



Lincoln Times

5th Grade Edition - January 2013

Here's What's Happening in 5th Grade!!

Music-Mrs. Hill

After evaluating our concert performance, 5th graders began a project in music where students created commercials. The students enjoyed working together to create a product and a jingle that would help "sell" the product. We discussed how those tunes stay in your head making you think about the product. Some students thought they might enjoy a career in marketing, while others thought they could be the performers. We also enjoyed some fun holiday songs and we are looking forward to winter break.

Sunrise Singers worked extra hard this last month preparing and performing our songs. Thanks to the parents who made sure their singers were at the performances on time. We will resume rehearsals with some new music on January 15.

Art-Mrs. Humphreys

Happy New Year! The fifth graders are working on their iProject in art where they are working with Adobe Photoshop to create a silhouette of themselves in an interest-based pose. They will also be painting their whistles soon. Expect those to come home by the end of the month.

Notes from the Office

Attendance/Absence Line

A new attendance line has been set up for absences in the district. Parents can now call 653-1101 and will get a greeting. They can then press a number to select which school they would like to leave a message for, and then will be able to leave a message about an absence. This will be helpful if you need to call Lincoln about an absence before anyone is in the office at 7:30. You may still call the main office to report an absence, but this is a second option for those parents that are heading off to work early. Thanks for your help in letting Lincoln know when your student will not be in attendance.

January Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, Jan. 1 - Happy New Year!!

Wed., Jan. 2 - No School

Thurs., Jan. 3 - Classes Resume

Fri., Jan. 4 - Winter Parties

Wed., Jan. 9 - 1:10 Dismissal- Professional Growth

Mon., Jan. 14 - No School - Workday

Wed., Jan. 23 - 1:10 Dismissal - Professional Growth

Mon., Jan. 28 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4:30 - 8:00PM

Thurs., Jan. 31 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4:30 - 8:00PM

Fri., Feb. 1 - **VIP DAY**/Book Fair

VIP DAY - BOOK FAIR

Lincoln will be hosting VIP Day along with the Scholastic Book Fair on Friday, February 1, 2013. Parents and or Grandparents are welcome to come spend the day with their students and experience the day at Lincoln!! If guests plan on eating lunch at Lincoln on that day, we appreciate advance notice for the kitchen staff, so we have enough food prepared. The cost of an adult lunch is \$3.00. Please let your students homeroom teacher know of your plans. We look forward to seeing you on Friday, February 1st.

The Book Fair will be held on January 31st from 4 - 8:00PM and February 1st from 8 - 4:00PM. You will also be able to go online to order books. More information on the Book Fair will be sent home soon!

ELP - Mrs. Sieren

We have finished the simple chemistry unit and are starting a short unit on the stock market. I don't go into great detail about all of the ins and outs, but it certainly exposes them to the basics of what the stock market is and how it works. They will learn about investments, how to read stock quotes, do some company research, and then finish the unit by playing a board game that gives them the "real life" experience of the stock market..... with play money!

I challenge you to spend some time over the holiday break and play a board game with your child or some other interactive game. The best gift you can give your child is "time with you". Happy Holidays!!

Notes from the Guidance Office

The start of a new year is a great time for your child to set new goals. The goals may be for school, home, or any activity that he/she is involved in. Have them write down the goal and put it in a place where they can see it daily. This will help remind them what they are working towards. When they have completed the goal, have them check it off in order to show them what they have accomplished.

Mrs. Mitchell
At Risk Teacher

Notes from the Principal

With winter in full gear, your family will probably be in and around the home. I would encourage you to take the time to read together.

Reading is at the heart of all learning. Listen carefully when you read with the children in your family to understand how they are developing as a reader. Reading with children is an easy way to involve yourself in their education. Research on reading skills shows that children whose families spend time discussing, explaining and asking questions know more words than other children.

One part of reading that Lincoln teachers are constantly working on is fluency. Fluency is the ability to read a text accurately and quickly. Fluency is important because it frees students to understand what they have read. Reading fluency can be developed by modeling fluent reading (reading aloud) and by having students engage in repeated oral reading. This is a great family activity with books and poems.

Fill your holiday season and New Year with opportunities for learning by reading together. Books make excellent holiday gifts!

Parent-Teacher Conferences are set for January 28 and 31. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

On Friday, February 1, Lincoln Elementary will be hosting VIP Day and a Book Fair. This is an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom and have lunch. PTG will be sponsoring the Book Fair on this day. More details will follow, as we get closer to the date.

With the end of the year, we want to thank you for your past support and ask you for your continued support of Lincoln Elementary. Working together, we can assure a great education for your children.

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and excited about a new year. Best Wishes and a Happy New Year!

David Hoffman, Principal

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