



March 2021

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Lincoln School Families,

Happy March! This first week of March has provided some wonderful spring-like weather for us! It's amazing what a little bit of sunshine will do for you! I hope that we have seen the last of the snow and that spring really is around the corner! What definitely is around the corner is FOURTH QUARTER!! The fourth quarter officially begins on Monday, March 8th, with third quarter report cards being distributed on Friday, March 12th. The arrival of the fourth quarter means that shorts, skirts, dresses can now be worn again without leggings/tights underneath. (I know a few students who will be excited for this news!) I want to just remind parents (and students) that we know there will be March and April days where the temperatures will be chilly...and we will go outside for recess. We ask that parents and students use good judgment in planning what they wear to school. Just because the calendar says it is the fourth quarter and spring, our weather may not cooperate for wearing shorts! Thanks for your help with this!!

Typically in March, excitement is in the air for our Lincoln PTO School Carnival. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions that limit the number of people gathering together, we will not be able to hold our traditional school carnival. However, we do have plans to bring in some of our favorite aspects of the carnival (specifically the basket raffle) later in the year. You will soon be hearing from your child's classroom teacher about a basket theme and dates for collecting items/donations for each classroom basket. Rather than soliciting our local businesses who have already sacrificed so much during the pandemic, we are hoping to highlight many of our businesses who have always supported us with our basket themes, so be on the lookout for that. The basket raffle will look a little bit different, and will be connected to our "Day of Awesomeness," which is the celebration of our successful PTO fall fundraiser! Our "Day of Awesomeness" is set for Friday, April 30th...and you will be hearing

more about this exciting day in April! While we will miss the cake walks, the carnival games, popcorn and fun that the school carnival brings, I'm grateful to our creative PTO for finding ways to help our students enjoy fun activities.

It's truly unbelievable to think that our entire world was turned upside down a year ago this week. I am so grateful that we are now into our eighth month of in-person learning. While there have been many challenges throughout the year, our students have continued to learn and thrive in the school setting, with all of their classmates, with their teachers, in-person every day. We could not have made it this far without your diligence and attention to your child's wellness, your support with healthy quarantines and your understanding of our health and wellness procedures. Let's not let up on our diligence and attention, even with spring break ahead of us. Thank you again for your continued support all year long.

Ms. Julie Albers, Principal

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A Note From our Assistant Principal

We have officially made it to the eighth month of in-person learning! It looks like the weather is going to allow us to get outside for recess and hopefully P.E. which is a huge blessing. We will gladly take the extra mask breaks. Our teachers are working hard to maximize our in-person instruction and the students continue to enjoy school. Thank you for being diligent with health concerns and keeping your children home when they are ill. I hope you all have a wonderful spring break!

Mrs. Michelle Peterson, Assistant Principal



Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

March 2021



Kindergarten Pre-Registration has Started!

It's already time to start planning for the 2021-2022 school year! One of the first tasks in the new school year planning is pre-registering our incoming Kindergarten students for school in March. This year, we will not hold our traditional in-person screening and as we have in the past. This year, we are asking that the parents of children who will be attending kindergarten in August 2021 to complete the pre-registration process online. This is for children who reside in the Morton CUSD 709 School District and will be five years old by September 1, 2021.

Steps for our incoming kindergarten parents:

1. Please complete the [Google Form for Kindergarten Registration](#) as soon as possible.
2. On July 29th, you will attend registration day at your neighborhood school to pay your school fees, provide the documents listed below, and sign-up for kindergarten round-up.
3. On August 3rd, new families will receive their official school assignments. Every effort will be made to place new families in their neighborhood schools, but that is not always possible due to class size limits.
4. On August 5th, you and your child will attend kindergarten round-up at your assigned school.
5. On August 9th, your child's teacher assignment will be available in PowerSchool.
6. On August 12th, your child will attend his/her first day of school!

Documents you will provide on registration day (July 29th):

- Original certified birth certificate (must have before your child can start school)
- 3 proofs of residence <https://www.morton709.org/file/1264/760-AP2%2011-1-18.pdf> (must have before your child can start school)
- Immunization record
<https://www.morton709.org/file/1618/2020-21%20back%20to%20school%20info.pdf>
- Medical exam form <https://www.morton709.org/file/6/Child-Health-Examination.pdf>
- Dental exam form https://www.morton709.org/file/1060/36_DentalExam.pdf
- Eye exam form https://www.morton709.org/file/1062/38_EyeExamReport.pdf

Please contact the district office at 309-263-2581 if you have any questions about the kindergarten registration process. We look forward to working with you and your child!

If you have neighbors, family members or know of others who have children who will enroll in kindergarten next year, we ask for your help in sharing this information with them. Thank you!



IAR Testing to Begin 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 in April, starting the week of April 12th. A specific testing schedule will be determined later this month and communicated with parents when we return to school after spring break.

Then later in April, our 5th grade students will take the state's science assessment called Illinois Science Assessment (ISA). The assessment has changed in that 5th graders will take three sections of the ISA, each approximately 50 minutes in length. We will again communicate with 5th grade parents about the testing dates when we return from spring break.

If you have any questions about the IAR assessment, please contact Ms. Albers at julie.albers@mcusd709.org.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE STUDENTS WHO WERE CAUGHT ROARING IN FEBRUARY!!

Kindergarten: Halle Witzig, Kolbie Klopfenstein, Abigail Koch, Dylan Stephens, Kensington Boss, Alex Warning, Nina Hinz, Kamarion Stubbs, Ava Kiddy, Nicholas Klokenga, Oaklyn Sharum, Sawyer Myers, Collin Cook, Bennett Louwers, Finn Stealy, Clarke Getz, Jimmy Malavolti, Sam Graber, Lauren Bassett, Henry Fleer, Noah Lewis, Corinne Goodman, Brody Tindall, Titus Geil, Jordyn Boyer, Jason Getz, Noah Guetschow.

First Grade: Tad Johnson, Charley Wagenbach, Grayson Fritz, Parker Johnson, Hutch Carey, Otto Geist, Alivia Sutton, Corbin Holt, Chase Cotton, Layton Strohkirch, Lauren Howes, Autumn Schick, Brandon Harding, Bella Long, Forbes Levy, Sydney Peterson, Reid Kruchten, McKenna Massey, Brady Fulton, Olivia Miller, Job Farrell, Jase Lane, Henry Johnson, Jax Hayes, Connor Carroll, Anna Prichard, Annie Carter, Rowen Zeller, Genny Kneller, Penny Nowlan, Mason Schultz, Colin Phillips, Eli Gorshe, Madeline McLaughlin.

Second Grade: Briggs Overcash, Dillon Hinch, Ashton Williamson-Conklin, Jayden Hoffmire, Madison Stephens, Jake Richardson, Grant Schelkopf, Madyn Bush, Charlie Klopfenstein, Zachary Joos, Tripp Yordy, Easton Mills, Nathan Boyer, Scarlet Clark, Evan Gosteli, EJ Simpkins, Ali McClery, Matthew Klokenga, Mila Ralston, Max Middleton, Jerry Coulter, Karis Levitt, Hunter Dea, Wyatt Burns, Chylee Fagerburg, Carter Brown, Lewis Zauke, Liam

Hoelscher, Easton Reid, Hudson Shepherdson, Finch Stanfield, Madyson Strenzel, Marley McDonald, Aubree Joos.

Third Grade: Livvy Habegger, Titus Hangartner, SophieAnn Dollinger, Rhet Taufer, Jovie Zimmerman, Colton Strohkirch, Paxton Lowder, Miles Greene, Kessaley Mahr, Addison Kiddy, Brendan Kiddy, AJ Johnson, Paisley Smith, Asher Dellinger, Reese Warning, Fisher Roehm, Anna Beeney, Aimee Beeney, Ben Volpert, Payton Johnson, Kinley Birch, Mariska Walter, Tytus Linville, Mason Nash, Barrett Durflinger, Emerson Sauder, Lucas Carlson, Tatym Wagenbach, Tate Miller, Addie Allen, Layton Kaluza.

Fourth Grade: Victoria, Johnson, Lexi Ames, Charles Hawkins, Jamie Howes, Noah Hoog, Asher McClarren, Sophia Nowlan, Clay Leuchtenberg, Layla Stroud, Kenna Bethel, Maggie Hunsley, Kaila Phillips, Quinn Hellinga, Juliet Tewksbury, Jocelyn Hauter, Hunter Stephens, Miley Roosa, Bridget Knapp, Carly Babin, Andy Ripka, Will Auxier, Ryker Boss, Kinley Casabonne, Henry Austin, Kade Darcy, Max Gardiner, Mason Armstrong, Schaeffer Friend, Liam Carter, Avery Striegel, Bryce Frank, Blake McMillan, Ava Donaldson, Taevin Hangartner, Rylan Jones, Sophie Nestrud, Elsie Parnham, Schroeder Getz.

Fifth Grade: Scarlett Boeker, Katie Beckerdite, Miley Darche, Max Tucker, Lucas Cox, Elijah Kunz, Aubrey Werries, Jace Houghton, Marley Mills, Kylie Tisdale, Katie Gordon, Penelope Drake, Ethan Barnes, Luciano Canchola, Camden Tarter, Nolan Smith, Knox Carey, Lexi Sweazy, Max Nestrud, Morgan Smith, Natalyn Simpson, Ciera Huff, Ava , Tanner Naas, Quin Gilfillan-Jones, Isaac Gosteli, Rylee Borman, Bennett Reid, Alexis , Victoria LeTourneau, Levi Sander, Turner Albers, Kenley Mahr.

Sixth Grade: Maggie Getz, Maddie Winkel, Brandon Volpert, Kaylee Hitz, Alec Julien, Grace Petrov, Logan Preston.

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, Deb Maxwell, Sally Miller, Rachel Myers, Karyn Phillips, Rebecca Schelkopf.

Instructional Aides: Shelly Bair, Cindy Curtis, Rachel Eichorn, Ashlie Geiger, Sheila Graber, Lynn Greene, Tyne Haas, Veronica Hayes, Sonya Hillrich, Jamie Hilt, Clair Huette, Brittany Long, Deb Maxwell, Leslie Porubcansky, Amy Prince, Kris Stieglitz, Bonni Whalen, Shelby Zbinden.

Recess Aide: Sara Savicz. (Several of our aides also serve as recess monitors too).

Rtl Aides: Veronica Hayes, Julie Miller, Ashley Valerio, Andrea Ward.

Library Aide: Denise Poshard

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.



LINCOLN SCHOOL WEEK at MORTON CULVER'S WEEK COMING!!

Each spring, Morton Culver's hosts a school night for each of our district's elementary schools, along with Blessed Sacrament School and Bethel Lutheran School, as a school fundraiser. Every year, each school received 10% of the sales from their school night. In addition, teachers and staff would volunteer to serve food to tables and in the drive thru. It's always a fun night! Well...like most everything else, we have to modify our usual Culver's Night due to COVID restrictions. So instead of a Culver's Night, our generous friends at Morton Culver's are allowing a specific week for each school!

Lincoln School Week is Monday, March 15th through Sunday, March 21st. Anytime you visit Culver's that week (and why wouldn't you want Culver's ALL.THE.TIME), be sure to bring a copy of the flyer that's included with this newsletter with you. You can also give copies of the flyer to your friends and family members so they can help our cause! Present the flyer when you order inside (or when you are ready to pay at the drive thru outside) so that we'll get credit for your visit!

Unfortunately, our teachers and staff members won't be able to volunteer as we have in the past. Remember that the dining room at Culver's has limited seating each night.

Don't forget to eat dinner at Culver's anytime between March 15th-March 21st, present the Lincoln School flyer, and help our school raise funds! Thank you in advance for your support!



Important March/April/May Dates:

Fri., 3/12: 3rd Quarter Report Cards and Winter MAP reports distributed; 5th grade maturation presentation at 1:30 pm

Sun., 3/14: Daylight Savings Time begins (be sure to turn your clocks ahead when you go to bed on Saturday night!)

Mon., 3/15: Aide Appreciation Week begins at Lincoln; Lincoln School Week at Culver's begins

Tues., 3/16: District 709 celebrates Aide Appreciation Day

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

Tues., 3/23: Junior High Choir Tour/Demonstration for 6th graders at 8:30 am in the gym;
School Board Meeting at 5:30 pm at District Office

Fri., 3/26: Junior High Band and Orchestra Tour/Demonstrations for 5th and 6th graders at 8:30 am in the gym and cafeteria

Mon., 3/29-Mon., 4/5: No School-Easter Break

Tues., 4/6: School Resumes; April PTO Meeting via Zoom at 7 pm (look for link later in the month)

Wed., 4/7: 11:50/11:55 am Dismissal

Mon., 4/12: IAR Testing begins for 3rd-6th grades (schedule to follow)

Mon., 4/26: 4th Grade Recorder Concert at Bertha Frank Performing Arts Center at MHS at 6:30 pm (2 guests per student permitted)

Fri., 4/30: PTO Fundraiser "Day of Awesomeness"-celebration for successful fundraiser (more information to come)

Mon., 5/3: May PTO Meeting via Zoom at 7 pm; Teacher Appreciation Week begins

Tues., 5/4: Morton Arts in the Park Day for 6th grade band, 6th grade orchestra and Morton Elementary Choir (more information to come)

Wed., 5/5: 11:50/11:55 am Dismissal

Mon., 5/10: Lincoln School Picnic Day (tentative date-more information to come)

Mon., 5/10-Fri., 5/14: PTO Book Fair Week

Thurs., 5/13: Sixth Grade Musical at Bertha Frank Performing Arts Center at MHS at 6:30 pm (2 guests per student permitted)

Fri., 5/14: 6th Grade Step Up Day at MJHS

Thurs., 5/20: Last Day of School; 11:50/11:55 am Dismissal

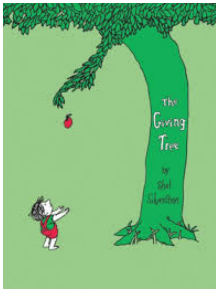


Lincoln Literacy



March 2021

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 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th 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 2021

PTO will have the President and Secretary Positions open for the 2021-22 school year.

These positions are a 2 year commitment. We also have some committee openings coming available for Chair/Co-chair of Vendor fair, Family Fun and After School Adventures. All committee positions are flexible, with no term limits. Thank you to the people who have volunteered already! We look forward to working with you soon!!

Our hospitality committee (lead by Erin Jones & friends), has been doing a wonderful job treating our staff each month with lunch and little treats, all from local businesses. We thank all families who have donated money each month thus far. Second grade and PTO treated staff to delicious cupcakes from Baked Blessings in February. First grade families will host in March, followed by Kindergarten in April. Our staff truly appreciates your generosity.

PTO will be celebrating our support staff/aide appreciation on **March 16** and teacher appreciation in May. We cannot thank our hard working staff enough for their dedication to our students!

Day of Awesomeness is scheduled for **April 30!** We are excited to finally get to “celebrate” our fundraiser from earlier this year. We will be having a **basket drawing**, similar to carnival but on a smaller scale where each child will be given one ticket to put in a basket for a chance to win! Look for more information to come home in mid-March.

Book Fair is scheduled for **May 10-14**, including during the school picnic. We are hoping to move the Book Fair outdoors for all to enjoy.

Remaining PTO meetings: April 6, May 3 (7:00 PM). Please join us!

If you are interested in any of these positions or have any questions, please contact Rebecca Schelkopf, PTO President, at rebeccaschelkopf@yahoo.com or 309-369-4095.



PTO is looking for the following volunteers

***PTO President**

***PTO Secretary**

These 2 positions will begin during the 2021 school year and are a 2 year commitment position. Both work closely with the PTO Board and Lincoln Administration for the betterment of Lincoln School!

***Vendor Fair Chair**

***After School Adventures Chair**

***Family Fun Committee Chair**

These positions are also available for the 2021 school year with great flexibility with co-chairs and years of commitment. We would very much like to fill the positions so we can continue all of the fun we have always been able to offer the students, families and staff of Lincoln School.



Upcoming PTO Important Dates:

March 16 - Support staff/Aide
Appreciation Day

Tues, April 6 – PTO Meeting

Teacher Luncheons

Thank you so much to all of our parents that have supported Hospitality so far this school year! Your generosity so very much appreciated! 6th grade - 2nd grade have been asked to donate so far. We have been able to offer small, individually packaged treats to our staff from multiple local businesses. We have a couple months yet to go. We will round out the year with 1st grade coming up in March and then Kindergarten in May. An email, as well as a paper copy, is sent out monthly by grade level. In an effort to encourage and appreciate our staff, we are asking for small, monetary donations this school year, in lieu of food donations. Checks may be made out to Lincoln school PTO. Thank you for helping us show the Lincoln school staff how much we appreciate all that they do. Please contact Erin Jones with any questions. Robertanderinjones@yahoo.com



OSF HealthCare
Children's Hospital of Illinois

**GAMEBALL
RUN**



MORTON POTTERS BASKETBALL

\$135,114.86

Thank you so much LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL for your incredible and generous part in making this year's Gameball Run another record-breaking year! For our part, Lincoln School contributed \$12,363.53 towards this year's grand total of \$135,114.86! Once again, Lincoln School was the top fundraising school for District 709! We are so proud and grateful for everyone's efforts and support!

A very special thank you to Hudson Chan for being Lincoln's miracle child and sharing his experience with us.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the RUN this year! Because of the frigid temps, we held our portion of it in our gym and ran in honor of all the Morton children and families cared for by Children's Hospital of Illinois.

Morton Gameball Run is truly a TEAM EFFORT! In nine years, we have raised over \$741,161 and have touched the greatest needs of OSF Children's Hospital of Illinois including the Neonatal ICU, Pediatric ICU, General Pediatrics, Almost Home Kids and the past two years, the Heller Center for Kids with Cancer.

We hope you will join us next year as we celebrate 10 years of Morton Gameball Run and help us raise \$1 Million in 10 years for OSF Children's Hospital of Illinois! **#Can'tStopWon'tStopGBR #OneMorton #GameballRun**
www.MortonGameBallRun.org or on Facebook at Gameball Run



LINCOLN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

March 15th – 21st

Calling all Lions!

The time has come to show up to support our school! We have partnered with our Morton Culver's for a whole week to raise funds for our classrooms. We are competing with the other grade schools to see who can raise the most money!

Here's how it works: Print and bring this flyer to Morton Culver's during the week printed above so we get our share of the sales. Visiting multiple times is allowed so go early and often! You are free to print as many copies as you want to give to friends and family members so they can help our cause!

Due to COVID restrictions, Culver's won't be needing volunteers and their dining room currently has limited seating.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to another great year of fundraising with Culver's!



**This flyer must be presented
when you pay for your order!**





MORTON
UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

March 1, 2021

Free meal program continues over Easter break

Morton School District 709, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is continuing its free meal program through the remainder of the school year, including over spring break, which starts March 29.

All Morton children ages 1 to 18 – not just District 709 students -- are eligible for the program, regardless of family income.

Families who wish to participate and have students *attending school in-person* – at District 709 public schools and at Morton's Bethel Lutheran School – must sign up for the Easter week meals through [this link](#), with a deadline of **March 19**.

Meanwhile, families of children who *do not attend* school in person may continue in the meal program as they have before. They do not have to register again for the spring break meals.

For all participants, five days of breakfast and lunch will be distributed between 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Monday, **March 29**, at the Bertha Frank Performing Arts Center at Morton High School, 350 N. Illinois Ave.

As for our April meals, please remember that the registration deadline for children not in school is noon Friday, March 26. The sign-up form is [here](#).

Should you have questions, please direct them to Kristina Klein, operations supervisor at Arbor Management, kristina.klein@mcusd709.org or 309-284-6320, or to Amy Zimmerman at the Morton District Office, amy.zimmerman@mcusd709.org or 309-284-8070.

This USDA program is a carryover from the free lunch program instituted last year in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, and will continue through May 2021.

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Dear Lincoln School Parents,

Every year, the Illinois State Board of Education invites teachers, students in grades 4-12, and parents the opportunity to provide feedback about their child's school. This survey is called 5Essentials and is currently available for parents to take. The survey will close on April 2, 2021. We are hopeful a significant percentage of our parents will complete the survey. The larger the participation, the more information we gain to improve our school. As you would imagine, this year's survey will be a bit different, with a segment of questions for students, parents, and educators pertaining to the district's plan and efforts for returning to school this fall amidst the COVID -19 pandemic. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. In addition, we hope to gain your insight on the following five components found to be critical for school success:

1. Effective Leaders: The principal works with teachers to implement a clear and strategic vision for school success.
2. Collaborative Teachers: Teachers collaborate to promote professional growth.
3. Involved Families: The entire school staff builds strong relationships with families and communities to support learning.
4. Supportive Environment: The school is safe and orderly. Teachers have high expectations for students and support students to realize their goals. Classmates also support one another.
5. Ambitious Instruction: Classes are academically demanding and engage students by emphasizing the application of knowledge.

From our previous surveys, we have found:

- We have a strong culture of supportive parents and that there is a strong sense of trust between teachers and parents
- Our students have reported on this survey that they feel safe at school and feel a strong connection to our school community
- Survey data also tells us that strong student-peer relationships are important to our students

For more detailed information on the 5 Essentials:

<https://impactsurveyshelp.force.com/s/article/illinois-5essentials-faqs>

We invite you to take this survey to provide us with meaningful feedback about your experiences with Lincoln Elementary School . We will use this information to help improve the educational services and experiences we provide your student and for those students yet to attend Lincoln Elementary School.

The link for parents to take the survey is: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>. We thank you in advance for your participation in this survey. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

Ms. Julie Albers
Principal