



October 2021
From The Principal's Desk

Dear Lincoln Families,

Welcome to the month of October! We are nearing the end of the first quarter of this school year. Next Friday, October 15th, marks the end of the first quarter, which means that Parent Teacher Conferences are just around the corner. Our conferences are set for Thursday, October 21st and Friday, October 22nd...and there will be no school on those days. Conferences in District 709 will be in-person, which means parents will schedule a time to come into school for their child's conference. Please be sure that you sign up for a conference time slot with your child's teacher by Friday, October 15th. 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.

Again this year, conferences are being scheduled online. A link was emailed to all parents and a reminder was posted on the Lincoln Elementary Facebook page on 10/6. From this link, you are able to schedule conferences with your child's teacher. Link:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FXqhx1S8sdJ-O8z3im9akJGdVOXgGdFSI8TOYdk_XNw/edit

The scheduling link will close on October 15th. For those parents who have not scheduled a conference by then, teachers will send home an assigned conference time on Tuesday, October 19th. Please be sure to take a few minutes to sign up for a conference time using the link. Thank you!

We are looking forward to some of our more traditional October events returning this year, including the 6th Grade Musical on Thursday, October 14th, the 5th/6th Grade Choir Concert on Monday, October 18th, our PTO Book Fair beginning on Monday, October 18th through Friday, October 22nd and our annual Halloween Costume Parade and Class Parties on Friday, October 29th. Please be on the lookout for more information about all of these activities throughout the month.

We also are welcoming parents back to school as weekly library volunteers, as part of our monthly Artistic Adventures program in our classrooms and have enjoyed seeing our parents at lunchtime in the cafeteria. It's so nice to see our families engaging in school activities and opportunities again!

Please remember that we ask that families keep ill children, COVID or no COVID, at home. If your child or anyone in your household is awaiting covid test results, then all children in the household should remain at home and not come to school. We ask that you contact us with testing results before having your child return to school. We appreciate your communication and supporting our commitment to keeping healthy students in our classrooms. Enjoy the cooler weather that fall-time brings!!

Ms. Julie Albers, Principal

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A Note From the Assistant Principal

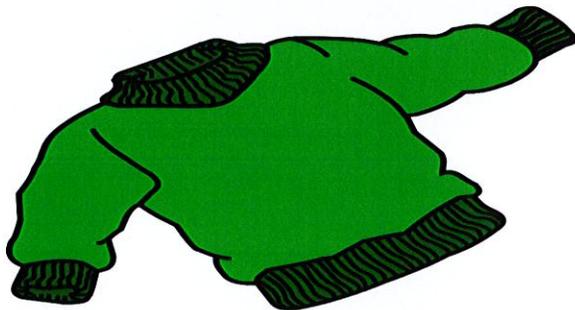
Happy Fall, Y'all! October is here and we have a busy month ahead. We had so much fun with our Step It Up fundraiser and we are so blessed with all the generous donations. We look forward to seeing all of you at parent-teacher conferences in two weeks. Our focus this month is empathy. We would love for your dinner conversations or car rides to revolve around empathy! Enjoy all things fall!

Mrs. Michelle Peterson, Assistant Principal

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DRESS CODE REMINDERS



This year, our district has implemented a change with our dress code in the elementary schools. Traditionally, students were not allowed to wear

shorts, skirts and dresses without leggings during the 2nd and 3rd quarters due to colder temperatures at recess. New change in dress code for 2021-22: At the elementary schools, students are encouraged to wear gym shoes each day, due to daily PE and recess. Students are also encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather conditions. Please remember that we will go outside for recess and PE, and students should be dressed appropriately.

In other words, we will not limit the time of year that students can wear shorts. (Previously only 1st and 4th

quarters) We now ask that students dress appropriately for the weather conditions throughout the school year and trust that our families will have good judgement. However, we will still enforce that no flip flops, sandals and slides can be worn during the 2nd and 3rd quarters. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions.



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!



New Lincoln Olympic Record Holders

After missing out on the 2020 Olympics last year, Coach Becker and Coach Schmitt were able to hold the Lincoln School Olympics this year. This has been a tradition at Lincoln for more than 20 years! Students in grades 3rd-6th compete in a variety of events to earn medals for the country they have been assigned to represent. After two weeks of training, the Games are officially opened with the lighting of the torch and promise of the Olympic Creed by all athletes. Students then compete with others at their grade level in a variety of track and field events. This year we had **MANY** students break Lincoln School Olympic records with their performances, many of these records were in place for many years! These students were recognized at Morning Assembly. Congratulations to our new Lincoln Olympic Record holders!



Third Grade: Matthew Estes (Open and Mixed Relays), Finch Stanfield (Open and Mixed Relays, “Big One”), Mason Stephens (Shot Put), Levi Parnham (50 and 100 yard Dashes, Hurdles), Eli Hawkins (Open Relay), Daphna Stickling (Broad Jump, 100 Yard Dash, Shot Put), Rosie Hamer (“Big One,” Open and Mixed Relays), Kinsley Shepherdson (Mixed Relay).

You can find more Olympic Record

Holders on the next
 page!!



Fourth Grade: Ina Underwood (Open Relay), Nixon Albers (Shot Put), Nolan Hinz (Hurdles), Tinley Larson (Open Relay), Zenek Richrath ("Big One," Marathon, Open Relay). Not pictured: Mason Nash (Open Relay).



Fifth Grade: Lily Middleton (Discus), Elsie Parnham ("Big One," Marathon, Hurdles), Nolan Shepherdson (Marathon), Schaeffer Friend ("Big One"), Lucas Kraft ("Big One").

CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL OF OUR

OLYMPIC
ATHLETES!!



Sixth Grade: Madi Greiner (50 and 100 yard Dashes, "Big One," Marathon, Mixed and Open Relays), Esther Roseboom (Open Relay), Lucas Cox (Marathon), Max Nestrud (100 yard Dash, "Big One," Hurdles), Jack Hoyland (Mixed and Open Relays), Levi Sander (Shot Put), Logan Beeney (Mixed Relay), Morgan Smith (Hurdles, Mixed and Open Relays). Not pictured: Ava Althiser (Shot Put).



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: Barrett Knobloch, Evie Hermann, Kendall Wright
Opal Rosenberger, Charlie Mason
Grayson Scheffler, Genevieve Zauke, Sadie Burchette, Jack Getz, Ivy Taufer, Heidi Geist, Jackson Zimmerman, Bennett Richrath, Wynn Peterson, Abel Chaney, Monroe Dunham, Micah Gorshe, Adeline Kupferschmid, Kamp Wagenbach, Estelle Hamer, Leya Buckley, Josie Neukomm, Ruby Levy, Caroline Cook, Rose Mettelmann, Chelsea Cushman, Jovie Washburn, Joey Juda, Palmer Gaskill, Jeremiah Julien, Sydney Sturdavant, Oliver Horton, Cameron Phillips, Joel Henry, Hazel LeVar, Charlie Thomas, Belle Petrov, Olivia Harper, Jon Joos, Connor Rice, Gracie Nash, Sadie Burchette, Kyree Nesbit, Jovie Washburn, Mason Sheets.

First Grade: Dylan Stephens, Henry Fleeer, Hadley Erickson, Liam Drake, Noah Guetschow, Kolbie Klopfenstein, Abigail Gosteli, Meghan Mulconrey, Kenzie Overcash, Bennett Louwers, Tytus Wainright, Karsyn Turner, Juliet Westbrook, Gage Garber, Lorelei Zimmerman, Karson Wright, Cyrus Rabe.

Second Grade: Otto Geist, Lily Hopkins
Tessa Bozarth, Charley Wagenbach, Lucy Lowder, Chrystalblue Fagerburg, Madeline McLaughlin, Parker Johnson, Zovi Sharum, Ella Geist, Blake Neptun, Chase Cotton, Alivia Sutton, Micah Wilmarth, Cordelia Roath, Layton Strohkirsch, Joshua Schuler, Zachary Klockkenga, Jaxon Hayes, Job Farrell, Sydney Peterson, Liam Kraft, Ashton Mucciante, Grant Herring, Tad Johnson, Wyatt Smith, Grayson Fritz, Reid Kruchten, Henry Johnson, Penny Nowlan, Dominik Stetzler, Tripp Linville.

Third Grade: Daphna Stickling, Jerry Coulter, Bentley Myers, Charlie Klopfenstein, Evan Gosteli, Matthew Klockkenga, Nora Mettelmann, Briggs Overcash, Elowen Knoblauch, Delaney Zimmerman, EJ Simpkins, Ashton Williamson-Conklin, Liam Hoelscher, Madyson Strenzel.

Fourth Grade: Brendan Kiddy, Mariska Walter, Layton Kaluza, Reese Warning, Mark Knapp, Iris Ritchie, Everly Brown, Anna Werries, Miles Greene, Olivia Myers, Payton Johnson, Colton Huff, Anna Beeney, Cruz Mueller, Ruxin Higgs, Lilli Zielsdorf, Ellie Mergen, Ina

Underwood, Abryna Odari, Colton Wertz, Clara Striegel, James Whalen, Ben Volpert, Rhet Taufer, Quinn Roehm, AJ Johnson
Tytus Linville, Fisher Roehm, Allison Walraven, Peyt Malson, Rose Smith, Simon McGee, Addie Allen, Abryna Odari.

Fifth Grade: Jemma Farrell, Ryan Schelkopf, Nolan Shepherdson, Carly Babin, Raegan Miller, Luke Geyer, Bryce Frank, Reese Chapin, Emi Brown, Clayton Leutchenberg, Victoria Johnson, Olivia Brooks, Jocelyn Hauter, Brooklynn Chan, Taryn McCarty, Kate Gronewold.

Sixth Grade: Owen Watts, Adian Roseony, Keegan Wright, Aidan Couri, Piper Wagenbach, Asher Stickling, Kaiden Nelson.

*In October, we will be focusing specifically on demonstrating **empathy towards others**. In our daily Morning Assemblies, we will be learning about the different ways that we can show empathy towards one another.*



News from Mrs. Molly Winker. 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/>.

As we approach the second quarter of the school year, our staff will begin focusing on

addressing behavioral and emotional support needs through the completion of a universal social emotional screener. The screener is a short survey that will be completed each year in the fall, winter, and spring by teachers in an effort to identify students who may benefit from Response to Intervention (RTI) support in the area of social emotional learning (SEL). SEL is the process through which children acquire the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to recognize and manage their emotions, demonstrate care and concern for others, establish positive relationships, make responsible decisions, and handle challenging situations constructively. As a district, our hope is to provide students with the tools they need to grow their self-confidence and unlock their academic potential. For those who are identified through the SEL screening process at the end of this month, there are four RTI services that are available;

Check In/Check Out: An intervention that is used to help students develop a relationship with a staff member in an effort to decrease behaviors (i.e. Blurting out, Focus). CI/CO includes increased prompts for appropriate behavior, increased adult feedback, increased daily structure, and increased feedback to families about their child's behavior.

Skill-building Group: Small groups of students that meet weekly with student support personnel (social worker, psychologist) to target specific skills such as: self-awareness, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making.

Peer Mentoring: Opportunities to learn and engage with peers, such as specific group meetings where students learn and support one another in relation to a specific skill (i.e. a friendship group).

Individualized Classroom Supports: Various classroom supports to help enhance social awareness such as flexible seating, visual boundaries, break cards, social stories, fidgets, and personal space.

If you have any questions about social emotional learning or the universal screening process, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or our School Psychologist, Melissa Kerber-Long (Melissa.Kerber-Long@mcusd709.org).

Mrs. Molly Winkler, MSW
School Social Worker

**Information from Jennifer Cook,
Lincoln School Nurse:**



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 Friday, 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 Monday, October 18th. Please note that Morton CUSD 709 will no longer accept appointment cards for scheduled appointments after the 10/15/21 deadline. Letters have been sent home to those families whose students were missing required records. Please contact Nurse Jen Cook, school nurse, if you have questions. Thank you for taking care of this promptly.



Daily Morning Assembly Begins with the First Bell at 8:10 am

We are now starting Morning Assembly at 8:10 am (first bell). Starting a few minutes earlier allows us to get students to their classrooms closer to 8:20 am and get our day started. Students who arrive after 8:10 am still enter the gym for Assembly, then join their class to exit the gym when Assembly is over.



Important October Dates

Mon., 10/11: Columbus Day-No School

Tues., 10/12: Math and Reading Challenge after school; Vision and Hearing Re-Screenings

Wed., 10/13: First Grade Field Trip to Ackerman Farms in PM

Thurs., 10/14: 6th Grade Musical at Bertha Frank/MHS at 6:30 pm (students will travel by bus to rehearse at BF on Wednesday and Thursday during the school day)

Fri., 10/15: End of First Quarter; 11:55 am Dismissal (no lunch served); Sixth Grade Field Trip to Northwoods Park at 9 am; Online PT Conference Sign Up Forms close online today

Mon., 10/18: Follett Book Fair Week begins; 5th/6th Choir (MEC) Concert at Grace Church at 6:30 pm

Tues., 10/19: Math and Reading Challenge after school

Wed., 10/20: Report Cards Distributed

Thurs., 10/21 and Fri., 10/22: No School for Parent Teacher Conferences (in person); Book Fair open in Library during PT Conferences

Mon., 10/25:
Red Ribbon Week begins

Tues., 10/26: Math and Reading Challenge after school

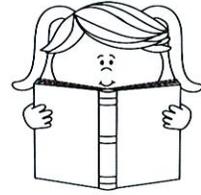
Fri., 10/29: Annual Halloween Costume Parade and Halloween parties (more information to follow)

Sat., 10/30: Halloween Spooktacular for children infant-4th grade at MJHS from 6-8 pm

Reading Newsletter

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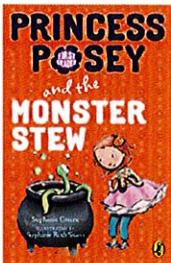
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Book Spotlight

Princess Posey and the Monster Stew

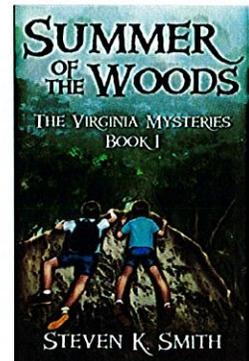
(Grades K-2)



Halloween is right around the corner and Princess Posey is super excited to have a party with her first grade classmates and go trick-or-treating. But sometimes Halloween tricks are scary. When Posey's teacher announces that they're going to have monster stew at their party, she's more than a little nervous. But in true Princess Posey fashion, she dons her sparkly tutu and realizes that being a little scared with friends can be much fun!

Summer of the Woods The Virginia Mysteries Book 1

(Grades 3-6)



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When young brothers Derek and Sam move with their family to Virginia, they have no idea what adventures the summer will bring. They explore their creaky old house and the deep surrounding woods, they uncover a sixty-year-old mystery of a valuable coin collection stolen from the local museum. Join the boys as they spend their summer running from danger and searching the woods, secret caves, rushing waters, and hidden passageways for treasure and the rare 1877 Indian Head cent coin!

Growth as a Reader

October brings all things fall - which at school means the end of first quarter and Parent-Teacher Conferences! As a parent, you will receive information about your child's reading progress this month. Whether your child is reading below or above grade level, the important thing to look for is growth. This can be hard to see in reading, but there are a few key measures you can look for:

1. *Stamina* - Can your child sit and read for an extended period of time?
2. *Fluency* - Listen to your child read out loud and help them use intonation and phrasing to make their reading voice sound more like their speaking voice
3. *Questioning* - Does your child ask questions about what they are reading?
4. *Book Variety* - Is your child reaching for a variety of books instead of sticking with the same author, series, or genre?
5. *Vocabulary* - Has your child's vocabulary changed based on the books they've read?



Lincoln School PTO News and Views

October 2021

Hello Lincoln Families!

What fun we had in September! Our New Family Dinner was a great success. Thank you Kymber Poppins and Holly Levy! We also enjoyed the return of the Pumpkin Festival and celebrated a fantastic Day of Awesomeness. Thanks to Stacy Litersky and all our awesome volunteers for making that a great experience for our students. It's hard to believe it is already October!

We have much to look forward to this month. Now is the time for **ordering new spirit wear**. It is a tradition to wear Lincoln or Potter attire on Fridays. This is a great opportunity to grab something new. We also have our **Coat Drive for BACE going on this week, October 4-8**. This is a great way to serve our community. Finally, our **Follett Book Fair will be open October 18-22**, it is open for online ordering now. Our October teacher luncheon will be during parent/teacher conferences and is provided by the PTO. The November luncheon will be provided by 5th grade families. Liking the Lincoln Facebook page is another great way to stay informed. We often post information, reminders and specific volunteer needs.

You can join our volunteer list anytime by scanning the sign up code. Anytime volunteer needs arise we ask those on our list first, before reaching out to the general Lincoln public. Our 5th-6th grade girls have really been enjoying volleyball club and chess club will be starting up before too long. I know our younger students would enjoy after school activities as well. Please consider leading an after school class or club. We just need willing parents, I can help you work out the details.

Our next PTO meeting, and final meeting of 2021, is November 1st. We meet in the south vestibule, by the gym and we offer free 6th grade babysitters. Masks will be required. Attending meetings is a great way to stay connected and to keep up with all that's going on with PTO.

As I've said before PTO needs volunteers like you to provide awesome experiences for our students throughout the year.

Thank you!

Natalie Friend, PTO President
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**WE
NEED
YOU**

PTO is looking for the following roles to be filled immediately – please help us if you can!

- Leaders/Teachers for After School Adventures
- An assistant for Erin Jones this year, to take over Hospitality Committee and teacher luncheons next school year
- Volunteer Coordinator for the Carnival in March

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EVENTS

Upcoming PTO Important Dates:

October 4-8	Coat Drive for BACE
October 18-22	Book Fair
Nov 1	PTO Meeting 7 pm

*Spirit Wear Online Ordering Coming Soon- look for an email to order. Orders will be ready mid-November!



Lincoln School PTO's StepItUp! FUNdraiser 2021-22

A huge thank you to all of our volunteers who helped at this year's Day of Awesomeness! We are grateful to each of you! We had a beautiful day of central Illinois weather to celebrate our Lincoln PTO fundraising successes! Thank you to everyone who contributed once again!

The Kona Ice truck will be at Lincoln once a month on early out days! A percentage of the purchases will go back to Lincoln School.

October 6
November 3
December 1
February 2
March 2
April 6
May 4

B.A.C.E. Coat Drive

Oct 4th – 8th

It's that time of year again; time to clean out those closets and donate your *new or gently used coats* to kids here in Morton! Lincoln School PTO is hosting the B.A.C.E. Coat Drive October 4th-8th. Please send coats to school with your child. Collection boxes will be located inside the main doors across from the office.

B.A.C.E. (Before & After School Christian Experience) is a non-profit, non-government funded organization that provides rides to and from school, tutoring, a Bible lesson, play time, snacks, bags of groceries, etc.! B.A.C.E., located in the back of the Morton Roller Rink, is directed by Gayle Westbrook. The following coats are specifically needed for B.A.C.E. However, any new or gently used coats (no rips, stains, broken zippers etc...) would be welcome! Extra coats are donated to local charities.



Sizes/quantity needed for B.A.C.E

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
Size 7-8 (4)	Size 8 (2)
Size 10 (2)	Size 12 (2)
Size 12 (2)	Size 14/16 (1)

Lincoln will accept coats until October 15th – please help keep kids warm this winter!



IT'S ALMOST BOOK FAIR TIME!!!



October 18th – 22nd

**FOLLETT GIFT CARDS
MUST BE USED BY
OCTOBER 22ND OR THEY
WILL EXPIRE**

To shop the Book Fair online

<https://efairs.follettbookfairs.com>

eFair Code: WRG89

**Watch for Volunteer
Opportunities on the
Lincoln FB page!
Get 20% off your book
order as a thank you!**

Proceeds from the book fair earns FREE BOOKS for Lincoln Teacher classrooms and the school library!