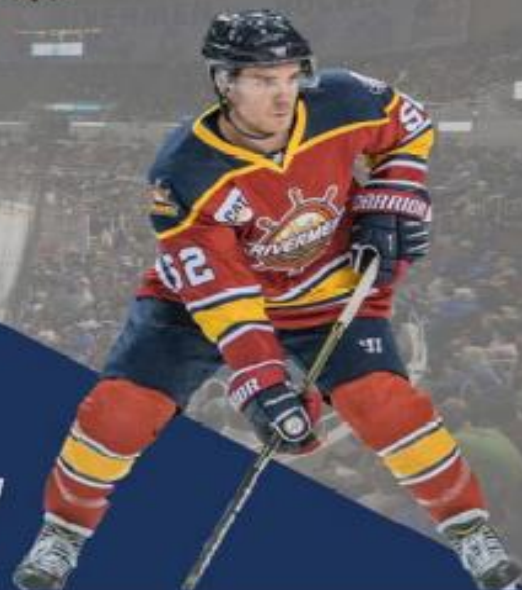
Sunday, February 16th
Puck Drops at 3:05 PM

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

This offer is only good through one of these two links. For questions or inquiries, please contact Katie Pogeman at 309-680-3791 or kpogeman@rivermen.net.



Would you like to bring joy to our students, help our PTO, and earn a 20% discount off all your book fair purchases? The book fair will take place February 10th through the 14th. Sign up to help! It is extremely easy...no experience necessary! All help is appreciated. Please sign up on Signup Genius. Here is the corresponding link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F48AFAC22A7FB6-spring>

If you have any questions, please contact Kari Gosteli at 309-657-5175 or at lincolnlionsbookfair@gosteli.org



SAVE THE DATE

Friday, Feb 28
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Lincoln School Gym

RSVP required ~ \$5 per Family

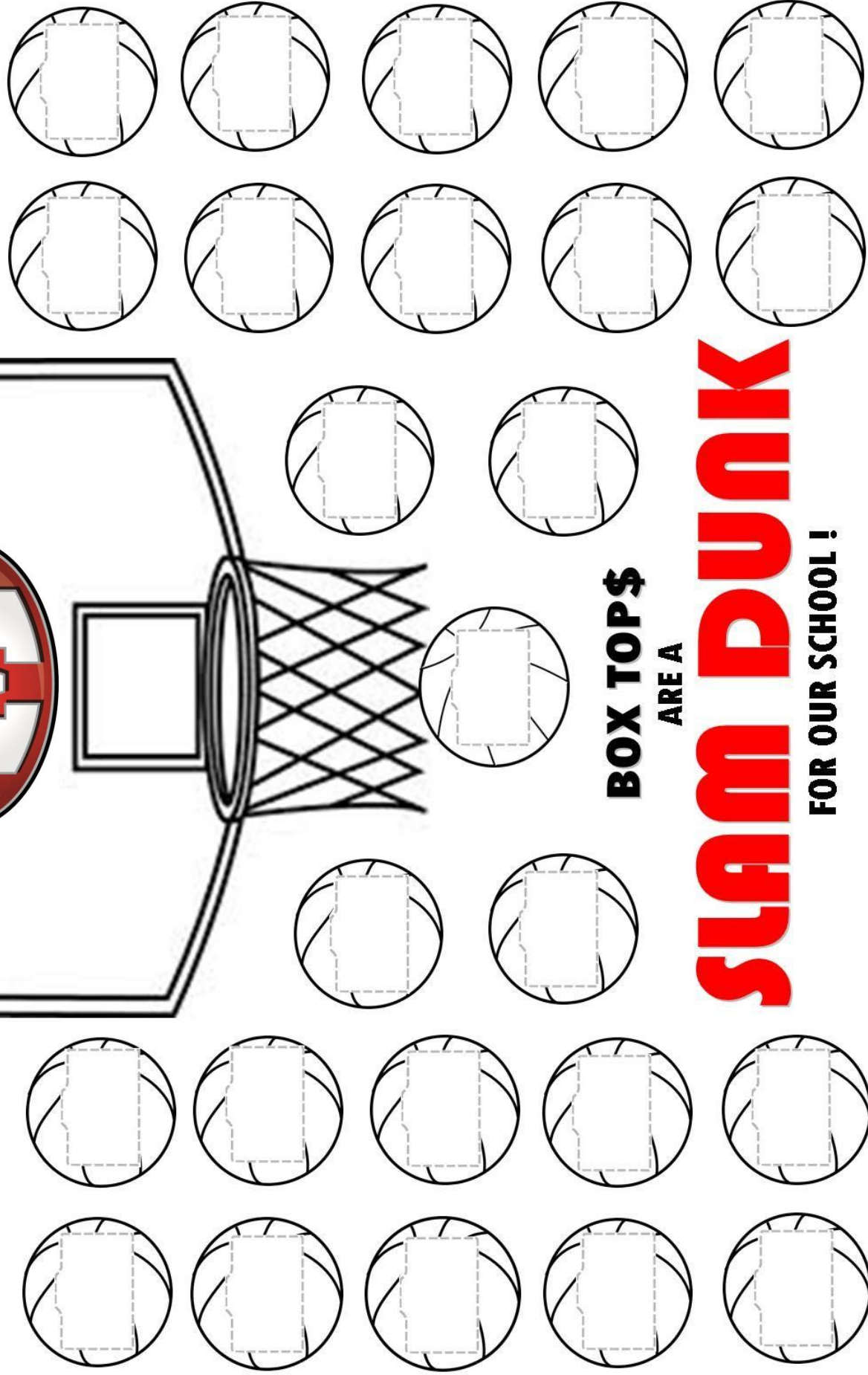
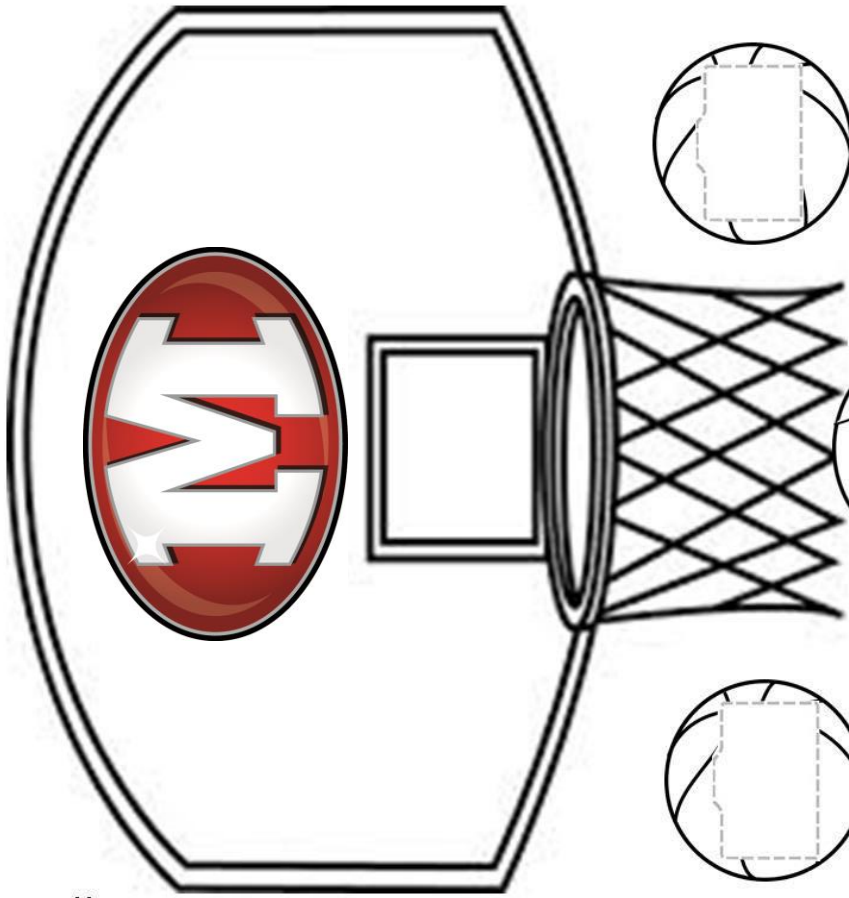
Come play BINGO, Win Great PRIZES & Have Fun
With Your Entire Family!

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Lincoln PTO & Family Fun Committee

Please return to your teacher by:
February 7, 2020



Name: _____
Teacher: _____
Grade: _____



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