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Lincoln Times

December 2016

MUSIC

Music is off to a great start at Lincoln. Here are some dates to mark on your calendar.

Dec. 1, 2016 - WHS choir and Sunrise Singer concert 7:30 P.M. - WHS auditorium

Feb. 3, 2017 - 5th grade honor choir (8 selected students) 7:00 P.M. - tba

Feb. 21 - 4th grade concert 7:00 P.M. - tba

Mar. 14, 2017 - All school vocal concert (Sunrise Singers) 7:00 P.M. - WHS gym

April 4, 2017 - 3rd grade concert 7:00 P.M. - tba

May 1, 2017 - Sunrise Singer, Beginning band concert 7:00 P.M. - WMS auditorium

Lincoln Box Top Contest



Starting Dec. 1st through Dec. 22, Lincoln will have its first Box Top contest of the year. The classroom that brings in the most Box Tops will receive a \$3.00 coupon for each student to use at the VIP Book Fair in March. The top grade will receive a Popcorn and PJ Day. Use the collections sheet to attach Box Tops from the products you find them on, or put them in baggies or envelopes and bring them to school. Each Box Top is worth ten cents. Check the date on each box top! Expired ones don't count! The Lincoln PTG used the money from these to buy supplies for teachers and other necessary items. Extra collection sheets are available in the office.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Facebook and Twitter

Please like "Lincoln Elementary School" on Facebook to get updates and see pictures of all the great things happening at our school. You can also follow us on Twitter, @LincolnElemWash. Be sure to use #washpride when sharing about events in our school district on Facebook and Twitter.

Absence Line

Just a reminder to call the office if you student is not coming to school for any reason. You may call the main number, 653-3691, after 7:30 or anytime before 8:30 on the absence line, 653-1101. Please include the reason for absence as we code all absences in Powerschool. Thanks for your help!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, Dec. 1 -	WHS Choir and Sunrise Singer Concert 7:30 P.M. - WHS Auditorium
Thursday, Dec. 1 -	Start of Box Top Competition
Friday, Dec. 2 -	GUM DAY
Saturday, Dec. 3 -	Lego League to Ottumwa
Tuesday, Dec. 13 -	Sunrise Singers to Lending Hands, Halcyon House and UP Home
Wednesday, Dec. 14 -	1:10 Dismissal for Professional Growth
Thursday, Dec. 22 -	1:10 Dismissal for Winter Break
Dec. 3 - Jan. 1 -	No School - Winter Break
Monday, Jan. 2 -	No School - Teacher Workday
Tuesday, Jan. 3 -	Classes Resume
Friday, Jan. 6 -	Gum Day

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

Winter weather is coming fast! Because of the cold weather and the possibility of snow in the upcoming months, we ask you to make sure your child is dressed warm for recess. The kids will go outside all winter, unless the temperature drops below zero. A lot of students find themselves very cold because they are not properly equipped for the cold temperatures. Please make sure your child is coming to school with a coat, hat and gloves. Please contact us if your child is in need of any of these items.

We appreciate your help in keeping our students healthy.

Holly Roth RN, BSN
Jessica Nafziger RN
Lincoln School Nurse

MRS. BEENBLOSSOM'S BLOG

http://beenblossoms.blogspot.com/2016_10_01_archive.html

Below is my reflection of Standards Based Grading (SBG).

SBG is about student mastery. What students know and are able to do by the end of the school year. These standards were set by Iowa Core. We, as a school, are still in the learning process. As a building we have chosen priority/power standards, which are reported out to parents. We also collaborate weekly as grade level teams to create common assessments for those priority standards.

"So what if my child receives a 2 but s/he has always been an A student?" Progressing isn't a bad thing. I want to reinforce the fact that these standards are what we want students to know and be able to do at the end of the year. We are continuing to teach as well as reteach and reinforce as we go.

Your child's teachers know exactly where your child is in regards to their learning. We work hard to providing daily intervention time for students at their instructional level. Three days a week in

reading and two days a week in math. If you have questions or concerns in regards to scores, don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, as they will be able to tell you what assessment or scoring criteria may have brought your child's score up or down. Hearing feedback from parents is a great way for us to learn how to make SBG more effective for our students.

This is the letter that was sent home **last year** as an explanation of SBG:

Why Standards Based Grading?

1. Established Learning Goals

Standards based grading is a grading system that focuses on the content, skills, or standards that students must learn. This means that when recording scores, the concern is not with the cumulative grade on the test, but rather the level of mastery the student has achieved on each concept assessed on that test.

With that slight change, patterns begin to appear in the classroom as a whole, and for individual students. The class may be struggling with a particular concept, and may require the teacher to revise his/her instruction, or an individual student may show a pattern of weakness with a particular skill, which can be individually addressed.

2. Creates Clear Assessments

Standards based grading forces us to look at our curriculum and make sure each activity, test, and project has a purpose. With a clear idea of each learning goal, we can be more intentional about what each activity is for. When using assessments, we know exactly which skills need to be assessed.

3. Gives Quality Feedback

Grades become more meaningful as teachers, students, and parents understand the exact learning objectives that need to be mastered, how they can be mastered, and what areas need additional re-teachings or extensions and enrichment.

Standards based grading helps us give better feedback to our students. Once the goals of the class are clear, we can be clear with the students about how well they are mastering the content. We used to say you must receive an 80% on this assessment in order to pass. With standards based grading we can say, for example, you just need to focus on using clear evidence to support your claims for standard one, or you just need to focus on mastering rounding numbers to the thousands place in order to meet grade level expectations. With standards based grading, the focus is on skills, instead of points.

Again, please don't hesitate to contact the school if you need something or have any questions!!

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BLOG SITES

3rd Grade Blog Site

Mrs. Bombei, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Greiner
Mrs. Hinson, Mrs. Rausch
3rd Grade Teachers
<https://lincoln3rdgrade.blogspot.com/>

4th Grade Blog Site

Mr. Hippen
4th Grade Teacher
<http://4thgrademrhippen.blogspot.com/>

5th Grade Blog Site

Mrs. Bruty, Mr. Berhow, Mr. Green,
Mrs Olson
5th Grade Teachers
<http://lincoln5thgrade.blogspot.com>

Other Blog Sites

Mrs. Humphreys _____
Art Teacher
<https://sites.google.com/a/washington.k12.ia.us/lincoln-elementary-art/>

Mrs. Sieren
ELL Teacher
<http://sierenelp.blogspot.com>

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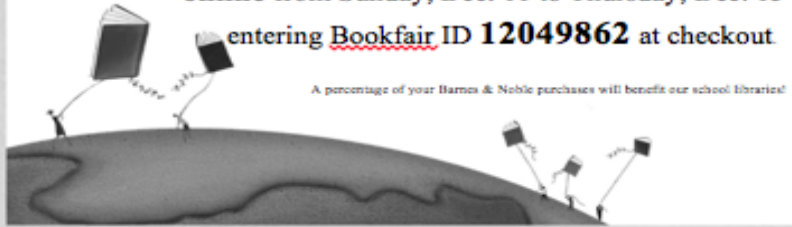
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