



Lincoln Elementary  
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# *Lincoln Times*

January 2017

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## MUSIC

Here are some music dates to mark on your calendar.

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

### 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

Sunday, Jan. 1-	Happy New Year!
Dec. 3 - Jan. 2 -	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
Tuesday, Jan. 3 -	Classes Resume
Friday, Jan. 6 -	Gum Day
Wed., Jan. 11 -	1:10 Dismissal - Prof. Development
Monday, Jan. 16 -	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workday
Monday, Jan. 16 -	Lincoln PTG - @ 5:30 in the Media Center.
Monday, Jan. 23 -	Jump Rope for Heart Assembly at 8:15
Wed., Jan. 25 -	1:10 Dismissal - Prof. Development



## NOTES FROM THE NURSE

As winter approaches, more students take medications such as over the counter medications, cough drops, antibiotics, etc., for colds and illness. If any medication is to be given at school, the medication must come to school in the original container and marked with the student's name, name of medication, dosage, time to be given at school and the route for administering the medication. Also, a signed note from the parent giving permission for the medication to be given at school and the time the medication was given most recently are also necessary. If this information is not provided, we will not be able to give the medication to the student at school. There is a nurse present in the building from 8-3:30 on school days. If you have any questions feel free to call the school.

Holly Roth (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Jessica Nafziger (Tuesday, Friday)

Lincoln School Nurses



## THE GUIDANCE CORNER

Hello 2017! I hope everyone enjoyed the break with your loved ones over the holiday season. I can not believe that it is already 2017! We are almost halfway through the school year-doesn't seem possible. Kicking off 2017 in classroom guidance the students will be working on activities and lessons geared towards social skills.

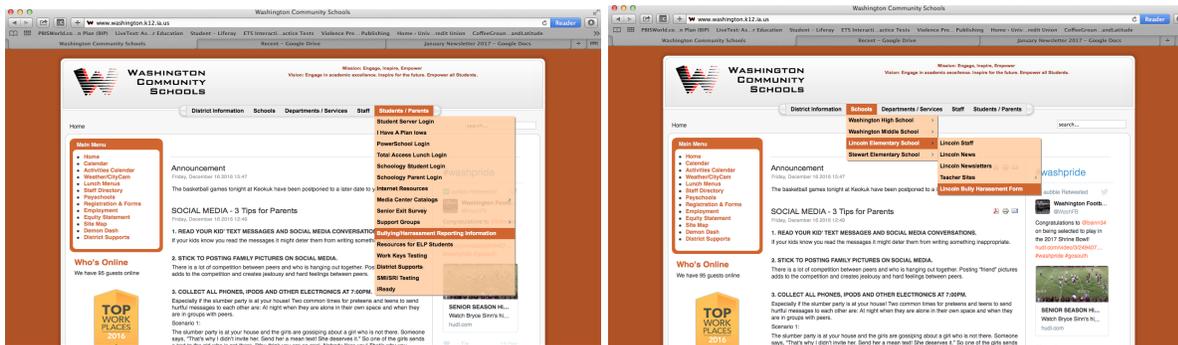
5th grade is going to be gearing a lot of their lessons off of the youtube star, "Kid President." If you aren't familiar with Kid President, take a moment and watch one of his many posts on Youtube. 3rd grade will continue discussions in regards to building expectations, being kind, and tattling/reporting. 4th grade will be wrapping up their discussions, lessons, and activities over bullying. For 4th grade, we will be discussing a lot of the similar topics that 5th and 3rd graders are working on.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ghk-nDJB3Tk>



I will note that often my lessons will change due to concerns or questions that arise from students, staff, and as well as parents. If there are a lot of recurring issues in various classes or grade level, I will address those concerns in classroom guidance and provide support for the students.

Please remember that if at any point your child reports any bullying activity, contact the school immediately in order for the situation to be addressed promptly. A week of guidance was spent going over filling out the buildings bullying/harassment form, as well as discussing various locations the form can be found. There are **two** different locations on the district website where this document can be found and accessed from home.



Happy New Year!

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**MRS. BEENBLOSSOM**

## Cold Weather

We don't have an official cold weather policy, however ALL students need to bring appropriate clothing for winter weather.

The state has suggested guidelines that I feel are a good rule to follow:

- Students should have long pants and long-sleeves or jackets when the wind-chill/feels like temperature is 31-40 degrees.
- At 30 degrees and below, students should have pants, coats, hats, and gloves.
- Indoor recess will occur when the wind chill/feels like temperature is 0 degrees or below.

Once the snow flies students not having boots when the playground conditions warrant, must remain on hard surfaces while outside.

NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Thanks for understanding and keeping our student safe and warm.

## **Makerspace - DONATIONS NEEDED!!!**

Lincoln elementary is going to be creating a Makerspace in the "extra" room by the media center!! We are excited to start building this space and getting the room prepared. We are shooting for a late February or early March launch!! I have included some information about Makerspace, as well as items we could use!! As you clean out after Christmas, please think of us as you prepare to get rid of items!!!

**Definition:** *A makerspace is a place where students can gather to create, invent, tinker, explore and discover using a variety of tools and materials.*

**Why:** Makerspaces are zones of self-directed learning. They are hands-on spaces, that provide the ultimate workshop for the tinkerer and the perfect educational space for individuals who learn best by doing. They are a place to make, create, innovate, read, inquire, invent, connect, question, collaborate and solve. These spaces foster a highly collaborative learning dynamic that is excellent for team efforts and for peer support, advice, and assistance. They promote multidisciplinary thinking and learning. Why wouldn't we want this for our students???

### Makerspace

<http://renovatedlearning.com/2015/04/02/defining-makerspaces-part-1/>

### Makerspace Youtube video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jc-YMMfxqNk&t=308s>

### **Donations for the cause:**

Legos

Tinker Toys

Building Blocks

Lincoln Logs

Erector Sets

K'nex

Or other building sets

Toilet paper rolls

Styrofoam

Plastic containers

Aluminum cans

Plastic bubble wrap

Newspapers

Fabric

Yarn/String/Embroidery floss

Paint

Art/Science/Craft books

Sewing materials

Ribbon  
Scrapbooking paper  
Scrap wood  
Playdough/Oil clay  
Hot glue guns and glue sticks  
Old machines that are no longer used (telephones, tvs, printers, etc.)  
Tubs for storage (small to large)

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

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://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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