



**March 2020**

### **From the Principal's Desk**

Dear Lincoln Families,

Excitement filled the hallways at school this past week in anticipation of last weekend's IHSA Girls Basketball State Tournament. As most of you know, one of our PE teachers, Bob Becker, is the head coach for the MHS Girls' Basketball team, which made its fifth appearance in the last six years at the State Tournament. We are all so happy for Mr. B and the Lady Potters! Students made signs and the team buses paraded by Lincoln on their way to Redbird Arena on Thursday. We are so proud of the Lady Potters as they finished as the State Class 3A Runner Up over the weekend, finishing just short of claiming their 5th championship in six years. We are truly happy and proud of Mr. Becker and the Lady Potters on their amazing season; they are always number 1 in our hearts!!

Hopefully the changing of the month is a sign that spring is coming soon! I don't know about you, but I am OVER this winter weather! March is a busy month at Lincoln, highlighted by the Lincoln PTO's annual school carnival on Friday, March 20th from 5-8 pm. This year's theme is Spring Fling, and carnival co-chairs Nikki Albers and Megan Nestrud have a fun and entertaining night planned for your family! We need every family's help for our carnival to be a success! Please see the links within this newsletter to sign up to volunteer in some way...whether it's supervising a game for an hour, working in the carnival kitchen, helping organize our baskets leading up to the carnival or even donating a cake for our Cake Walk. If each family took one volunteer shift throughout the night, we'd have plenty of volunteers and EVERYONE would be able to enjoy the carnival! Please see the information in the newsletter and be watching for your carnival packet coming home soon!

Later this month, our 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders will take the statewide assessment called the Illinois Assessment of Readiness. All testing will be conducted between March 19th and March 30th. Parents should refer to the email and schedule sent home last week. Assessments will be in the areas of English-Language Arts and Math. In April, our district social workers will present the mandated Personal Body Safety lessons to each classroom. This mandate, called Erin's Law, requires school

districts in Illinois to present a lesson in body safety, sexual abuse awareness and prevention education to students in Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This program introduces elementary students to the subject of child sexual abuse in an easy to understand, non-threatening way. A parent letter and schedule will be sent home during the first week of April before Spring Break with specific information and the day for your child's class's presentation.

I also wanted to point out that with this month's newsletter is an order form for "Tucker Tough" t-shirts. This is a fundraiser for MHS teacher and Lincoln parent Marshall Tucker. Mr. Tucker was seriously injured when he was struck by a car while crossing the street on his way to a Chicago Blackhawks game with friends. He will be unable to work for an undetermined amount of time. The MHS staff has organized a t-shirt sale with all proceeds from the sales to be given to Marshall and his family. Marshall and his wife Jennifer have three sons, two who currently attend Lincoln. If you'd like to offer your support to the Tucker family, you can purchase a shirt from MHS. Shirt orders are due by 3/20. They can be turned in at the Lincoln office and we'll make sure the orders get to MHS.

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

Ms. Julie Albers, Principal

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### **A Note From our Assistant Principal**

It was wonderful to see all of you at Open House last month. Thank you for supporting our book fair! Our teachers appreciate all the books you helped provide to their classrooms. We were able to purchase two large boxes of birthday books for my office as well. I had a blast playing BINGO with your families at our Bingo night. I think spring is on the horizon and I have enjoyed getting outside over the last few weekends! We look forward to seeing all of you at the Carnival in a few weeks.

Mrs. Michelle Peterson, Assistant Principal





## Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter March 2020



### Kindergarten Pre-Registration and Screening Scheduled for March 19th and 20th

It's already time to start planning for the 2020-2021 school year! One of the first tasks in the new school year planning is scheduling incoming Kindergarten students for the pre-registration and screening in March. This year, the Pre-Registration and Screening will take place on Thursday, March 19th from 8 am-7 pm and Friday, March 20th from 8 am to noon.

This is for children who reside in the Morton CUSD 709 School District and will be five years old by September 1, 2020. The screening and pre-registration is held at the Morton CUSD 709 District Office, located at 1050 S. Fourth Avenue. **Please call 263-2581 to make an appointment.**

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

- Certified Birth Certificate (the one from the county, not the hospital)
- Immunization records
- Most recent physical exam, dental exam, and vision exam (if you have them).

Kindergarten Round Up will be held on Friday, May 15th at 9 am and 1:15 pm. We look forward to welcoming our incoming kindergarten class at that time!



## SPRING SCHOOL PICTURE DAY POSTPONED

After much consideration, Ms. Albers has made the decision to postpone our Spring Pictures, which were scheduled for Wednesday, March 18th. At this point, it has not been determined if the pictures will be rescheduled for this school year. Our experience this year with our school photographer, Lifetouch, has been less than wonderful. We had many mistakes on our individual picture packages and pictures arrived much later than they have in the past. In addition, we are still waiting for our class composite pictures (they were proofed well over two weeks ago) and still do not have the large school composite for the wall. Based on these experiences, Ms. Albers had decided to postpone the scheduled date until the class pictures have been received. The spring pictures are a little less formal, offer several different backgrounds and poses and are fun, relaxed pictures with personality. If/when they are rescheduled, Lifetouch will provide each Lincoln student with a \$35 coupon credit towards the purchase of a spring picture package. If we decide to not pursue spring pictures this year, the \$35 credit can be applied to fall school pictures. (Lifetouch will remain our school photographer next year as we do have a three year contract with them; 2020-21 would be year three).



## IAR Testing to Begin in March; ISA Testing in April

Our students take federally required assessments every spring. These assessments help us understand how our students are growing academically, compared to their peers across the state. The state uses this information to provide more support and resources to the schools in the greatest need. This



year, the English Language Arts and Math assessment for grades 3-6 is called the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR).

The Illinois Assessment of Readiness is almost exactly the same this year as the assessment that students have taken in past years, only slightly shorter. The Illinois Assessment of Readiness measures the same Illinois Learning Standards and includes the same high-quality test questions that teachers and students have become familiar with over the past four years.

Our students should feel confident showing what they know and can do on the Illinois Assessment of Readiness. Our students will take the Illinois Assessment of Readiness beginning on March 19th, depending on their grade level. Please see the dates for testing listed below.

Third Grade: 3/23-3/27

Fourth Grade: 3/23-3/27

Fifth Grade: 3/19; 3/20; 3/23; 3/24 and 3/30

Sixth Grade: 3/23-3/27

In April, our 5th grade students will take the state's science assessment called Illinois Science Assessment (ISA). This year, the assessment has changed in that 5th graders will take three sections of the ISA, each approximately 50 minutes in length. At Lincoln, students will take the ISA on April 21st, 22nd and 23rd in their homeroom classes.

If you have any questions about the IAR assessment, please contact Ms. Albers at [julie.albers@mcusd709.org](mailto:julie.albers@mcusd709.org).



## **Carnival Volunteers Needed!!**

Our "Spring Fling" carnival is just around the corner on Friday, March 20th! Activities will run from 5-8 pm on that night! Students can purchase a wristband for \$5 each to play as many carnival games as they want, jump in the inflatables in the gym and try the cake walk! A wide variety of tasty food items will be sold in the cafeteria, and the raffle tickets for this year's basket raffle can be purchased in the cafeteria as well!

We need many volunteers to make this year's Carnival a success...we need you! So many of you have already signed up to supervise a game, bring in a cake/baked good, help pre-sell raffle tickets, work in the kitchen, etc. But we still have a few spaces left to fill:

Carnival Games: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044EAFA62FA2FE3-lincoln3> (7 slots still available)

Carnival Kitchen: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D49A8AC2CA1FE3-lincoln> (8 slots still available)

Carnival Basket Pre-Carnival Prep and Carnival Sales:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4AA8AF22ABF58-carnival> (8 slots still available)

Admission to the Carnival: Wristbands will be sold for \$5 each on carnival night, with a \$20 maximum per family. Wristbands will be sold in the main office and the south entrance of the school in front of the gymnasium. The wristband allows unlimited play of all carnival games, as well as, use of the photo booth and rolling video game truck.

For Prizes: Back by popular demand is the Prize Room! Carnival game winners will receive a Lincoln Loot ticket for a chance to win a bigger prize...the more games you play, the more chances to win!



Be on the look out for a note next week with carnival reminders and 1 free basket raffle ticket per student! You will also receive an email message with the Carnival Menu, information about wristband purchases and a complete listing of all of the basket items! This information will also be shared on Facebook and posted on the entrance windows.

Thank you to our Carnival Chairpersons Nikki Albers and Megan Nestrud, our Carnival Kitchen Chairperson Stephanie Heinold and our Carnival Basket Chairperson Nico Drake and their committees for all of their planning, hard work and collaboration to make the night such a fun night for all of our students!



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE STUDENTS WHO WERE CAUGHT ROARING IN DECEMBER, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY!!

**Kindergarten:** Charley Wagenbach, Connor Cook, Colin Phillips, Layton Strohkirch, Liam Kraft, Parker Johnson, Gigi Gardiner, Brady Fulton, Carly Behm, Reid Kruchten, Job Farrell, Kamarion Stubbs, Hudson Chan, McKenna Massey, Ashton Mucciante, Brynn Campbell, Jack Hermann, Tripp Linville, Eva Whitaker, Abigail Gosteli, Rowen Zeller, Declan Schoenheider, Ella Geist, Cordelia Roath, Hutch Carey, Sasha Orkies, Matthew Gnagey, Madeline McLaughlin, Tad Johnson, Oliver Auxier, Miles Dunham, Olivia Miller, Wyatt Smith, Henry Johnson,

**First Grade:** Rosie Hamer, Charlie Klopfenstein, Easton Mills, Mila Ralston, Briggs Overcash, Jerry Coulter, Manning Schmidgall, Easton Reid, Karis Levitt, Mason Stephens, Blake Manley, Klair Bethel, Evan Gosteli, Kinley Hill, Victoria Gordon, Brooklyn Schwartz, Mady Strenzel, Evie Hare, Olive Swafford, Luke Gronewold, Matthew Klockenga, Harper McDonald, Scarlet Clark.

**Second Grade:** Allison Walraven, Nolan Heinz, Seth Joos, Quinn Roehm, Asher Dellinger, Tate Miller, Lucas Carlson, Kessaley Mahr, Addison Allen, Ruxin Higgs, Hudson Zeller, Allison Carter, Alayah Britt, Pax Lowder, Josiah Gnagey, Isaac Carlson, Barrett Durlinger, Allie Walraven, Nixon Albers, Isabella Carlson, Rhet Taufer, Miles Greene, Nolan Hinz, Anna Werries, Keeley Kemp, Asher Dellinger, Livvy Habegger, Clara Striegel, Harlow Sharum, Lucas Carlson, Zeelan Dick.

**Third Grade:** Ava Donaldson, Elsie Parnham, Raegan Miller, Bridget Knapp, Skyler Schwartz, Hunter Garber, Miley Roosa, Carly Babin, Ryan Schelkopf, Sophie Nestrud, Kaden Darcy, Hazel Gardner, Liam Carter, Will Auxier, Schaeffer Friend, Brooklynn Chan, Reese Chapin, Chase Bunton, Lainy Barrick, Noah Hoog, Kate Gronewold, Bryan Herbst, Max Gardiner, Adam Herring, Lily Middleton, Hunter Stephens, Avery Striegel, Kaitlyn Simpkins, Victoria Johnson, Blake McMillan, Rosie Knoblauch, Alexis Sheridan, Gabby Nichols, Andy Ripka, Molly Ricci, Henry Austin, Logan Friend, Will Mettelmann, Jason McElyea, Olivia Brooks, Asher McClarren, Jocelyn Hauter, Nathanael Ulysse, Lilly Anderson, Norie Campbell, Andy Ripka, Taevin Hangartner.

**Fourth Grade:** Kallie Lau, Morgan Smith, Landry Robeen, Elijah Kunz, Penelope Drake, Sofia Myers, Max Greiner, Emma Phillips, Jace Houghton, Logan Beeney, Molly Habegger, Kaiden Nelson, Declan Rogers, Victoria LeTourneau, Ava Althiser, Kylee Brown, Nolan Smith, Miley Darche, Aubrey Werries, Aidan Couri, Max Tucker, Savanah Westbrook, Alexis Bozarth, Penelope Drake, Kylie Tisdale, Aubrey Werries.

**Fifth Grade:** Weston Bieneman, Camron Julien, Mya Reed, Jolie Farrell, Micheal Walraven, Mia Orrico, Sage Dicks, Anaiyah Torres, Lana Relph, Hadley Sullivan, Oliver Irion, David Smith, Jessica Knapp, Sidnee Maher, Renee Fonseca, Dominick Gilbert, Kherington Vershaw, Brenyn Cowley, Ethan Moser.

**Sixth Grade:** Rachel Clauson, Ava Perhay, Bode Mills, Malachi Petrov, Liam Brown, Aubrey Sauder, Izzy Crider, Brody Clark, Sierra Hitz, Ethan Virgil, Gage Petrov, Cade Darche, Addison Donaldson,

**NICE WORK LIONS!!**





## Lincoln Celebrates Aide Appreciation Week!

Each year, District 709 recognizes the para professionals who work in our district on March 16th-Aide Appreciation Day. This day has been set aside to honor the work, dedication, compassion of these important members of the school community. At Lincoln, we celebrate our aides throughout the entire week with special activities planned for them each day. Please join us in recognizing these people and the important work they do each day at Lincoln!

**Classroom Support Aides:** Jill Barnard, Rachel Cushman, Natalie Friend, Nancy LaGrow, Lynn Litwiller, Anne Miller, Sally Miller, Michelle Mullen, Karyn Phillips, Rebecca Schelkopf, Marci Tewksbury.

**Instructional Aides:** Shelly Bair, Caitlin Dillard, Rachel Eichorn, Ashlie Geiger, Michelle Gilbert, Tyne Haas, Veronica Hayes, Sonya Hilrich, Jamie Hilt, Clair Huette, Rebecca Knight, Katie Kraft, Brittany Long, Deb Maxwell, Ben Miller, Leslie Porubcansky, Amy Prince, Darci Slocum, Kris Stieglitz, Bonni Whalen, Shelby Zbinden.

**Rtl Aides:** Jeff Ales, Cindy Chambers, Julie Miller, Andrea Ward.

**Library Aide:** Stephanie Brown

**Technology Aide:** Jennifer Wright

March 16th is set aside as this date to remember Miss Amy Hardin, who was an instructional aide at Lincoln in the fall of 2014. She was tragically killed in an auto accident on October 26, 2014 at the age of 24. We remember Amy on her birthday for

her kind heart, her compassion for students with special needs and her desire to help all students to experience success, no matter the setting.



### **Important March/April Dates:**

**Fri., 3/13:** Report Cards and Winter MAP reports distributed

**Mon., 3/16:** District 709; Aide Appreciation Day; Aide Appreciation Week at Lincoln

**Tues., 3/17:** Happy St. Patrick's Day!

**Thurs., 3/19:** Kindergarten Screening and Pre-Registration at District Office 8 am-7 pm; IAR Testing for 5th grade begins

**Fri., 3/20:** Kindergarten Screening and Pre-Registration at District Office. 8 am-Noon

**Fri., 3/20:** Lincoln PTO Carnival 5-8 pm

**Mon., 3/23:** IAR Testing for 3rd, 4th and 6th grades begins

**Mon., 3/30:** Heidi White Memorial Concert at Grace Church at 6:30 pm

**Wed., 4/1:** 11:55 AM Early Dismissal (Kona Ice here!)

**Mon., 4/6-Mon., 4/13:** No School-Easter Break



**Tues., 4/14:** School Resumes; First Tuesday of the Month Assembly for K-3rd grade at 8:10 am

**Wed., 4/15:** First Wednesday of the Month Assembly for 4th-6th grades at 8:10 am

**Fri., 4/17:** Fourth Quarter Mid Term; 2nd grade Field Trip to Gamma Phi Circus at ISU

**Mon., 4/20:** 6th grade Parent Orientation at MJHS at 6 pm

**Tues., 4/21:** ISA Testing for 5th grade begins; 6th grade Parent Orientation at MJHS at 6 pm

With the fourth quarter upon us, students and teachers alike begin to prepare for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR). Although tests such as the IAR are a common practice to evaluate a student's understanding of the material that he/she has been taught, it is often the culprit of increased nervousness or anxiety. According to a 30-year review of test anxiety (Nathaniel von der Embse) students who experience a greater level of nervousness prior to taking an exam are more at risk for achieving a lower grade point average and lower scores on standardized testing in middle school. Based on this, it is important that we set students up for success early on by emphasizing the importance of effort over excellence as well as taking the time to teach students appropriate coping strategies that they can use when they begin to feel uneasy about an upcoming quiz or test. To better understand test anxiety and how it impacts students, it can be separated into three parts;

**Part 1- Before the Test-** Students may feel uneasy about the evaluation aspect of a test or quiz.

**Helpful Hint:** Share with your child that a test is one way to check their understanding of the material that they have worked so hard to learn. Emphasize the importance of good sleep, eating, and study habits every day, not just right before a test or quiz. Remind your child of an obstacle that he/she overcame in the past.

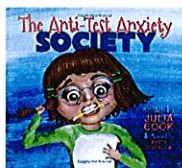
**Part 2: The Test:** Students may experience a physical reaction to the stress that they experience during a test or quiz.

**Helpful Hint:** Encourage your child to acknowledge how his/her body reacts to stress. When they begin to feel signs of anxiety (i.e. fast heart rate, sweaty palms, racing thoughts, etc.) have a go-to coping strategy that he/she can use in the moment. Examples include; lazy 8 breathing, count to 100 by 5's, getting a drink of water, engaging in positive self-talk, using earplugs to block out distractions, and double-checking answers before turning in a test.

**Part 3: After the Test:** Students may feel overwhelmed by disappointment if they do not earn the grade that they had hoped for.

**Helpful Hint:** Help your child develop a growth mindset. Attempt to put the test/quiz into perspective by emphasizing the number of opportunities that your child has to improve his/her grade throughout the quarter and the importance of studying, asking questions in class, and continued practice. Talk to your child about a skill that you had to develop over time through hard work and dedication.

To help explain test anxiety to your child, check out the Anti-Test Anxiety Society by Julia Cook.



Molly Winkler, MSW

School Social Worker





# Lincoln Literacy

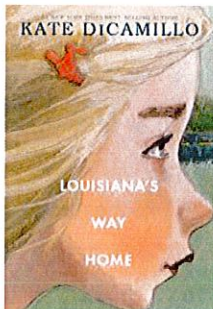


## March 2020

### Books of the Month



Shel Silverstein tells the story of love between a boy and a tree that is an example of this sacrificial love. From the time the boy is young and needs shade as he plays to growing up and being allowed to climb in her branches to the time when he is older and wants something that may mean the end of the tree, the tree keeps on giving to him- out of love. Even when the boy is an old man and long after the tree has been cut down, what is left of the tree is still giving. The old man, once the little boy who played under the tree, now uses the stump of the tree to rest on.



When Louisiana Elefante's granny wakes her up in the middle of the night to tell her that the day of reckoning has arrived and they have to leave home immediately, Louisiana isn't overly worried. After all, Granny has many middle-of-the-night ideas. But this time, things are different. This time, Granny intends for them never to return. Separated from her best friends, Raymie and Beverly, Louisiana struggles to oppose the winds of fate (and Granny) and find a way home. But as Louisiana's life becomes entwined with the lives of the people of a small Georgia town, she starts to worry that she is destined only for good-byes.

### Strategy of the Month: Just Read!

Reading for just 20 minutes a day at home can make a huge impact on your student's learning. Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain rather than watching TV. Reading strengthens brain connections and builds new connections. Reading teaches children about the world around them and helps to develop empathy as they imagine how they would feel in that situation. It improves vocabulary and language skills! It even promotes achievement in all subject matters, not just English.

### WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

❖ Student A reads an average of 20 minutes per day.	❖ Student B reads an average of 5 minutes per day.	❖ Student C reads an average of 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
❖ Scores in the 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 schooldays, and Student C will have read for 3.

**WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.**

### Reading Challenge of the Month



Who in the family can read 20-minutes a night in March the most? Set a goal and see who can read the most!

Lincoln Literacy Coach  
Olivia Gabbert  
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# Lincoln School PTO

## News and Views

### March 2020

It's hard to believe we are on the downhill slide of the 19-20 school year! I would like to thank Kari Gostelli and Tessa Gilfillan-Jones on another successful Follett Book Fair! Each teacher was able to add new titles to their classrooms, the library benefitted from \$750 worth of new books, and nearly \$800 in birthday books were selected!! As always, we appreciate everyone who donated time and money to the book fair!! Thank you to Stacy Letersky and Allison Vershaw (and countless other volunteers!) who made our Gameball Run a huge success again this year!! Teacher jean days, sticker and sock sales, and coin wars were all super successful!! Despite the cold weather, we had a HUGE group of runners and walkers that participated!

We are all looking forward to the Lincoln Carnival on March 20! Megan Nestrud and Nikki Albers have planned a fantastic evening for all families to enjoy!! Nico Drake and Lauren Middleton and numerous basket helpers have an awesome selection of raffle baskets ready to be won!! Susan Scott and Stephanie Heinold have your carnival kitchen favorites ready to serve!! D'Lisa Boss has generously organized the sign up genius to help cover all of our volunteer needs for the evening!! If you would like to help out in any way, please contact any of our volunteers listed above or myself! In advance, I would like to thank everyone for their help in the planning and carrying out of the carnival!! I would like to personally thank the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and students for inviting me to the Etiquette Luncheon on March 5, held at Bertha Frank. Students have been learning proper etiquettes including table manners, tying a tie, and eating respectfully, etc. over the last seven weeks. Each student played a role in the planning, set up, décor and clean up. The MHS culinary class prepared and served our lunch. We were entertained by several MHS orchestra students. This is a wonderful tradition for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to participate in and I was honored to participate!

Family BINGO night, sponsored by the Family Fun Committee, held on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> was a huge success again this year! We had over 120 people participate in the event. Participants, young and old, enjoyed salty treats and winning prizes!!

Please consider getting involved with PTO, a little or a lot ☺!!

Sincerely, Rebecca Schelkopf, PTO President



#### Upcoming PTO Important Dates:

**March 16** -Aide Appreciation/Support Staff Day

**March 20** -Lincoln School Carnival 5-8 pm

**April 22** - Administration Appreciation Day

**May 4** - Last PTO Meeting @ 7:00

**May 6** - Nurse Appreciation Day



Thank you to the 2nd grade parents for hosting a fantastic February staff "brunch" for lunch! 1st grade will be hosting our staff luncheon on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

If you did not sign up but would be willing to make or bring food please contact Erin Jones

at [robertanderinjones@yahoo.com](mailto:robertanderinjones@yahoo.com)



# SPRING FLING

Join us for the Spring Fling Carnival @ Lincoln School!!!  
Friday, March 20, 2020  
5 - 8 pm

Come celebrate the beginning of Spring at our Lincoln School Carnival on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, from 5 - 8 pm. Our Spring Fling Carnival will feature fabulous food, exciting games & prizes, and an amazing basket raffle.

Everyone's favorite Cake Walk, as well as Bingo, Basketball, Inflatables and a Photo Booth will be making a return to this year's event. And you won't want to miss some pretty awesome new attractions, including Rolling Video Games Mobile Game Theater, Top Hat Productions Magician - Allan Adcock, and Face Painting by Wild Style.

There are still a few volunteer spots left to run carnival games. This is an easy way for a junior high or high school student to earn volunteer hours. If you can help, please visit the link below to sign up -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044EAFAG2FA2FE3-lincoln3>

We hope that you'll come out of hibernation to join us for fun night in full bloom we celebrate all things Spring!



## PTO IS LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS...

**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 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to create an online sign-up
- Assisting with annual school fundraising committee in creating a successful all-school fundraising event
- Work with the Lincoln office admin. to update school sign
- Attend monthly PTO Meeting (Typically Aug-May from 7-8 pm)

### **\*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.

### Carnival Baskets 2020

Once again the basket committee is excited to showcase the baskets available for raffle at this year's 2020 Lincoln Lions Spring Fling carnival. On March 20<sup>th</sup> don't miss out on the action! Be sure to enter for the chance of being a winner at the carnival. All students will receive one free raffle ticket to enter in a basket next week.

Ticket presale and basket preview is Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:15-3 pm in the LIBRARY



Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

All baskets will be in the cafeteria on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Basket raffle starts at 5pm carnival night and ends at 7:30 pm when names of winners will be announced. You do not need to be present to win!

All baskets are valued at a minimum of \$100!

Quick Tip: Bring along small address labels to put on tickets instead of writing all your information.



Thank you Lincoln School families for your overwhelming support of this year's 2020 Gameball Run! Through our efforts of coin wars, the selling of Gameball Run t-shirts, socks and stickers, in addition to staff jean days, Lincoln School raised **\$13,026.02** – leading all the Morton schools in fundraising!

Altogether, Morton Unit School District 709 with Bethel Lutheran School raised \$58,358.15 towards our record breaking grand total of **\$133,051!** We are so incredibly proud and grateful for the efforts of Lincoln School and our entire school district and community! It's amazing what can be accomplished when everyone works together and gives from the heart!

This year's fundraising efforts went to support OSF Children's Hospital of Illinois' Heller Center for Kids with Cancer. This center is one of a kind in North America and is helping kids and their families who are diagnosed with cancer survive beyond treatment. The Heller Center's programs are designed to provide patients and families with the critical, non-medical tools that best support them through and beyond the cancer journey.

*Pictured below are most of the Lincoln School Staff and Student Runners on February 20, 2020*



Dear Lincoln Lions,  
Thank you for the invitation to be the Gameball Run Miracle Family for Lincoln Elementary.  
We were honored to work together with the Lincoln Elementary students, parents and staff to raise funds for a very special organization. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the 2020 Gameball Run.  
Proud and grateful Lincoln Lions,  
John, Christy and Maggie Getz

*Pictured below is the Getz Family with Ms. Albers and Lincoln Reps at the Gameball Run Ceremony on February 21, 2020*



# Can you help us?

Lincoln School students and staff will be working with an Artist in Residence April 27-May 8 to create an all school Lincoln Lion Mural in the vestibule outside of our gymnasium! It will be a collaborative and lasting project for our school!

We are in need of some common supplies to be donated or borrowed from our Lincoln School families to help us cut some expenses. If you have any of the following supplies or would like to donate something from below, please contact Stacy Litersky at [salitersky@gmail.com](mailto:salitersky@gmail.com) or 309-696-8600 by March 31.

We will also be needing parent volunteers for each grade level to assist in the painting of the mural. A sign up genius will be distributed after spring break if you can spare a few hours of your time.

We look forward to this special and lasting project for Lincoln School!

Supplies needed to be donated or borrowed:

- 4 - Cloth Drop Cloths (12x15)
- 3 - Plastic drop cloths (20 x 25)
- 3 Rolls Duct Tape Rolls
- 2 - Valspar 5-Piece Paint Applicator Kit - MUST be foam
- 1 - 3M Multi-Surface 4-Pack 1.41-in Painters Tape
- 3 boxes of SELLARS 200-Pack Paper Towels
- 1 bottle of Gorilla Clear 3.75-fl oz Extreme Condition Clear Multipurpose Adhesive
- 3 Cans Valspar Interior/Exterior Bonding Water-Based Wall and Ceiling Primer (Actual Net Contents: 128-fl oz)
- 1 Ghostshield Clear/Flat Flat Concentrated Waterproofing (Actual Net Contents: 128-fl oz)
- Rubberbands
- 2-3 Plastic Gallon Buckets
- 2-3 Plastic Half Gallon or Smaller Buckets