



March 2022

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Lincoln School Families,

Happy March! The first day of March 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 the FOURTH QUARTER!! The fourth quarter officially begins on Monday, March 13th, with third quarter report cards being distributed on Friday, March 17th. We will have an 11:55 am dismissal on Friday, March 10th to mark the end of the quarter.

We are excited for the return to our annual PTO School Carnival on Friday, March 10th from 5-8 pm. We are looking forward to the games, inflatables, food, basket raffles and FUN of our school carnival. Our Carnival Chairpersons, Kymber Poppins and Emily Skidmore have been working hard with our carnival committees (Food-Jennifer Greene, Joy Clauson and Susan Nichols ; Baskets-Lauren Middleton and Nico Drake; Volunteers-Devon White) to plan an amazing event for all of our Lincoln families. Thank you so much for your donations to our classroom baskets...they are always so incredible!! Please be on the lookout for an information packet coming home from our PTO with basket descriptions, food/pricing, wristband purchase information, game locations, etc.

If you have not had a chance to complete the 5Essentials Survey, we ask for your help in completing this survey to provide feedback about your family's experiences at Lincoln Elementary School: Link for parents to take the survey:

<http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>. We thank you for your input!!

Please be sure to take time to read this month's newsletter with information about 3rd-6th grade IAR Testing which takes place this month, pre-registration information for incoming kindergarten students, Lincoln School Week at Culver's and the upcoming Aide Appreciation Week at Lincoln. We have four weeks to go until Spring Break, and they are going to be very busy weeks!

We are always grateful for your continued support of our teachers and staff and your partnership in your child's education at Lincoln. We appreciate you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Julie Horchem, Principal

A Note From our Assistant Principal

Hello, March! We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the Lincoln School Carnival. Thank you for all of your basket donations! I am always amazed by the continued support of our Lincoln families. Hopefully, spring will arrive soon, and we can look forward to warmer days. We had a blast celebrating with our ticket winners for February. Our students worked hard to be caught for being kind. It has been so much fun celebrating each month's trait with a celebration.

Mrs. Michelle Peterson, Assistant Principal

Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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Kindergarten Pre-Registration is Coming Soon!

It's already time to start planning for the 2023-2024 school year! One of the first tasks in the new school year planning is pre-registering our incoming Kindergarten students for school this spring. This year, we will again hold our Screening and Round Up in early August after registration. Soon, we will be asking the parents of children who will be attending kindergarten in August 2023 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, 2023.

Steps for our incoming kindergarten parents:

1. Please complete the Google Registration Form WHEN it is made available to our families. (The form is coming soon!!)
2. In May, elementary principals will review the pre-registration forms to determine building placement for the pre-registered students.
3. In June, students who have pre-registered by May 15th will receive a Welcome to Kindergarten letter that indicates your child's anticipated school placement. Parents will then receive an email with directions for setting up your parent access to the PowerSchool Portal.

4. On Thursday, August 3rd, you will attend registration day in person at your neighborhood school to pay your school fees, provide the documents listed below, and sign-up for kindergarten round-up.
5. On Tuesday, August 8th, families that pre-register after the deadline 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.
6. On Thursday, August 10th, you and your child will attend kindergarten round-up at your assigned school.
7. On Monday, August 14th, your child's teacher assignment will be available in PowerSchool.
8. On Wednesday, August 16th, your child will attend his/her first day of school.

Documents you will provide on registration day (August 3rd):

- Original certified birth certificate (must have before your child can start school)
- 3 proofs of residency <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 our office at 309-266-6989 if you have any questions about the kindergarten registration process. 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 March

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 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 March 13th. A specific testing schedule will be determined soon and communicated with 3rd-6th grade parents in the coming days.

Then later in April, our 5th grade students will take the state's science assessment called Illinois Science Assessment (ISA). The assessment changed 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 Mrs. Horchem at julie.horchem@mcusd709.org.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE STUDENTS WHO WERE CAUGHT ROARING IN FEBRUARY 2023!!

Kindergarten: Bennett H., Eve W., Aiden S., Daxton S., Baer N., Carter G., Lucas C., Italia H., Molly M., Chloe Q., Jack D., Max M., Timmy M., Isla H., Eden L., Charlie J., Ezekiel B., Blaze Z., Makenzie C., Cohen I., Grant J., Eddie A., Ben W., Haddie M., Aiden H., Dru B., Kara E.

First Grade: Kamp W., Leya B., Cooper F., Abel C., Joey J., Palmer G., Connor R., Evelyne C., Kendall W., Belle P., Adeline K., Lucas G., Charlie M., Caroline C., Sloane B., Frank T., Emmett C., Paisley C., Hudson L., Emmett W., Scarlett M., Asher S., Estelle H., Barrett K., Chelsea C., Jessup K., Bennett R., Heidi G., Beckett R., Ruby L., Rose M., Wynn P., Maeve S., Dawson G., Jovie W., Elliot H., Jacob L., Mason S., Genevieve Z., Emmett C., Hazel L., Haven A., Christian F., Cam P., Jack G., Leya B., Connor R., Sloane B., Gracie N., Sydney S., Opal R., Brinley L., Josiah V.

Third Grade: Edie M., Micah W., Alex S., Parker J., Charley W., Alivia S., Brandon H., Wyatt S., Amelia P., Jase L., Uriah B., Job F., Oliver A., Adrian B., Ty A., Raymond W., Grant H., Penny N., Eryn D., Naomi S., Madeline M., Bella L., Oliver A., Berkley A., Vincent C., Otto G. Elaina H., Jack H., Henry J., Alison K., Bella L., Lucy L., Preston M., Grace M., Olivia M., Penelope N., Colin P., Elsie R., Deagan R., Joshua S., Hadley S., Layton S., Parker W., Ashton M., Zachary K., Max W., Elena C., Liam K., Lauren H., Hudson C., Ella G., Emmett C., Anna P.

Fifth Grade: Isaac C., Colton W., Aubrey B., Emma B., Reid M.

NICE WORK LIONS!



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, Tracy Fick, Natalie Friend, Sheila Graber, Lynn Greene, Jessica Harding, Nancy LaGrow, Megan Rapp, Sheila Scheck, Rebecca Schelkopf.

Clerical Aide: Laura Hardman

Daily Teacher/Aide Substitute: Rose Paulson

Instructional Aides: Carley Baer, Ana Barnes, Peyton Cook, Rachel Eichorn, Cassandra Grabowski, LuAnn Grimm, Sonya Hillrich, Jamie Hilt, Katie Kraft, Mary Miller, Amy Prince, Sheila Scheck, Staci Leuchtenberg, Cassi Rabe, Kristine Tarter, Brittany Thompson, Janet Weyer, Heidi Zbinden

Recess Aides: Laura Hardman, Lia Kiddy, Hope Mousty (Several of our aides also serve as recess monitors too).

Rtl Intervention Aides: Veronica Hayes, Christine Strelecky

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 IS COMING!!

Each spring, our generous friends at Morton Culver's host a "school week" 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 receives 10% of the sales from their school's week.

Lincoln School Week is Monday, April 10th through Sunday, April 16th.

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 we'll provide for you later this month. 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! Don't forget to eat dinner at Culver's anytime between April 10th-April 16th, present the Lincoln School flyer, and help our school raise funds! Thank you in advance for your support!



Reminders from the Nurse

Nurse Jennifer Cook would like to remind all families that kindergarten, 2nd and 6th graders need to have their current dental exam turned in by May 15th, 2023, if you have not already done so. If you are unsure if you still need to turn in your child's required dental exam please email Nurse Jen at jennifer.cook@mcusd709.org

Also...we are always accepting clothing donations to keep in our clothing supply cabinet for when students have accidents, spill food/milk on their clothes, etc. We especially need clothing donations of boys and girls sweat pants and leggings size 10/12 and smaller, no jeans please. Thanks for checking your closets for these items!

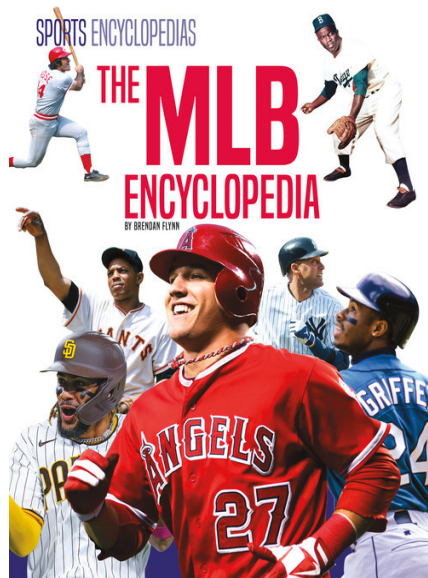


Spring Picture Day is Coming!

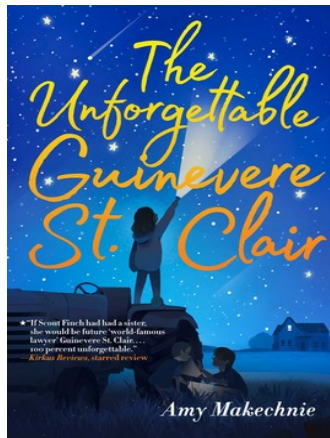
Our Spring Picture Day is Tuesday, March 14th. A form/packet from our school photographer, HR Imaging, will soon be coming home with all students. Payment for pictures is due on our Picture Day, with checks payable to HR Imaging Partners. You are also able to order pictures AFTER picture day, but a late fee may apply. More package options are available at shop.hrimaging.com.

News from Mrs. Poshard, Lincoln School Library Aide

More great new titles that can be found in our library!



Alongside both historic and recent photographs, readers will learn about each MLB team's history, greatest seasons, greatest players, and team records. In addition, the book offers an in-depth introduction about the sport's history, a section on star players, and information on the statistical leaders in various categories.



Guinevere St. Clair is going to be a lawyer. She was the fastest girl in New York City. She knows everything there is to know about the brain. And now that she's living in Crow, Iowa, she wants to ride into her first day of school on a cow named Willowdale Princess Deon Dawn.

But Gwyn isn't in Crow, Iowa, just for royal cows. Her family has moved there, where her parents grew up, in the hopes of jogging her mother Vienna's memory. Vienna can no longer remember anything past the age of thirteen, not even that she has two young daughters. Gwyn's father is obsessed with finding out everything he can to help his wife, but Gwyn's focused on problems that seem a little more within her reach. Like proving that the very strange Gaysie Cutter who lives next door is behind the disappearance of her only friend, Wilbur Truesdale.

Gwyn is sure she can crack the case, but when she does she finds that not all of her investigations lead her to the places she would have expected. In fact they might just lead her to learn about the mother she's been doing her best to forget...



Important March/April/May Dates:

(Adding April and May dates to help with your end of school year planning!)

Mon., 3/6: March PTO Meeting in South Vestibule entrance at 7 pm; child care will be provided

Tues., 3/7: Board of Education Meeting at District Office at 5:30 pm

Thurs., 3/9: 4th-6th Lego Club in Music Room 2:45-3:30 pm; K-2nd grade Read Aloud Club (1) in Library 2:45-3:30 pm

Fri., 3/10: End of 3rd Quarter; 11:55 am Dismissal; PTO School Carnival from 5-8 pm

Sun., 3/12: Daylight Savings Time begins (be sure to turn your clocks ahead when you go to bed on Saturday night!)

Mon., 3/13: Aide Appreciation Week begins at Lincoln; IAR Testing for 3rd-6th grade students begins this week; 3rd Grade Field Trip to Bloomington Center for Performing Arts

Thurs., 3/16: District 709 celebrates Aide Appreciation Day; 5th Grade Manners Luncheon in Bertha Frank Lobby at MHS 11 am; 4th-6th Lego Club in Music Room 2:45-3:30 pm; K-2nd grade Read Aloud Club (1) in Library 2:45-3:30 pm

Fri., 3/17: Happy St. Patrick's Day! 3rd Quarter Report Card and Winter MAP testing results distributed; K-2nd grade Read Aloud Club (2) in Library 2:45-3:30 pm

Thurs., 3/23: PTO Teacher Luncheon (meal provided by first grade parents...thank you!); 4th-6th Lego Club in Music Room 2:45-3:30 pm; K-2nd grade Read Aloud Club (1) in Library 2:45-3:30 pm

Fri., 3/24: K-2nd grade Read Aloud Club (2) in Library 2:45-3:30 pm

Mon., 3/27: Heidi White Memorial Concert at Bertha Frank at 6 pm

Tues., 3/28: Junior High Choir Tour/Demonstration for 6th graders at 8:30 am in the gym;

Thurs., 3/30: 4th-6th Lego Club in Music Room 2:45-3:30 pm; K-2nd grade Read Aloud Club (1) in Library 2:45-3:30 pm

Fri., 3/31: Junior High Band and Orchestra Tour/Demonstrations for 5th and 6th graders at 8:30 am in the gym and cafeteria; K-2nd grade Read Aloud Club (2) in Library 2:45-3:30 pm

Mon., 4/3 - Mon., 4/10: No School-Spring Break

Mon., 4/10-Sun., 4/16: Lincoln School Week at Morton Culver's; flyer to come home soon!

Tues., 4/11: School Resumes; April PTO Meeting in South Entrance vestibule at 7 pm

Wed., 4/12: 11:55 am Dismissal; Kona Ice here

Thurs., 4/13: K-3 Lego Club in Music Room 2:45-3:30 pm

Fri., 4/14: PTO Family BINGO Night! (More information to come!)

Mon., 4/17: Sixth Grade Orientation at MJHS at 6 pm (choose Monday or Tuesday)

Tues., 4/18: Sixth Grade Orientation at MJHS at 6 pm (choose Monday or Tuesday); Board of Education Meeting at District Office at 5:30 pm

Thurs., 4/20: K-3 Lego Club in Music Room 2:45-3:30 pm

Fri., 4/21: Second Grade Field Trip to Gamma Phi Circus at ISU (more info to come)

Thurs., 4/28: PTO Luncheon (meal provided by kindergarten parents...thank you!)

Mon., 5/1: May PTO Meeting at 7 pm; Teacher Appreciation Week begins

Tues., 5/2: Fifth Grade Field Trip to Peoria Symphony (more info to come)

Wed., 5/3: 11:55 am Dismissal; Kona Ice here

Thurs., 5/4: K-3 Lego Club in Music Room 2:45-3:30 pm; 6th Grade Orchestra Concert at HS at 7 pm

Mon., 5/8: Sixth Grade Band Concert at MJHS at 6 pm

Fri., 5/12: Sixth Grade Step Up Day at MJHS

Mon., 5/15: Fifth and Sixth Grade Choir Concert at Grace Church at 6:30 pm

Tues., 5/16: Sixth Grade Field Trip to St. Louis (more info to come)

Wed., 5/17: Fourth Grade Field Trip to Springfield (more info to come)

Thurs., 5/18: PTO Luncheon Day in honor of Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week; Kindergarten End of Year Celebration 6-7:30 pm

Fri., 5/19: Lincoln School Picnic Day (tentative date; more information to come)

Tues., 5/23: Laugh Olympics Day

Wed., 5/24: Last Day of School (tentative); 11:55 am Dismissal

Lincoln PTO NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2023



a quick note

Thank you once again for your support of Gameball Run in February! Lincoln families continue to blow me away.

Our Hawaiian Carnival is this Friday! We still have volunteer slots open, please help make this night a success. The following week is Aide Appreciation Week. Our school wouldn't be the same without the many aides who work in a variety of ways to support our students, teachers and school.

We are still taking nominations for the PTO President and Secretary positions for next year. These roles are crucial to continuing the many ways PTO supports Lincoln school.

Natalie Friend

UPCOMING Events

March 10 - Carnival 5-8PM

March 13-17 - Aide Appreciation Week

March 23 - Teacher Luncheon

April 3-10 - Spring Break

April 11 - April PTO Meeting

April 12 - Early Out with



April 14 - Family BINGO Night

April 26 - Office Staff Appreciation Day

May 1-5 - Teacher Appreciation Week

Hospitality COMMITTEE



Thank you to second grade families for hosting a wonderful pasta bar in February!

First grade families will be hosting a BBQ on March 23. [Click here or scan the QR code above to sign up.](#)

Feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Many Thanks!

KyMBER Poppins
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Looking AHEAD

Family Bingo Night is April 14!



Thank YOU

Thank you for a successful book fair last month and thank you to our volunteers who made it possible. Using fair rewards we were able to boost all of our libraries and donate books to Morton Academy! - *Jessica Harding*

Volunteer OPPORTUNITIES

- ★ [Carnival Sign Up](#)
- ★ [Carnival Kitchen Sign Up](#)
- ★ [Spring Picture Day](#)
- ★ [2023-2025 PTO President & Secretary](#)

