



Lincoln Elementary
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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 your student is not coming to school for any reason. You may call the main number, 653-3691, after 7:30 or any time 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!

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.



February Dates to Remember

Friday, Feb. 2	Gum Day Honor Choir to Mt. Pleasant
Tuesday, Feb. 6	STEM Club in Media Center after school
Wednesday, Feb. 7	1:10 Dismissal for Professional Development
Monday, Feb. 12	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 7:30
Wednesday, Feb. 14	Jump Rope for Heart, Hoops for Heart, Valentine Day Activities
Thursday, Feb. 15	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 7:30
Friday, Feb. 16	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workday
Monday, Feb. 19	President's Day - NO SCHOOL PTG Meeting in Media Center at 5:30 - All staff and parents welcome
Tuesday, Feb. 20	4th Grade Concert at 7:00 at the High School STEM in Media Center after school Clover Kids at Stewart after school
Friday, Feb. 23	End of 2nd Trimester
Tuesday, Feb. 27	STEM in Media Center after school
Wednesday, Feb. 28	1:10 Dismissal for Professional Development
Friday, March 2	Gum Day
Friday, March 9	VIP Day at Lincoln from 11:00 - 3:00



PE

We just started Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart here at Lincoln. The students received their packets last week and many have started to get money donated. The money stays here in Iowa and goes to The American Heart Association for research. Last year the students at Lincoln raised over \$14,000, which was the most ever raised. Your child can have money donated online if they set up their own webpage. The direction on how to set this up are on the packet they received. They also have an envelope that they can get checks and money from family and friends. Please keep everything at home until February 14, when the students will be using Lincoln, WMS and WHS for Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart activities.

MRS. BEENBLOSSOM

February is upon us, so it is time to begin thinking about next school year. Lincoln Elementary will soon begin to look at classroom groupings for the 2018-19 school year. The staff and I consider a number of issues in making classroom assignments, including the following:

- Recommendations and input from specials teachers and school counselors
- Recommendations that come from child study and IEP meetings
- Individual student needs for academic, behavioral, and social support
- Student relationship issues such as students who work well together as well as those who may have conflicts

Our goal is to create classes that are reasonably well balanced in terms of gender, student needs, and student abilities. In the past, parents have made teacher recommendations. This year, parents can request two or three teachers, so the school has up to three classroom options to place your child. If one specific teacher is requested, you are not guaranteed that you will get that one teacher. Please understand that there may be the possibility that your child may have one of the other teachers not listed, as they may be a partner teacher for one subject. This method allows you as parents to make a request, and we as a school team to fulfil our goals bulleted above.

If you would like to provide input for your child, please write/email me by Tuesday, April 3rd.

We will carefully consider your suggestions as we complete classroom assignments in May. It is imperative to ensure a balance among classrooms and therefore, we are changing the request process. Please remember, requests are not guaranteed. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Teresa Beenblossom
Lincoln Principal



BLOG SITES

3rd Grade Blog Site

Ms. Doorenbos, Mrs. Gracey, Mrs. Hinson,
Mrs. Rausch, Mrs. Vander Stoep
3rd Grade Teachers
<https://lincoln3rdgrade.blogspot.com/>

5th Grade Blog Site

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

Other Blog Sites

Mrs. Hill
Music
[Hillmusicblog.blogspot.com](http://hillmusicblog.blogspot.com)

Mrs. Brokaw
ELL Teacher
<http://brokawbulletin.blogspot.com/>

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

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

Mr. Hippen
5th Grade Teacher
<https://mrhippen5thgrade.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.