



April 2019

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Lincoln Families,

Well...it's been a long road to finally get to the "Day Before Spring Break Starts!" Our students, teachers and staff have persevered and we are all ready for a well-deserved week off! Once we return on April 23rd, the remainder of the school year is going to FLY BY! The late April/May calendar is already filling up so quickly!

A big thank you to our families who attended our Lincoln School Night at Culver's last month. Through the generosity of Culver's and the Skinner Family, each elementary school (including private schools) receives 10% of the sales between 4-8 pm their school's "night." There is an additional incentive for the school which receives the greatest percentage of sales, based on enrollment...20% back to the school! We received notification last week that we were the winners of this friendly Morton school competition, so we earned a total of 20% back to the school! It's especially hard for us to win this competition because our enrollment is so much higher than the other schools. So a HUGE THANK YOU to all of our families who visited Culver's that night to support our school!

When we return from break, we'll have a couple more special "nights" that you and your family may want to consider joining in on:

-Lincoln/Jefferson Schools Night at Morton Dairy Queen is Monday, April 29th. From 4-7 pm, our friends at Carius Dairy Queen will give \$1.00 back to us for each Blizzard sold during that time. We are sharing this night with Jefferson as we needed to pick from selected dates in April, and with spring break, the dates to selected from were limited. So...the Patriots and Lions are joining forces to break a record on Blizzard sales!!

-Kindergarten-3rd Grade Skate Night at Morton Roller Rink is Tuesday, April 30th. From 6-8 pm, students and families in grades Kindergarten through 3rd can skate together for \$7/skater (includes rental), and the Westbrook family will generously donate \$1 from each skater back to Lincoln School. This is a great opportunity to practice all of those skills from our PE Skating Unit last December. Students MUST be accompanied by an adult, but the adult DOES NOT have to skate.

-Kona Ice for Early Dismissal Day on Wednesday, May 1st. This will be our last 1st Wednesday of the Month Early Dismissal for the school year, and Kona Ice will be

here to serve up delicious icy treats! Remember that a portion of the sales returns to our Lincoln PTO on these days! The kids always look forward to Kona Ice days...especially when the weather starts to get warmer!!

-4th-6th Grade Skate Night at Morton Roller Rink is Thursday, May 1st. Just like Tuesday night, students and families in grades 4th-6th can skate together from 6-8 pm, and the Morton Roller Rink will donate \$1 back to the school (from the \$7 admission fee). Again, students must be accompanied by an adult to skate (no drop offs!).

You'll notice that the newsletter is a little "light" this month. Our PTO had lots of thank yous and information to share on upcoming activities, so we wanted to get a shortened newsletter out to you this month. I encourage you to follow our school on Facebook for up to date information, pictures and videos from school events, menu changes, etc. As things are posted on Facebook, they also appear on the school website at the bottom as well, so if you are not a Facebook user, you can still keep up to date in that way too!

This week is Assistant Principal's Week in Illinois, and I'd be remiss if I did not give a HUGE shout out of gratitude to our Lincoln Elementary Assistant Principal Michelle Peterson. Currently, Mrs. Peterson is continuing to enjoy her leave following the birth of her third child in late February. I'd be lying if I said that I didn't have April 29th (her return date!) circled on my calendar!! We truly miss having Michelle at school and the kids miss seeing her each day as well. We are looking forward to her return at the end of this month! We are so lucky to have her support and leadership at Lincoln Elementary!

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Tues., 4/23: School Resumes; 5th grade Field Trip to Peoria Symphony*
- Thurs., 4/24: K-4 Bike Safety Assembly from Morton Police Department*
- Mon., 4/29: Welcome Back Mrs. Peterson!!; Lincoln/Jefferson Schools Dairy Queen Night from 4-7 pm*
- Tues., 4/30: School Lockdown Drill at 8:30 am with Morton Police Department; K-3 Skate Night at Morton Roller Rink from 6-8 pm (\$7/student)*
- Wed., 5/1: 1:10 PM Early Dismissal; Kona Ice here; 5th Grade Manners Luncheon at Bertha Frank*
- Thurs., 5/2: 4-6 Skate Night at Morton Roller Rink from 6-8 pm (\$7/student)*
- Fri., 5/3: Lincoln School Picnic Day (during your child's normal lunch time; more information to follow)*
- Mon., 5/6: PTO Meeting at 7 pm*

I hope that you and your family have a wonderful spring break. Whether you are going out of town, visiting with family locally, or spending a quiet week home together, I hope the break gives your family special times together, a chance to slow down from the hustle and bustle of the day to day of school and daily life and an opportunity to relax and renew. A very Happy Easter to you and your family!!

Ms. Julie Albers, Principal



Lincoln School PTO News and Views

April 2019

Time flies when you're having fun...and Lincoln School has been plenty busy with activities and opportunities for fun! There are SO many people to thank who have worked incredibly hard for our school and community over the past couple of months! Thank you to our carnival leadership, Nikki Albers & Megan Nestrud for their planning and efforts at a fun filled family night last month! Thank you to our Family Fun Committee for a great night of BINGO last week. Thank you to each staff member who is contributing towards the Teacher Experiences featured in our online silent auction and a very special thank you to our Lincoln families for your participation and generosity with everything at Lincoln School! We are an amazing school because of our staff, students, parents, volunteers & leadership! Thank you all! Happy Spring Break & Easter!

~ Stacy Litersky
PTO President

PTO NEEDS YOU!

PTO is looking to fill the positions of PRESIDENT & SECRETARY for the 2019-2020 & 2020-2021 School Years. As PTO President, you are responsible for running all PTO meetings, working with School Administration for the betterment of Lincoln Elementary School and as a liaison between PTO chairs of the many committees working throughout the school. As PTO Secretary, you are responsible for recording and reporting on all PTO meetings. If you may be interested in either of these positions, please contact Stacy Litersky at salitersky@gmail.com or 309-696-8600. Thank you for your consideration!



Peoria Chiefs vs Kane County Cougars

Wednesday, May 29th @ 6:35pm CST

Dozer Park, Peoria, IL

Purchase Deadline: May 28th @ 11:59pm CST



Come and celebrate the start of the summer and enjoy the Chiefs game on May 29th to support Lincoln Elementary School!

\$12 Discounted tickets are available for purchase, with \$3 from each ticket going back to the Lincoln Elementary School PTO fund.

Promotions include \$1 hot dogs, popcorn, and ice cream sandwiches! Order tickets at link below:

<https://groupmatics.events/event/Lincolnelementaryil>



2019 LINCOLN SCHOOL CARNIVAL

THANK YOU'S

Thank you for making the 2019 School Carnival a HUGE Success!!

Indeed, it was a night to remember, as the Lincoln Lions traveled Around the World at the 2019 school carnival, enjoying delicious in-flight snacks, exciting games and prizes, and the world-famous basket raffle! A great time was had by all, and we couldn't have pulled it off without the help of LOTS and LOTS of volunteers!

First, we would like to thank the 6th grade class for choosing the fun carnival theme, as well as, helping run many of the games on carnival night. We hope you all had a blast at your last Lincoln school carnival! A special thanks to Kristie Boeker for surprising the 6th grade volunteers with an extra popsicle recess!

Next, a big thank you to D'Lisa Boss for coordinating the 90+ volunteers it takes to run all of the carnival games, as well as, the incredible parents/family members who donated time to work a shift, or donated a cake, Gatorade, or liter of soda for the Bingo game and Cake Walk. Thank you for making a difference and volunteering. We could not have had a successful carnival without you!

The kitchen staff always does a great job as well! Thank you to Stephanie Heinold and Susan Scott and their many volunteers who served food in the kitchen, collected money as a cashier, cleaned tables or dishes, or popped and served popcorn . . . Everyone MADE a difference and we are grateful!

Special thanks to Nico Drake and Lauren Middleton and everyone who contributed to another successful basket auction with amazing baskets that just get better each year!

We're also very grateful for the support provided by Principal Julie Albers, as well as, many Lincoln teachers who kindly donated their time to sell writstbands on carnival night. As always, building custodians, Dwight Hamilton, Bob Harkless, and Dante Williams, were a huge help with carnival setup and cleanup. We are truly proud to be a part of this wonderful school community!

And finally, we would like to recognize our wonderful carnival committee and friends, Kristie Boeker, Ali Dicks, and Erin Kemp – a HUGE THANK YOU for helping us plan and organize this fun event for our kiddos. We are so grateful for your time and support!

Nikki Albers & Megan Nestrud
Carnival Co-chairs

Carnival Basket Committee Thanks!



Carnival Basket Donor Thanks!

Thank you to ALL of our very generous carnival basket donors!

AMAZING!! That's all I can say about this year's basket raffle! We cannot express our thanks enough for all the support of volunteers, students, families and area businesses. The Basket Raffle was such a success because of all of you. So many details go into making these baskets and I am truly grateful for all of your help and support!

Many thanks to the Basket Committee and helpers:

Stephanie Kennay for helping us gather donations from area businesses

Julie Fonseca for typing up the tags for every basket

Sueann Spinder for printing materials and sending out emails to teachers and families (and answering all of our questions)

Anna Odari, Rebecca Schelkopf, Erin Jones, Rachel Foster, and Marci Tewksbury for helping wrap baskets

Kristie Ruxlow, Stig Ruxlow, Marci Tewksbury, Erin Jones, and Rachel Foster for selling tickets

Natalie Friend, Anna Odari, Rebecca Schelkopf, Erin Jones, and Marci & Mike Tewksbury, and Rachel & David Foster for helping to coordinate announcing the winners and counting tickets afterwards

Dwight Hamilton for helping set up the tables for the baskets

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Thank you to **Nikki Albers and Megan Nestrud** and team for your hard work putting together an All Around the World carnival!

We would also like to thank the generous Lincoln parents that graciously donated baskets to our raffle. Also, thanks to the parents who collected classroom money and shopped for the baskets. Our amazing donors make the community baskets possible. When shopping, please remember these businesses that so graciously support our school.

Many Thanks,

Lauren Middleton and Nico Drake

Basket Committee Coordinators

2 Maids and a Mop	Kemp 208
Adler Planetarium	KeP's
Altitude Trampoline Park	Knight's Action Water Park
American Doll	Kona Ice
Baked Blessings - by Lisa	Kroger
Blacksmith's	La Gondola
Bloomington Parks and Rec	Landmark Lanes
Botanical Gardens	Larry Salvatore
Butterfly House St Louis	Lexus of Peoria
Canvas Connections	Lincoln PTO
Casey's	Lulu's on Main
Caterpillar Visitor's Center	Medieval Times
Chicago Museum of Science and Industry	Meramec Caverns
Children's Discovery Museum	Mike Murphy Ford
Coach Becker and the Lady Potters	Monicals
Color Street by Kara Brooks	Morton Collision Repair
Confectionary	Morton Cinema
CornStock Theater	Morton Fury
Costco	Morton Park District
Coulter Family	Museum of Science and Industry
Culver's	Peoria Chiefs
D's Tees	Peoria Park District
Drury Hotels	Pepsi Ice Center
Edible Arrangements	Plaza Lanes
Elevate Trampoline Park	Potter's Alley
Etta Lu	Radar Family Farm
Family Video	Russell's Cycling & Fitness Center
Fired Up	Schooners
Firehouse Pizza	Shedd Aquarium
Five Points Washington	SkyHigh Sports
Floral Design	Sky Zone
Fondulac Park District	Stressbusters
Frank's Service Center	Tanner's Orchard
Friends of Lincoln PTO	Texas Roadhouse
Garners Pizza & Wings of Morton	The Field Museum
Gloria and Julie Ludwig	The Magic House
Gold's Gym	The Unlimited Stitch
Great American Popcorn	Threads
Grimm's	Walmart
Hello Headbands	Representatives from:
Holland's	Mary and Martha, Origami
HyVee	Owl, Fox & Pine, 317 Designs,
In Other Words	Norwex, Thirty One, Heavenly
Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Expressions, Perfectly Posh,
Jason's Deli	Usborne Books, Bud & Beans,
Johnson's Floral & Greenhouse	Family Ties, Little Clothing Co,
	Bushbaby, Matilda Jane, and
	White Blossom Creations

BASKET WINNERS!

Baskets Winners 2019

1. Fun in the Sun-David Smith
2. Crayola/Art-Kris Gardner
3. Family Fun Night-Teresa Zobrist
4. Cinderella's Castle-Evie Hare
5. The Hogwarts Express-Paul Atkins
6. Lego-Jaclyn Volpert
7. Lego Friends-Charlotte Valerio
8. Sports!-Luciano Canchola
9. Eating on a Gift Card-Crissy Stephens
10. Nerf-Ella Smullenberger
11. Apple-Rachel Hamer
12. Dogs- Luciano Canchola
13. Rubber Duckies-Addison Knappe
14. Shopping on a Gift Card-Kylie Doandly
15. AirPods-Susan Nichols
16. Museum of Science & Industry-Jen MacRitchie
17. Italian Ceramics-Jennifer Tucker
18. All About Art!-Emma Beyer
19. Peoria Fun-Emerson Timmons
20. Cleaning Up-Hollie Davis
21. Ozobot-Abigail Foster
22. Water Fun-Cameron Shook
23. Just for Mom-Kaitlyn Simpkins
24. Speeding Along-Lorie Maher
25. Lady Potters Basketball-Izabella Erickson
26. Bloomington Bound-Ella Vannaken
27. Bloomington Bound-Ali McClery
28. Play in Morton-Amanda Shook
29. To the Field-Bunton Family
30. Principal for the Day-Rayne Bent
31. American Girl-Charlotte Valerio
32. American Girl #2-Anna Werries
33. Meet Me in St. Louis-Lucas Drake
34. Work It Out-Val VanEtten
35. Chicago Fun-Ryan Naas
36. The Shedd-Amanda Babin
37. Peoria Chiefs-Tanner Naas
38. Chicago Cubs-Stephanie Kennay
40. Pampering Mom-Molly Stephens
41. Staycation-Phil Smith
42. To the Movies-Courtney Bunton
43. Love to Bake-Jennifer McClery
44. Gamer Days-Camden Tucker
45. "Kona" Ice Age-Lily Middleton
46. Perfectly Posh-Ethan Boecker
47. Play in Peoria-Phil Smith
48. Cash-Tanner Naas
49. It's a Mystery-Joy Gronewald
50. For the Littles-Robert Kiddy
51. Morton Fury-Olivia Brooks
52. Washington Fun-Simpkins Family
53. For the Home-Rachel Roush
54. Riding Away-Bryce Frank

Top 10 Carnival Baskets:

- #1 Apple
- #2 AirPods
- #3 Lego
- #4 Cash
- #5 Principal for the Day
- #6 Crayola Art
- #7 Chicago Cubs
- #8 Nerf
- #9 Shopping on a Gift Card
- #10 Lego Friends

Lincoln's Online Silent Auction Raises \$1,451!

Once again in conjunction with this year's Carnival, we hosted an online silent auction! We featured one-of-kind teacher experiences and a pizza party per grade level! We are so appreciative of all of the teachers and staff members who are helping to make these upcoming experiences memorable for the winning bidders and we thank all of you who participated in the bidding process! Our 15 auction items were:

Bowling with Kindergarten Teachers ~
Skate & Shake with 1st Grade Teachers ~
Movie Night with 2nd Grade Teachers ~
Painting Pottery with 3rd Grade Teachers ~
Target Run with 4th Grade Teachers ~ Open
Gym Night ~ Bowling with 6th Grade
Teachers ~ Hip Hop Dance Class - Mrs.
Gabbert ~ Class Pizza Party K-6 grades
A special thank you to Kara Brooks and Joy
Gronewold for organizing the silent
auction!



Lincoln Staff Luncheons



Thanks so much to the 1st grade parents who helped provide lunch for the staff this past month! Our Kindergarten PTO staff lunch will be April 25th after spring break. Be watching your email Kindergarten parents for how you can help! Our final lunch will be May 16th when all grades participate! If you would like to help please contact Jaime Farrell jandjfarrell@gmail.com

Spirit Committee News:

Mark your calendars
Vendor Fair ~ Oct 26, 2019

We will begin accepting returning vendor applications next week and open up new vendor spots in late May!

Please contact Rebecca Schelkopf for more information.

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309-369-4095



Teacher Appreciation week is the week of May 6!
Please be on the look out for fun ways you can make your child's' teacher feel extra special!



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 **USE YA371 for Lincoln Elementary School**



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