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# *Lincoln Times*

## October 2016

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### Music

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

Nov. 22, 2016 - 5th grade band & vocal concert 7:00 P.M. - WHS auditorium

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



### NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

#### Dismissal Time

Our first dismissal bell will ring at 3:25 for early buses and students that get picked up. The second bell will ring at 3:30 for late buses and students that walk. If you have any questions please call the office at 319-653-3691.

#### 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 \_\_\_\_\_ when sharing about events in our school district on Facebook and Twitter.

#### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parents are invited to come to Parent/Teachers conferences and visit with their children's teachers. Conferences will be held on Monday, October 24 and Thursday, October 27 from 4:30 - 8:00. Third and fourth grade teachers will be sending notes home for parents to fill out and return with the time and date that works best for them. 5th Grade conferences are held in the gym and you may come any time and talk to all of your student's teachers in the gym, including the specials teachers. If you have any questions, please give Lincoln a call at 653-3691.

#### Breakfast

Breakfast is served each morning from 7:40 - 8:00. If students plan on eating breakfast, please have them come to the gym right away when they get to school to eat first, before they go out to recess.

## **Picture Retakes**

Lifetouch will be taking re-take pictures on Friday, October 21. All students should have a picture taken so if your student missed the original picture day on September 8th they will have their picture taken. If parents did not like the pictures that were taken in September, they can return their picture package and have those pictures re-taken.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sept. 30 - Homecoming 1:10 Dismissal  
Oct. 5 - 1:10 Dismissal - Professional Development  
Oct. 7 - GUM DAY  
Oct. 17 - PTG Meeting in Media Center at 5:30 PM  
Oct. 19 - 1:10 Dismissal - Professional Development  
Oct. 21 - Picture Retakes starting at 8:15 AM  
Oct. 24 - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30 - 8:00  
Oct. 27 - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30 - 8:00  
Oct. 28 - Halloween Parties/Activities

## **LIBRARY CORNER**

Hello, I am Joan Hippen, the K-12 Teacher Librarian at WCSD. My husband, Chad teaches 4th grade here at Lincoln. My oldest daughter is a senior and my youngest daughter is a sophomore at WHS. This is my 23rd year in education. I have been full time at the high school as the Teacher Librarian/1:1 Coordinator for the past four years and this year I will work in all four schools in the district. I'm excited to share my love for reading and technology with all students.

In May, 1994, I graduated with a Bachelors of Art in Elementary Education and a Reading Endorsement from The University of Iowa. In May, 2011, I graduated from The University of Iowa for the second time with a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science.



Hopefully you have seen/heard about the library makeover this summer. A BIG thanks to Lincoln PTG for their financial support to make this possible!

I will spend ½ day per week at Lincoln helping to implement technology into the classrooms. I will also be planning the weekly library classes at Lincoln.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime.

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**Twitter:** @joanhippen

## **NOTES FROM THE NURSE**

As your child's school nurse, we want to welcome your child back to school for what promises to be a productive and exciting new school year. We also want to make you aware of a "pesky" situation that impacts schools around the country, often as the school year begins.

Pediculosis, or head lice, will always be present in the community and are most common among preschool and elementary children. We have attached detailed information on identifying head lice and the recommended steps to treat it. Head lice are not a sign of poor hygiene and they

do not transmit disease. The Iowa Department of Public Health does not support routine classroom or school-wide screenings to stop head lice. We will be focusing on parent and staff education about head lice detection, treatment, and prevention. It is important for families and schools to work together to manage head lice. Here are some steps you can take to reduce head lice outbreaks:

- Check your child's head at least once a week.
- Talk to your child about how common head lice are among school-aged children.
- Discourage your child from sharing combs, brushes, hats, scarves, hair accessories, and earphones.
- Keep hats, mittens and scarves in the sleeves of your child's coat. Encourage your child to tie back or braid long hair.

If your child is found to have head lice at school you will be notified by phone and provided with educational materials for treatment. It is expected that treatment be started before your child returns the next day. Treatment **MUST** be done in conjunction with cleaning, or a re-infestation is likely. For children traveling between parents, share this information with everyone involved. Do not forget to check and treat, if necessary, everyone in the household.

Our goal as school nurses is to provide you with the information you need to safeguard your child's health and ensure that his or her education is not disrupted. We hope you find this information useful, and send best wishes to your child for a rewarding school year.

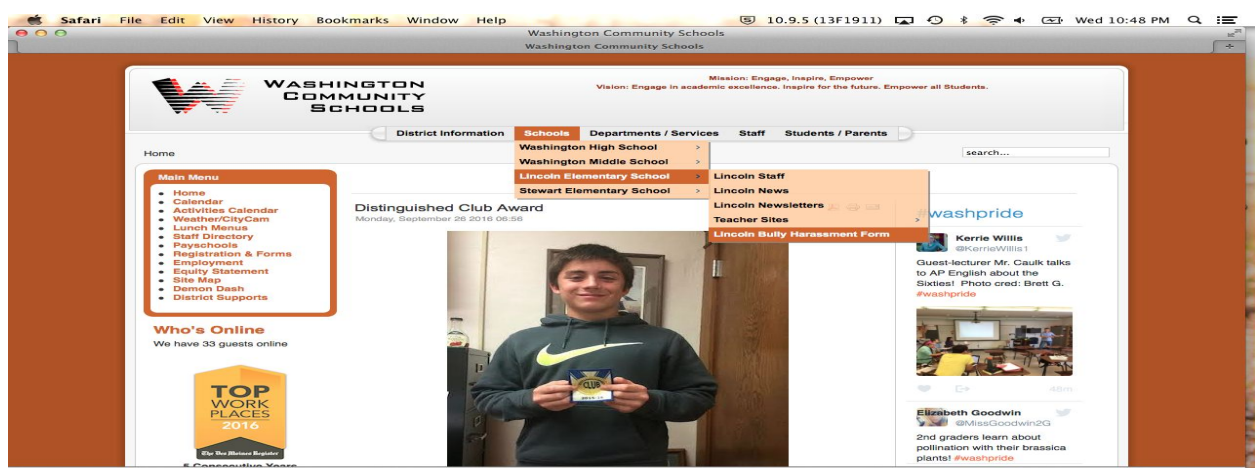
Holly Roth RN, BSN  
Jessica Nafziger RN

## **GUIDANCE NOTES**

The 2016-2017 school year is off to a great start! For those of you who do not know me, my name is Kelsey Martins and I am the Guidance Counselor at Lincoln Elementary. Last year, I was the building's Behavior Interventionist and couldn't be happier continuing to serve the students at Lincoln.

I have been busy going around to classrooms and meeting many new faces and learning many new names. Starting the week of September 12th, Emily Hood (Behavior Interventionist) and myself began going into your child's classroom and to discuss bullying. These first 4-6 weeks we will be going over the definition of bullying, the difference between bullying and conflict, the different types of bullying, and role playing. Along with these discussions, we will go over the appropriate protocols when reporting bullying.

If at any time throughout the year your child reports bullying activity, please contact the school immediately. In addition to reporting the incident to the school, I have provided a screenshot below of the online bullying form posted on the district's website.



The screenshot shows the Washington Community Schools website. The navigation menu is open, highlighting 'Lincoln Bully Harassment Form'. Other menu items include 'Washington High School', 'Washington Middle School', 'Lincoln Elementary School', 'Stewart Elementary School', 'Lincoln Staff', 'Lincoln News', 'Lincoln Newsletters', 'Teacher Sites', and 'Lincoln Bully Harassment Form'. The main content area features a 'Distinguished Club Award' announcement for Monday, September 26, 2016, with a photo of a student holding an award. There are also social media feeds for 'washpride' and 'Elizabeth Goodwin' visible on the right side of the page.

I look forward to a great school year at Lincoln Elementary! Please feel free to contact me at anytime with questions or concerns you might have in regards to your child.

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Guidance Counselor  
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## **NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL** **Mrs. Beenblossom's Blog**

### **My First Blog**

What a great start to the school year! Students and staff have have settled into routines and learning is in full swing!! It has been an amazing start to the school year! This year in our Language arts block we did, "The first 20 days." During those days teachers worked on literacy routines and procedures as well as doing our state assessments to gather data on our kiddos.

I want parents to know that I take bullying very seriously and that Ms. Martins, our counselor, is going over the bullying rules and how to respond. Please see the definition, criteria and what to do.

Definition: Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

To be considered Bullying:

An Imbalance of Power: Kids who bully use their power—such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity—to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.

- Repetition: Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than one.

#### 4 Criteria for Bullying:

- Places the student in reasonable fear of harm to the student's person or property.
- Has a substantially detrimental effect on the student's physical or mental health.
- Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's academic performance.
- Has the effect of substantially interfering with the student's ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school

#### **What do I do if my Lincoln student claims he/she is being picked on?**

1. Get the whole story, including if there is a backstory. Ask lots of ?'s!
  - a. Is the conflict in person, online, physical, verbal, other?
  - b. How long has it been going on?
  - c. Did you ask peer to stop? If so, did they?
  - d. Did you tell an adult at home and school?
  - e. Understand there is usually more than one side to the story.
2. If conflict happened in a classroom, feel free to contact the teacher
3. If it happened on the bus, feel free to contact transportation department or Lincoln office
4. If conflict happened on the way to-and-from school, contact Lincoln office
5. If conflict happened outside of school, contact other child's family or law enforcement.

Thanks for sharing your students with us and I am looking forward to a wonderful year!!!

Teresa Beenblossom  
Lincoln Principal

## **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://4thgrademhippen.blogspot.com/>

### **5th Grade Blog Site**

Mrs. Bruty, Mr. Berhow, Mr. Green,  
Mrs Olson  
5th Grade Teachers

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### **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>

## **District Equity Statement**

It is the policy of the Washington Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, creed, marital status, national origin, religion, disability, or sexual orientation in its educational programs, activities, or employment practices. If you believe you have (or your child has) been discriminated against or treated unjustly at school, please contact Mr. Dicks or Mrs. Thode at 319-653-6543.