

February 2023 From The Principal's Desk

Dear Lincoln Families,

Happy February! February is the shortest month of the year...yet it is a very busy month for our Lincoln staff, students and families! We have kicked off our Gameball Run fundraising activities with Coin Wars and are excited about our other fundraising activities ahead of the 2023 Gameball Run on February 9th. This month we will also host our Literati Book Fair and welcome families and guests for our Open House on February 16th. Our 4th and 5th graders will present their recorder and chimes concerts later on in February. It's a busy, busy month!!

Gameball Run 2023 is just around the corner! We had an exciting week of Coin Wars two weeks ago with a back and forth "battle" among many grades for most of the week! In the end, our 6th grade students collected the most points and won the competition. The third graders finished in second place, and the second graders came in third place. We finished with just over \$9,600 for the four day collection, which is just an incredible total! That was about \$1500 more than we collected in last year's Coin Wars total! Simply amazing! Thank you to everyone who contributed in some way! PTO will provide our sixth graders with dessert at lunch later this month, while our second and third grade students will receive an additional recess outside...once it warms up a bit!

What's still to come for Gameball Run:

-Pop-A-Shot Days during PE-Thursday, 2/2 and Friday, 2/3: For a \$2 donation, a student can shoot baskets for 30 seconds. Our PTO volunteers will document the number of shots made. Students making 10 or more shots will have their name go into a drawing for a prize, while the boy and girl at each grade level with the most number of made baskets will win a prize as well. Students can shoot more than one time on each day, as time allows. They will have an opportunity to do this during their PE time.

-Gameball Run Run Day at MHS-Thursday, 2/9: The run begins at 4 pm. Students can meet the Lincoln staff and other students on the field at approximately 3:45 pm for a group picture. The run begins at 4 pm and students will be able to walk or run on the track from 4-5 pm. There will be concessions available for purchase. Run or walk for as long or as short as you wish once the event begins. Be sure to make sure your child wears his/her bib in order to be on the track and for the free popcorn coupon on the bib!

-Gameball Run Game Day-Friday, 2/10: Wear your Gameball Run purple t-shirt to school on Friday in support of the Gameball Run Game. Wearing this shirt to the boys basketball game at MHS on Friday night also gets you into the game for free!

We look forward to seeing you and your family later on this month at our Lincoln School Open House on Thursday, February 16th from 6-7:30 pm. Stop by anytime with

your family between that time to see your child's classroom, visit other areas of the school and shop at our Literati Book Fair in the cafeteria.

We've made it to the 100th Day of School (on January 27th)! We continue to be grateful for your continued support, flexibility and diligence in keeping healthy kids in school and for your understanding of those situations when quarantines are required, which fortunately has not been very often. Let's continue to work together to make 2023 a memorable year for all our students!

Mrs. Julie Horchem, Principal

A Note From the Assistant Principal

Hello, February! February is a short but mighty month! We look forward to Gameball Run, Open House, and the 4th and 5th grade music program. We spent the last month discussing growth mindset and the power of yet! I was able to read *The Magical Yet* by Angela DiTerlizzi. I hope you are all staying warm and enjoying winter activities with your family. Spring is going to be here before you know it!

Mrs. Michelle Peterson, Assistant Principal

Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

February 2023



WINTER WEATHER DRESS REMINDERS FOR RECESS

The students go outside for recess when the temperature (factoring in windchill) is above ten degree Fahrenheit. It's important, even in colder weather, for

our students to get outside, exert some energy and get some fresh air. Recess is about 15-20 minutes long (a little less by the time the students get their cold weather gear on!), and we try to get our students outside as much as the weather allows. We do allow students to play in the snow on occasion; students will need to have snow pants and snow boots (not fashion boots) to play in the snow. Students should bring a different pair of shoes to wear during the day (and for PE) and change into their boots for recess. It is important that children are appropriately dressed for outside play; please make sure that your child has

cold weather clothing-coats (with zippers that work), hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, snow boots, snow pants-so that they can play outside on cold weather days and stay warm while they are outside! We appreciate your help!

SPELLING BEE CHAMPION IS CROWNED!!

Congratulations to fourth grader **MATTHEW KLOKKENGA** for winning the 2023 Lincoln School Spelling Bee by correctly spelling the word hematology. Sixth grader **LAINY BARRICK** (who was last year's Lincoln Spelling Bee Champion), put up a good fight for many rounds to secure the runner-up position this year. Matthew and Lainy will represent Lincoln School at the District Spelling Bee on February 7th at 3:30 PM at Bertha Frank. Come cheer them on! All of the contestants impressed the audience as they spelled some challenging words that would stump many adults! Thank you to Mrs. Knepp, our coordinator and to our judges: Mrs. Dalberg, Mrs. Turner & Mrs. Westbrook.



Seated: Jayden H., Emerson S., Brendan K., Lainy B., Matthew K., Emma B.
Standing: Eli H., Lewis Z., EJ S., Estelle Y., Juliana B., Thomas C., Christian W., Nathaneal U., Logan F., Rylan J., Ryker B.





ROAR!

The following students were caught in the months of December and January for following our ROAR expectations. Our students can be caught by any adult in the building for being responsible, on target, acting like a leader or being respectful. Congratulations to these students!

Kindergarten: Aiden S., Maya S., Laina W., Jaxon H., Blaze Z., Nora R., Tucker S., Eden L., Blair B., Savannah W., Asher J., Jack D., Timmy M., Dru M., Abree K., David F., Daxton S., McKenna G., Bryleigh F., Grant J., Blayre C., Mila C., Cooper J., Esther S., Jacob G., Lauren M., Bennett H., Max M., Cohen I., Isla H., Jackson O., Jack C., Laurel W., Stormy T., Ezekiel B. and Kam W.

First Grade: Asher S., Monroe D., Connor R., Quinn H., Dawson G., Sloane B., Palmer G., Kamp W., Evelyne C., Judah S., Charlie T., Belle P., Maeve S., Kendall W., Jessup K., Logan F., Charlie T., Geneva Z., Grayson S., Chloe Y., Genevieve Z., Evie H., Macoy S., Bennett R., Ivy T., Micah G., Lucas G., Sadie B., Nora R., Auburn K., Elliot H., Caroline C., Beckett R., Wynn P., Jovie W., Evelyn R., Cam P., Jackson Z., Brinley L., Stella H., Jacob L., Rose M., Olivia H., Chloe J., Monroe D., Sydney S., Jack G., Ruby L., Charlie M., Hayden L., Sydney P., Rylie C., Mason S., Emmett W., Jeremiah J., Barrett K., Lizzy H., Paisley C. and Christian F.

Second Grade: Tytus W., Juliet W., Owen B., Elliot K., Henry H., Halle W., Grayson V., Elisa H., Dylan S., Evalyn C., Jimmy M., Adelaide B., Sam G., Meghan M., Karsyn T., Reed S., Finn

S., Nina H., Karson W., Peter G., Titus G., Kensington B., Nicholas K., Lauren B., Henry F., Harper F., Will J., Aria M., Gage G., Natalya D., Jalyn M., Elsie S., Brody T., Kaden B., Nora S., Finn S., Maddox M. and McKenzlee W.

Third Grade: Lauren H., Palmer H., Zachary K., Grace P., Miles D., Henry J., Ty A., Layton S., Elsie R., Grace M., Colin P., Jase L., Berkley A., Livie M., Penny N., Jack H., Lauren H., Oliver A., Grayson F., Mason S., Eryn D., Griffin A., Liam K., Ashton M., Elena C., Colin P., Deagan R., Berkley A., Madeline M., Hud C., Brynn C., Jaxson H., Job F., Hadley S., Macie F., Griffin A., Alex S., Josh S., Brandon H., Bella L., Jordan M., Dominik S. and Naomi S.

Fourth Grade: Madyn B., Stevie C., Hunter D., Landon K., Aubree J., Charlotte V., John H., Madison S., EJ S., Elowen K., Jake R., Scarlet C., Jerry T., Rosie H., Carter B., Mila R., Charlie K., Daphna S., Levi P., Matthew K., Liam H., Ezra G., Karis L., Klair B., Easton R., Jayden H., Mason S. and Tripp Y.

Fifth Grade: Reid M., Shane R., James K., Payton J., Emma B., Isaac C., Ruxin H. and Fisher R.



News from Lincoln School Nurse Jen Cook

Even though it's only February, it's not too soon to be thinking about the next school

year. Nurse Jen wants to remind all parents of our Kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grade students that dental exams are due to be turned in by May 15th, 2023. Most of these required exams have been turned in, but there are still a few students who need to submit their dental exams.

She'd also like to remind parents to be looking ahead to next year...

-1st grade parents can turn in a dental exam dated after November 15th, 2022 to use for their student's 2nd grade dental exam.

-5th grade parents can turn in a dental exam dated after November 15th, 2022 to use for their student's 6th grade dental exam. They can also turn in a completed school physical dated on or after August 11th, 2022 for their student's 6th grade physical exam. Incoming 6th grade students must also have up to date immunizations including a Tdap and a Meningitis vaccine after age 11.

All forms can be emailed to jennifer.cook@mcusd709.org

5 Essentials Survey Available for Parents and Caregivers to Take

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 March 31, 2023.** 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. 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.

For more detailed information on the 5 Essentials:

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

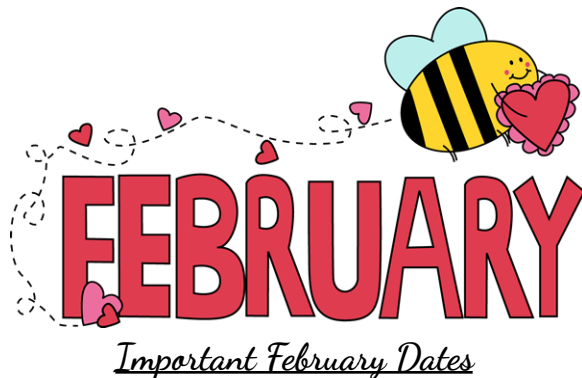
We invite you to take this survey to provide us with meaningful feedback about your experiences with Lincoln Elementary School. We will use this information to help improve the educational services and experiences we provide your students and for those students yet to attend Lincoln Elementary School.

Students in 4th-6th grades will take the survey here at school on their student iPads.

We will be taking the survey with our students in February.

The link for parents to take the survey is:
<http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/surv>

[ey/parent/](#). We thank you in advance for your participation in this survey. Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Horchem should you have additional questions.
(All families received this information in an email last week).



Wed., 2/1: 11:55 am Dismissal; Sucre Sweet Trolley here to sell hot chocolate and chocolate chip cookie dough at dismissal; percentage of sales goes to PTO

Thurs., 2/2 and Fri., 2/3: Pop-A-Shot fundraiser for Gameball Run during PE classes (see enclosed flyer)

Thurs., 2/2:
-3rd-6th grade Read Aloud Club 2:45-3:30 pm

Mon., 2/6: Lincoln PTO Meeting at 7 pm in South Vestibule; child care provided by 6th graders

Tues., 2/7:
-Reading/Math Second Semester Challenge begins 2:45-4:00 pm
-District 709 Spelling Bee at Bertha Frank at 3:30 pm; Good Luck Matthew Klokenga and Lainy Barrick!
-Board of Education Meeting at District Office at 5:30 pm

Wed., 2/8:
-Pre School Developmental Screenings at District Office
-Chess Club (Group 1) 2:45-3:45 pm

Thurs., 2/9: Gameball Run Run Day at MHS; run begins at Carper Field at 4 pm

Fri., 2/11:
-Third Quarter Mid-Term
-Gameball Run Game Day! Wear your Gameball Run shirts to school; wear shirts to boys' basketball game at MHS that night for free entrance to game
-Chess Club (Group 2) 2:45-4 pm

Mon., 2/13:
-Literati Book Fair begins
-Student Ambassadors to deliver valentines to Brandon Wood Retirement Center after school

Tues., 2/14:
-Valentine's Day parties (teachers will let parents know of party start time for their class)
-Sixth graders to Potter's Alley 12:15-2:25 pm
-Reading/Math Second Semester Challenge 2:45-4:00 pm

Wed., 2/15:
-Chess Club (Group 1) 2:45-3:45 pm

Thurs., 2/16:
-3rd-6th grade Read Aloud Club 2:45-3:30 pm
-Lincoln School Open House 6-7:30 pm
-Literati Book Fair ends after Open House

Fri., 2/17:
-Chess Club (Group 2) 2:45-4 pm

Mon., 2/20: No School for President's Day

Tues., 2/21:
-Reading/Math Second Semester Challenge 2:45-4:00 pm
-School Board Meeting at District Office at 7 pm

Wed., 2/22:
-Chess Club (Group 1) 2:45-3:45 pm (Last one)

Thurs., 2/23:

- PTO Luncheon Day (hosted by 2nd grade parents)
- 3rd-6th grade Read Aloud Club 2:45-3:30 pm

Fri., 2/24:

- Chess Club (Group 2) 2:45-4 pm (Last one)

Tues., 2/28:

- 4th and 5th graders to Bertha Frank (by bus) for program rehearsal during the school day
- Reading/Math Second Semester Challenge 2:45-4:00 pm
- 4th grade Recorder Concert at Bertha Frank at 6:30 pm
- 5th grade Chimes Concert at Bertha Frank at 7:15 pm

Planning Ahead for March:

- Lincoln School Carnival-Friday, March 10th

GAMEBALL RUN



MORTON POTTERS BASKETBALL

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FULL SERVICE WINDOW & DOOR REPLACEMENT

LINCOLN'S

POP-A-SHOT

Gameball Run Fundraiser

WHEN: Thursday, February 2nd & Friday, February 3rd

Students choosing to participate will have the SHOT during their PE class

COST: \$2 FOR 30 SECONDS AT THE HOOP

Students may pay to have multiple turns as time allows.

Cash or checks payable to Children's Hospital of Illinois will be accepted.

Additional donations are always welcome!

Anyone who makes 10 baskets in 30 seconds will be entered into a drawing to win a prize at the end of the each day (one prize for Thursday shooters and one prize for Friday shooters).

Person with highest number of baskets at each grade level will win a prize!



MORTON



Care  U

709 PRESENTS:

Welcome

Andrew McPeak

All caregivers are encouraged to join us for a presentation on guiding our children through conflict resolution, friendships and technology

February 13th

3:15-4:45 PM 709 Staff Focus

6-7:30 PM Caregiver Focus

Bertha Frank Auditorium

Please
Join us!!!



Lincoln PTO NEWSLETTER



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023



a quick note

SO MANY THINGS! Please read closely so you don't miss anything. We are in the midst of Gameball Run activities. Coin Wars was competitive and unbelievably successful. Our families raised a whopping \$9,600 in 4 days!!! But it's not over... please consider purchasing a shirt, joining the run at Carper Field and cheering on [Colton Wertz](#) with the final check presentation at the Friday night game.

It's a busy time but also a time to look ahead. We are looking to elect two new PTO board members, **President** and **Secretary**, each for a 2 year term. This is open to anyone with a student at Lincoln through June 2025. Please click the link below to submit your name or maybe the name of someone you think would be a great fit for one of these positions!

Natalie Friend

UPCOMING Events

Feb 1 – Early Out Day with

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☞ SWEETS AND SOCIALS ☞
choc chip cookie dough & hot chocolate



Feb 2 & 3 – Pop-A-Shot
(Gameball Run Fundraiser)

Feb 9 – Gameball Run RUN

Feb 10 – Gameball Run GAME

Feb 13-17 – Book Fair

Feb 16 – Open House

Feb 23 – Teacher Luncheon

March 1 – Early Out **KONA ICE**

March 10 – Carnival

March 13-17 – Aide Appreciation Week

Hospitality COMMITTEE

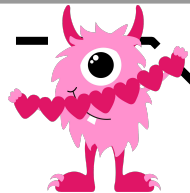
Thank you to third grade families for hosting the teacher and staff brunch in January!

Second grade families will host a pasta bar luncheon on Thursday, February 23rd. Look for a sign up email early in February.

Many Thanks!

KyMBER Poppins
elsenpeterkyMBER@gmail.com

Looking AHEAD



The annual carnival is March 10th. Please see the attached flyer and mark your calendars!



Our Winter Book Fair is the same week as Open House. Online ordering is already open. [Click Here!](#) Gift cards can be used online or in person. Any orders placed online will be delivered after the conclusion of the fair.

Volunteer OPPORTUNITIES

- ★ [February Book Fair](#)
- ★ [PTO President & Secretary Positions 2023-2025](#)





CARNIVAL KITCHEN

We are looking forward to our Hawaiian themed Lincoln School Carnival. We know this seems like a ways off, but we are already making preparations!

Like past years, we'll be serving snacks, supper, and offering a popcorn stand. The kitchen is a fun & busy environment on the carnival night.

Please be on the lookout for a Volunteer signup email from us. We so appreciate you & your willingness to help on this fun-filled night!

Gratefully Yours,
The Kitchen Crew
Joy Clauson & Jennifer Greene



CARNIVAL BASKET RAFFLE

We're in full swing getting ready for the Spring Carnival. Classroom themes have been chosen! Check with your teacher if you are unsure of your theme.



Please have all contributions to classrooms by **Friday, February 17th** to allow plenty of time for assembly. Donations need to be new, store bought, or hand crafted. You can ask other parents to pool money together for something big. No time to shop? Send in a check made payable to Lincoln School PTO with "Baskets/Your Child's Classroom" in the memo, and we will do the shopping for you! If you'd like to donate extra baskets, bins, or decorative containers; we'd love to use them.

Parents of Lincoln Students: Please contact Nico Drake (217-766-6713 / ndrake25@yahoo.com) or Katie Smith (309-267-0449 / katiesmith528@gmail.com) if you own a business and would like to make a donation OR if you have connections to a sports team, entertainment venue, shop, or restaurant and can get gifts, tickets, gift cards, etc.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The Carnival Basket Committee



The Spring Carnival is one of the biggest events of the school year and one that is highly anticipated by our students. The **ONLY** way we can pull this off year after year is through you, our parents!

Sign ups will be sent out mid-February via emails and Facebook posts. We will need kitchen volunteers, game supervisors, popcorn poppers, decorators, clean-up crew, cake walk donations, basket preppers, ticket counters and more!

If you can't wait until March and would like to get involved now, contact Kymber Poppins @ elsenpeterkymber@gmail.com.





February Morton Elementary Lunch



Elem Lunch \$ 2.80

Milk \$ 0.60

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
		Half Day Meals	Corn Dog Sweet Corn Vegetable of the Day Fruit of the Day	Turkey Sausage Pizza Smiley Fries Vegetable of the Day Fruit of the Day
6	7	8	9	10
Chicago Style All Beef Hot Dog Baked Beans Vegetable of the Day Fruit of the Day	"Say Cheese" Toasted Sandwich- V Tomato Soup Vegetable of the Day Fruit of the Day	Chicken Mashed Potato Bowl w/ Gravy Dinner Roll Vegetable of the Day Fruit of the Day	Sloppy Joe on a Bun Steamed Broccoli Vegetable of the Day Fruit of the Day	Cheese Beef Quesadillas Seasoned Black Beans Vegetable of the Day Fruit of the Day
13	14	15	16	17
Pizza Dippers w/ Marinara Sauce Mixed Vegetables Vegetable of the Day Fruit of the Day	Cheesy Pasta Bake w/ Garlic Bread Green Peas Vegetable of the Day Fruit of the Day	Chicken & Waffle Honey Chipotle Sweet Potatoes Vegetable of the Day Fruit of the Day	Western BBQ Cheeseburger Baked Fries Vegetable of the Day Fruit of the Day	Walking Taco Nachos Seasoned Black Beans Vegetable of the Day Fruit of the Day
20	21	22	23	24
Presidents' Day No School	Homemade Cheese Quesadilla- V Fiesta Beans Vegetable of the Day Fruit of the Day	Homemade Mac N' Cheese Garlic Bread Seasoned Green Beans Vegetable of the Day Fruit of the Day	Chicken Corn Dog Sweet Corn Vegetable of the Day Fruit of the Day	Pepperoni Pizza Garlic Roasted Carrots Vegetable of the Day Fruit of the Day
27	28			
Crispy Chicken w/ Biscuit Steamed Carrots Celery Sticks Fruit of the Day	Chicago Style All Beef Hot Dog Vegetarian Beans Broccoli Florets Fruit of the Day			

Da ily Op ti ons

**Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
Sun Butter and Jelly Sandwich**

**Monday-Juicy Cheeseburger
Tuesday-Crispy Chicken Nuggets
w/ Goldfish Wednesday-Cheesy
Beef Nachos Thursday-Crispy
Chicken Sandwich
Friday-Cheese Pizza**

Now Hiring For Food Service Positions

**Contact Brooke
Snell at
309-284-6320**

Arbor A+ Nutrition Mission To serve students daily:

- ✓ A wide variety of fresh, nutrient rich foods
- ✓ Fresh fruits and vegetables, locally sourced as seasonally available
- ✓ Cage free poultry with no added hormones or steroids
- ✓ Fresh whole and multigrain bread, buns and baked goods
- ✓ No-fat or 1% milk free from any growth hormones from local, sustainable farms

-Arbor Management-

Make Choices for a Healthy Lifestyle!



For more
information or to
"Ask the Dietitian",
check out our website!

Please note: Due to national supply chain disruptions and shortages, we may have to make changes to our menus with little or no notice. Please know that we are doing our best to serve meals as planned. Substitution of menu items will be communicated. We apologize in advance and thank you for understanding!

This institution is an equal opportunity employer.

*Contains or may contain pork

V= Vegetarian

Included with Every Meal

**Fruit and Vegetable
Choice of Milk**