



October 2019
From The Principal's Desk

Dear Lincoln Families,

Welcome to the month of October! After a busy start to the school year, we are settling in to the school year. We celebrated a fantastic Lincoln PTO Walk-a-Thon last Friday! It was our 10th Annual Walk-a-Thon!! We are so incredibly fortunate to have so many wonderful supporters for our walk-a-thon. In case you have not heard, we raised \$40,801.40...how awesome is that?! We already rewarded those students (117) who met the "dunk tank" incentive level last week. On October 4th, students earning dessert with Ms. Albers and Mrs. Peterson (280 students) received their treats at lunch. Just a reminder that the date of the Lock-In is Friday, November 15th from 6-9 pm. 105 students will be participating in that activity. Morton Potters t-shirts (158 students) will arrive closer to the end of the month. I can't thank our Walk-a-Thon chairpersons-Stacy Litersky and Bonnie Ricci-enough for all they did to ensure such a successful day all around! THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

We are quickly approaching the end of the first quarter, which means that Parent Teacher Conferences are just around the corner. Our conferences are set for Thursday, October 17th and Friday, October 18th...and there will be no school on those days. For those families who will be out of town during PT Conferences, teachers will work to schedule those conferences either before school (7:50-8:10 am) or after school (2:45-3:40 pm) between Monday, October 21st and Friday, October 25th. Please understand that the flexibility in the times that are available during our normal PT conference days will not be offered for those "make up" conferences. We appreciate your understanding in scheduling those subsequent conference times. Please note that teachers will meet for only one PT conference for each child. Teachers will not meet separately with each parent. This ensures that everyone hears the same information at the conference and that there are no misunderstandings about information shared between everyone. Thank you for your understanding of that.

This year, conferences are being scheduled online. A link was emailed to all parents and posted on the Lincoln Elementary Facebook page on 9/30. From this link, you are able to schedule conferences with your child's teacher. Link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dW7JTX4ONd4pMZZ9_gtmjxzI6Gj3aDKcOPakBMmfG14/edit

The scheduling link will close on October 11th. For those parents who have not scheduled a conference by then, teachers will send home an assigned conference time on Tuesday, October 15th. Please be sure to take a few minutes to sign up for a conference time using the link. Thank you!

October is a busy month...PT conferences, Book Fair, various musical presentations and the PTO Vendor Fair. We look forward to seeing you at Lincoln...as always, thank you for your wonderful support!

Ms. Julie Albers, Principal

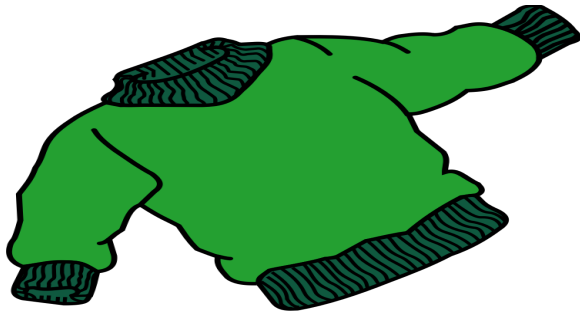
A Note From the Assistant Principal

Happy Fall, Y'all! October is here and this month is packed with activities. We had a wonderful Walk-A-Thon last week and we are so blessed with all the generous donations. We look forward to seeing all of you at parent-teacher conferences in two weeks. Our focus this month is empathy. We would love for your dinner conversations or car rides to after school activities to revolve around empathy!

Mrs. Michelle Peterson, Assistant Principal

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DRESS CODE REMINDERS



October 11th is the last day of the first quarter. The district dress code requires that shorts, skirts and dresses be worn with leggings during the 2nd and 3rd quarters due to colder temperatures at recess. In addition, no flip flops, sandals and slides can be worn during the 2nd and 3rd quarters. Please also remember that when students wear leggings, their shirts/sweatshirts need to be long enough to cover their backsides. Thank you for your help with these changes!

Upcoming Musical Performances



6th Grade Musical
Thursday, October 10th, 2019
6:30 pm at Bertha Frank
Performing Arts Center at MHS
(Please note: 6th grade students will rehearse all day on Wednesday, 10/9 and Thursday, 10/10 at Bertha Frank. 5th grade students will watch the final dress rehearsal on Thursday afternoon. All Lincoln students will be transported to MHS by school bus.)

5th-12th grade Fall Choir Concert
Monday, October 21st, 2019
6:30 pm at Grace Church



Halloween Activities Planned for the End of October

Last year, we held our first schoolwide Halloween costume parade! Two years ago, parents and family members sat in the bleachers in the gym to watch the K-4 students parade in their costumes before the classroom parties. It was so much fun to see students dressed up in their Halloween costumes.

Last year, we continued that practice for ALL students in kindergarten through sixth grade, and we will do that again this year! Students are invited to BRING (not WEAR) their costumes to school on Thursday, October 31st. Students will change into costumes at around 1 pm, and we'll begin the parade with our Kindergarten students at approximately 1:15 pm, with classroom parties to follow. Families are again invited to come to school to watch the costume parade. We will try to parade outside in front of the school and along Jefferson Street, to Missouri Avenue and then return to Lincoln on Jefferson Street. If

the weather doesn't cooperate, then we'll parade inside in our gym.

Be looking for a note/message in the next week or so with specific information about appropriate school Halloween costumes. Remember that costumes should be appropriate for school and follow our dress code guidelines.

Please remember that our Halloween parties (as are all holiday parties) are "treat free." This means that we do not have snacks or drinks served at our holiday parties.



Have you "liked" *Lincoln Elementary School, Morton, IL* on Facebook yet? What are you waiting for?!? Like us for important school news, pictures and "live" streaming video from various school events!



ROAR!

The following students were caught in the month of September for following our ROAR expectations. Our students can be caught by any adult in the

building for being Responsible, On target, Acting with kindness or being Respectful. Congratulations students!

Kindergarten: Hudson Chan, Connor Cook, Colin Phillips, Layton Strohkirch, Brady Fulton, Piper Breaux, Reid Kruchten, Josh Huff, Liam Kraft, Autumn Schick, Job Farrell, Gabe Kemper, Henry Johnson, Grant Herring, Rowen Zeller, Hutch Carey, Jack Hermann, Mason Schultz, Sasha Orkies, Miles Dunham, Zachary Klockenga, Forbes Levy, Lucy Lowder, Declan Schoenheider, Ashton Mucciante, Brynn Campbell, Abigail Gosteli, Eva Whitaker, Ellamarie Geist, Olivia Miller, Tripp Linville, Dominik Stetzler, Cordelia Roath, Annie Carter, Zeke McClarren, Tad Johnson, Ty Anderson, Emmett Cook, Griffin Anderson, Alison Knapp, Connor Carrol, Otto Geist.

First Grade: Joshua Ulysse, Klair Bethel, Ashlyn Putman, Delaney Zimmerman, Kinsley Shepherdson, Ali McClery, Alexis Cahall, Madyn Bush, Marley McDonald, Quinn Manley, Madison Stephens, Carter Brown, Finch Stanfield, Evan Gosteli, Zach Joos, Eli Hawkins, Bentley Myers, John O'Brien, Addison Knute, Jayden Hoffmire, Charlie Klopfenstein, Caleb Orr, Matthew Estes, Nora Mettlemann, Rosie Hamer, Nathan Boyer, Dillon Hinch, Hunter Dea, Ashton Conklin, Max Middleton, Kamden Racich, E.J. Simpkins, Scarlet Clark, Harper McDonald, Matthew Klockenga, Briggs Overcash, Scarlet Clark, Manning Schmidgall, Elowen Knoblach, Evie Hare.

Second Grade: Peyt Malson, Tytus Linville, Cameron Kennay, Brendan Kiddy, Barrett Durflinger, Nixon Albers, Tatym Wagenbach, Brooksley Robeen, Ben Volpert, Layton Kaluza, Fisher Roehm, Paisley Smith, Reese Warning, Abryna Odari, Miles Greene, Zenek Richrath, Garrett Koch, Addison Kiddy, Rose Smith, Nolan Hinz, Livvy Habegger, Anna Werries, Seth Joos, Emerson Sauder, Juliana Beckerdite, AJ Johnson, Colton Wertz, Anna Beeney, Paxton Lowder, Everly Brown, Allison Carter, Mark Knapp, Kessaly Mahr.

Third Grade: Max Gardiner, Avery Striegel, Victoria Johnson, Will Auxier, Hunter Stephens,

Parker Whitaker, Brooklynn Chan, Kate Gronewold, Rosie Knoblach, Victoria Johnson, Carly Babin, Sophie Nestrud, Blake McMillan, Mason Armstrong, Drew Clark, Raegan Miller, Miley Roosa, Layla Stroud, Elsie Parnham, Skyler Schwartz, Henry Austin, Lucas Kraft, Asher McClarren, Andy Ripka, Ryker Boss, Charles Hawkins, Brody Stetzler, Gabby Nichols, Logan Friend, Nathanael Ulysse, Olivia Brooks, Reece Litersky.

Fourth Grade: Turner Albers, Bennett Reid, Keegan Wright, Hailey Bassett, Landry Robeen, Isaac Gosteli, Brooklynn Cotton, Madi Greiner, Katie Beckerdite, Morgan Smith, Kallie Lau, Lucas Cox, Asher Stickling, Ryan Clauson, Emma Phillips, Camden Tarter, Declan Rogers, Tanner Naas, Kaiden Nelson, Jace Houghton, Alexis Bozarth, Max Nestrud, Logan Beeney, Penny Foster, Quin Gilfillan Jones, Rylee Borman, Ava Althiser, Aiden Couri, Miley Darche, Jason Roath, Kylee Brown, Kylie Tisdale, Rylan Taufer, Ethan Barnes, Colin Kemp, Jack Hoyland, Daemon Fiscus, Drew Scime, Aubrey Werries, Scarlett Boeker, Rylee Maher.

Fifth Grade: Maggie Getz, Kate Kennay, Abby Brooks, Anaiyah Torres, Keaton Albers, Izzy Ripka, Kayden Johnson, Bryce McMillan, Adah Stanfield, Alex Dahmm, Micheal Walraven.

Sixth Grade: Liam Brown, Brody Clark, Gage Petrov.

In October, we will be focusing specifically on demonstrating empathy towards others.

At our Monthly Morning Assembly last week, we shared about all of the different ways that we can show empathy towards one another. Students in 4th-6th grade also watched two videos about empathy. Be sure to ask your student about the "stormtrooper" video!!

News from Mrs. Molly Winkler, School Social Worker

October is National Anti-Bullying Month. In recent years a spotlight has been placed on the issue of bullying, however, there is often confusion about what type of behavior should receive consequences linked to a school's anti-bullying policy. In order for schools to properly intervene when necessary, it is important to know the basic difference between "mean" behavior and "bullying". Behavior that is "mean" is often an intentional attempt to make someone feel less than or bad about who they are in an effort to boost one's confidence and/or status. Examples include; "your shirt is ugly", "I would never be friends with you!", "You are so lame". While comments such as these are extremely hurtful and unacceptable, they can often be addressed rather quickly. Bullying on the other hand includes actions that are physically, relationally, and verbally aggressive. Bullying also includes an intent to harm someone, unequal power, and repetition of the same or similar acts over time. Bullying includes the following examples:

Physical Aggression: kicking, hitting, tripping, spitting, hair pulling, and pushing.

Verbal Aggression: Threatening to harm another person or verbal put downs that are repeated over time.

*Relationship aggression: Shunning, spreading rumors, and social exclusion.
Cyberbullying: name-calling, spreading of rumors, impersonating another person, posting pictures without consent via text message, email, and other social media sites.*

Bullying has the potential to impact a student's academic performance, self-esteem, relationships with others,

interest in school and other extracurricular activities. In an effort to prevent bullying from occurring here at Lincoln, we will be discussing the meaning and importance of empathy and how it can be used as a tool to support others who are experiencing a tough time.

For more information regarding anti-bullying month, feel free to visit <https://www.stompoutbullying.org/>.

*Molly Winkler, MSW
School Social Worker*



Deadline for Health Records Quickly Approaching

This is a reminder for families of students in kindergarten, second and sixth grades of the approaching deadline for immunizations, physicals and other required health records. The deadline for these records is Tuesday, October 15th. Students who do not have the required immunizations or health exams turned in by this date will be excluded from school beginning on Tuesday, October 15th. Please note that Morton CUSD 709 will no longer accept appointment cards for scheduled appointments after the 10/15/19 deadline. Letters have been sent home were to those families whose students were missing required records. Please contact Mrs. Collins, clerical aide in our office, at 284-4030 if you have questions. Thank you for taking care of this promptly.



Important October Dates

Mon., 10/7: One School, One Book begins; Vision and Hearing Re-Screenings; PTO Meeting at 7 pm in south vestibule (Child care provided)

Wed., 10/9: 5th Grade Field Trip to Funk Prairie Home/Museum in Shirley

Thurs., 10/10: 4th Grade Field Trip to Lincoln's New Salem in Petersburg; 6th Grade Musical at Bertha Frank PAC/MHS at 6:30 pm

Fri., 10/11: End of First Quarter; Follett Book Fair preview in cafeteria in AM; 11:55 am Dismissal

Mon., 10/14: No School-Columbus Day; 3rd/4th grade locker installation over the weekend!

Tues., 10/15: Follett Book Fair Week begins!

Wed., 10/16: Report Cards Distributed; First Grade Community Field Trip-All Around Town (touring various facilities in Morton)

Thurs., 10/17 and Fri., 10/18: No School for Parent Teacher Conferences

Mon., 10/21: Morton Elementary Choir (5th/6th grades) performs at Fall Choir Concert at Grace Church 6:30 pm

Tues., 10/22: PTO Meeting at 7 pm in south vestibule (Child care provided)

Sat., 10/26: PTO Vendor Fair 9 am-2 pm in Lincoln gym and cafeteria; food trucks/vendors outside; MJHS Student Council Halloween Spooktacular at MJHS 6-8 pm

Mon., 10/28: Red Ribbon Week begins

Thurs., 10/31: Schoolwide Halloween Costume Parade, starting at 1:15 pm; Classroom Halloween parties to follow

Tues., 11/5: Monthly Schoolwide Morning Assembly at 8:10 am in the cafeteria (Grades K-3)

Wed., 11/6: Monthly Schoolwide Morning Assembly at 8:10 am in the cafeteria (Grades 4-6); 11:55 am Dismissal for Teacher In-Service activities; Kona Ice will be here after school!



Lincoln School PTO News and Views

October 2019

September was a busy month for PTO!! Vision and Hearing screenings took place in the library. Thank you Allison Vershaw and Carrie Geason for helping us out with those! Erin Jones and our 6th grade parents hosted the first teacher luncheon with a baked potato bar this month. We thank everyone who contributed to this delicious meal!! Our 10th annual Walkathon was held on September 27. It was great to see so many family members join their students this day! It was a huge undertaking, but I want to thank Stacy Litersky and her committee who did a fabulous job raising almost \$41,000 for our school!! Please mark your calendars for our **3rd annual Craft and Vendor Fair on October 26, 2019 from 9-1**. Our school will be full of 60+ vendors both inside and out. The Spot Coffee, 430 Scones, Triple Dipples Treats and Delicacies and Juarez Pico de Gallo will have food and drink available this day!! In addition, our 6th grade students will be selling water to raise money for their spring fieldtrip! Start your holiday shopping with us! For more information, please see the events tab on our Lincoln School Family Fun Events page on Facebook or the attached advertisement!

Rebecca Schelkopf, PTO President



Upcoming PTO Important Dates:

Oct 7: PTO Meeting 7 pm
Oct 17-18: Book Fair & P/T Conf.
Oct 26: Lincoln Vendor & Craft Fair
Nov 4: PTO Meeting 7 pm
Nov 15 – Walk-A-Thon Lock In



NEW FAMILY WELCOME DINNER

Thank you to all of the new Lincoln families that attended the New Family Dinner on Monday, September 9. There was a great turn out! We greatly appreciated Ms. Albers and Mrs. Petersen for being there to answer questions and give a school tour!

-Christy Getx & Welcome Committee



Thank you to the 6th grade parents for hosting a wonderful September staff luncheon! 5th grade will be hosting on Thursday, November 21st. If you would be willing to make or bring food please contact Erin Jones at robertanderinjones@yahoo.com

WANT NEW LINCOLN GEAR? Spirit wear orders can be placed online beginning the week of October 18. Items are expected to be delivered before Thanksgiving. Item options and website information will be sent home soon!

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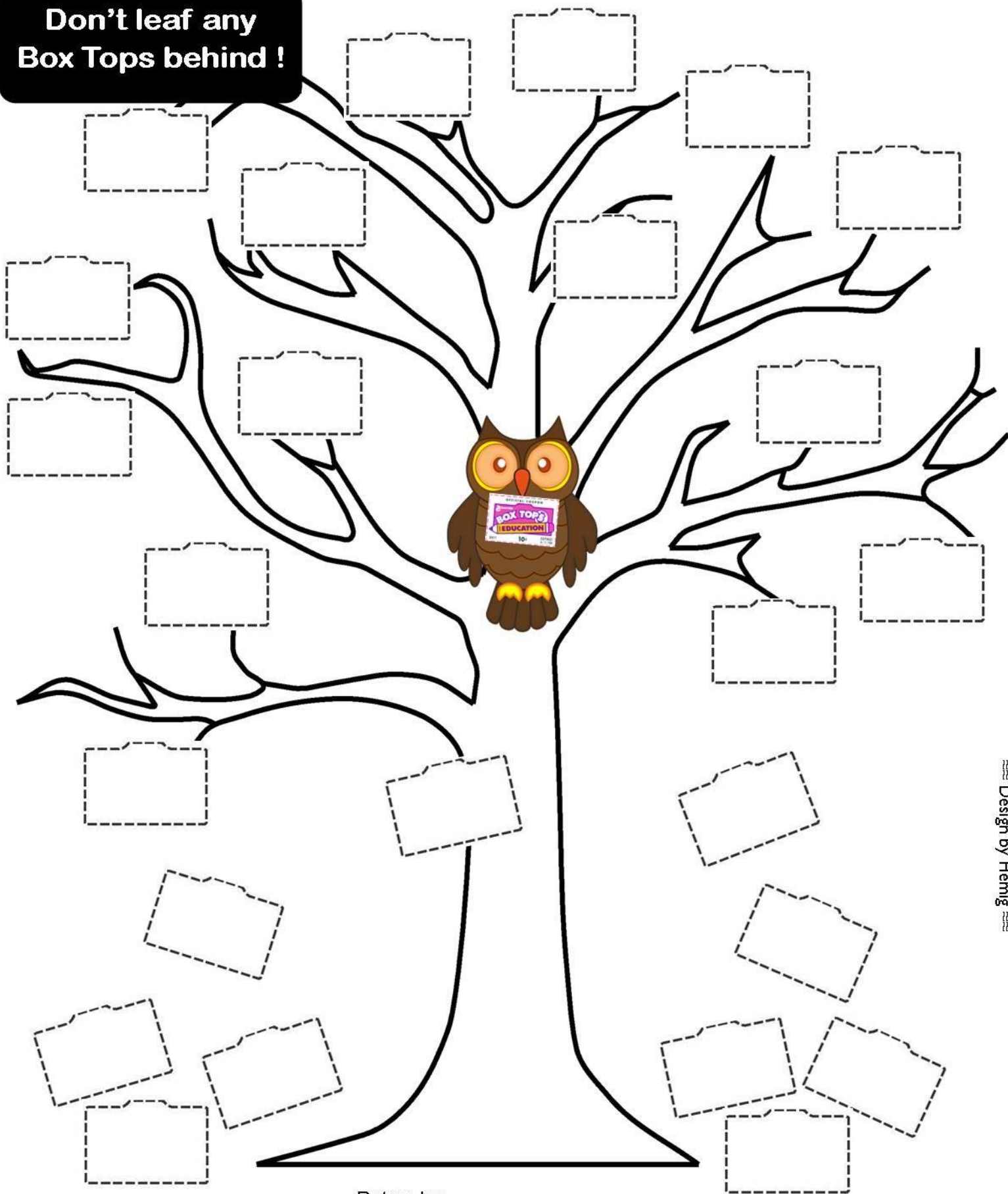
Turn your Coca-Cola product purchases into donations to Lincoln Elementary School. To donate, visit Coke.com/give on your computer or phone, **enter 61550 (select Lincoln from list) and scan or enter product codes** from participating Coca-Cola products. Codes can be found in caps and inside cardboard packaging. Get started today!

KROGER REWARDS: This is an effortless opportunity to help raise money for Lincoln School PTO! Last year with your shopping at Kroger, over \$2,000 was raised! Please log-on to krogercommunityrewards.com to sign-up or re-enroll. (You have to re-enroll every year) **Lincoln School's code is: 75629**

AMAZON SMILE: Another easy way to effortlessly support Lincoln School PTO of Morton is to shop Amazon Smile at: www.smile.amazon.com On your first visit to smile.amazon.com, you need to select Lincoln School PTO Of Morton to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation to our school!

No more clipping. No more sending Box Tops to school!! All you need is your phone. Download the ALL-NEW Box Tops App, shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will automatically credit your school's Box Tops earnings on-line. *Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip and send them to school if you have them!*
See attached sheet!

**Don't leaf any
Box Tops behind !**



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Return by:

Please use tape or glue. Expiration date and product code must be visible.

Collection sheets don't have to be full to turn them in. You can also use old collection sheets or Ziploc baggies. Include your name and your teacher's name on everything you turn in.

Name _____

Grade _____

Teacher _____

Lincoln School PTO's 10th Annual Walk-A-Thon



WOW! Together as a school, we raised \$40,821.40!

Thank you so much to our Lincoln School Families for your overwhelming & generous financial support through this year's 2019-20 Walk-A-Thon! All funds raised this year will go towards the purchase of lockers for our 3rd & 4th graders, an Artist in Residency to help students to create a Lion Mosaic School Mural and to begin setting aside funds for a walking track around the perimeter of the grassy area of the playground. Funds will also support transportation for the 6th grade field trip to Chicago, the 5th grade Etiquette Luncheon, art supplies for Artistic Adventures, supplies for hands on science exploration and experiments to support the Mystery Science program and classroom budgets for each Lincoln teacher, among many other things. THANK YOU!



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Center Stage Academy of Dance
Central Illinois Insulation
Clayton Financial Group
Core Construction Services of IL
Floral Designs
Friends of Lincoln PTO
Gosteli Technology Solutions
Illinois Civil Contractors Inc.
Lighthouse GMC Automotive
Michael Yordy Excavating
Morton Audiology & Hearing Aid Ctr.
Morton Collision
Preckshot Professional Pharmacy
Renewal by Andersen
Schooners of Morton
Schelkopf Farms
Sucre
Sum Fun Stable
Tony & Sons
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Thank You

To Our Walk-A-Thon Volunteers!

Thank you to our Lincoln staff: Ms. Albers, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Spinder, Mrs. Bakirdan, Mrs. Collins, Mr. Hamilton & Mr. Harkless, Mr. Becker, Miss Schmitt, Mr. Baldwin & Mr. Smith

Thanks to our AWESOME teachers who participated in the Dunk Tank: Mrs. Hoelscher, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Vastine, Miss Schwarting, Miss Knoblauch, Miss Schmitt, Mrs. Roush, Mrs. Gronewold, Mrs. Peterson and Ms. Albers

Last but not the least, **thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers:** Bonnie Ricci, Tammy Anderson, Krista Bethel, Nico Drake, Katey Malson, Staci Leuchtenberg, Rebecca Schelkopf, Jodi Wagenbach & Ashley Valerio

Fun Walk-A-Thon Facts:

- Each of our students & staff received a Walk-A-Thon t-shirt: that's over 650 t-shirts!
- 375 Lincoln students made some kind of donation to Walk-A-Thon! (69% of our students)
- We had 21 generous sponsors who contributed \$8,900 towards our total!
- 290 students received a Dairy Queen Dilly Bar for raising at least \$50 each
- There were 118 students who participated in dunking 9 Lincoln staff members!
- 165 students will be receiving a Morton Potters Tshirt
- 105 students are eligible to attend the Lincoln School Lock-in on Friday, Nov 15 from 6 – 8:30 pm



Dear Lincoln Families,

Our school is hosting a Follett Book Fair!

Supporting a love for reading is critical to student success. The Follett Book Fair encourages your child's reading habits, builds their personal libraries and raises funds for the school, all at the same time.

What makes Follett Book Fairs different?

Follett has been supporting schools for more than 140 years which means you can expect an awesome selection of titles from a wide range of publishers. These are the books your kids *want* to read. Parents and grandparents are also able to encourage reading from afar by *purchasing a gift card online at www.follettgift.com* for your student to be used at our book fair.

Book fair dates & times:

October 15th-18th

Tuesday-Wednesday 7:45am-3:00pm

Thursday 8:00am-7:00pm

Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

Volunteers are needed to help with the book fair. You can sign up via Sign Up Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F48AFAC22A7FB6-fall> or contact Kari Gosteli at 309-657-5175 or kari@gosteli.org. **All volunteers will receive a 20% discount on their book fair purchases.**

Support your school and the avid readers in your family by visiting the book fair. You can even do some holiday shopping in secret before or after your parent/teacher conference. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Tessa Gilfillan-Jones & Kari Gosteli
Book Fair Co-Chairs
Lincoln Elementary PTO

All sales benefit the school. Find out more about Follett Book Fairs online at follettbookfairs.com.



LINCOLN SCHOOL CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

**Benefitting:
The Lincoln Elementary PTO**

When

**Saturday,
October 26
9:00am-1:00pm**

Where

**Lincoln Elementary
School
100 S. Nebraska Ave.
Morton**

FOOD & BEVERAGE AVAILABLE

four30 Scones, Juarez Pico de Gallo, The Spot Coffee and Triple Dipple's Treats & Delicacies

VENDORS:

643Designz
All Sewn Up
Bags 4U & More by Suzie
Baker Street Boutique
Beach Slimes
Beads & Wire
Bowlicious
Bushbaby
Carrie's Beauty Box
Cheryl's Pictures
Classy & Sassy with Holly & Janel
Cranberry Creek
doTerra Essential Oils
Fixation Shoes & Accessories
Fox and Pine
Goldenfinch Boutique
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Hello Headband
Holly's Cup Therapy
Iris Ann Boutique
Junk from a Girls Garage
Keep Collective
Knitpickey
Krazy Kat Lady's Krafty Kreation
Lauren Yoder Photography
Leather Rose
Life Scripted
Little Clothing Co.
Made with Grace
Mary Kay
Mimi's Bow Boutique
Nailed it by Nicole (Color Street)
Noonday Collection
Norwex
Origami Owl

Pampered Chef
Pegals Pallets and Stuff
Pink Zebra
Retro Bracelets
Rodan & Fields
Rollie's Wood Art
Scentsy
Silver Lining Boutique
So Chic Boutique
Stella & Dot
Stitches of Warmth
StitchesAndPaintByMe
Tastefully Simple
The Linen Posey
Thrive by LeVel
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