



Lincoln Elementary
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Lincoln Times

October 2014

5th Grade Band

Students will only need to bring their instruments on their assigned lesson day. Schedules are posted on the band door and given to each classroom. They need their instrument and lesson book for every lesson. Remind them to practice 15 minutes each day in a special location where distractions are a minimum.

Be watching for new information on morning rehearsals. If you do not have a way to get here for early morning rehearsals, here is your chance to be connecting with friends to work out a possible ride or contact the Washington Mini Bus to help with transportation. **DON'T PROCRASTINATE!!** We don't want you to miss out on a single rehearsal.

If you haven't signed up for remind101 to receive important reminders via text or email, please do so.

Music

A few concert dates you will want to mark on your calendars are:
November 25, 2014, 5th grade concert at the Middle School Auditorium at 7 P.M.
February 17, 2015, 4th grade concert at the Middle School Auditorium at 7 P.M.
April 7, 2015, 3rd grade concert at the Middle School Auditorium at 7 P.M.

Sunrise Singers have started rehearsals and will be planning some holiday performances. Information will be sent home as it becomes available.

PE

Please remember that when your child has PE they will need to have tennis shoes or they will not be able to participate in that day's activity. This is a safety issue as we are very active in PE and it is in the Lincoln handbook. They can bring a pair and leave them in their locker if this is easier.

We have had a successful start to the school year in PE. The students are using the walking trail and have already walked many miles. Mrs. Vittetoe's homeroom have walked over 271 miles, and 14 of the 15 homerooms have already walked over 100 miles! We have 39 individual students that have walked more than 10 miles and the leader has almost 17 miles. Keep up the good work.

Box Tops for Education



Just a reminder to bring all your Box Tops for Education to Lincoln if you have been collecting them. The Lincoln Boosters will be sending those in to purchase cool stuff for Lincoln. Thanks to those of you that have already contributed to this project!!

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Attendance/Absence Line

An attendance line has been set up for absences in the district. Parents can 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. 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.

Just a reminder to always call the office when your child will not be in school. The main office needs to know they are gone and the reason for their absence. Attendance is coded in Powerschool by the reason for absence, so that information is important. Thanks for keeping the main office informed.

Adult/Parent Lunch Change

We are asking that adults that eat lunch at Lincoln with their students now purchase a guest ticket from the office before they eat lunch. In the past we allowed and even encouraged parents to eat from their students accounts. However a report change has made it mandatory that all guest eat out of a guest adult account and not a student account. Adult lunch cost is \$3.50. We apologize for this inconvenience and still encourage parents to visit and eat lunch with their students. We do ask that you call before 8:30 and let us know that you plan on eating with your student, so we can add you to the lunch count.



Picture Retake Day

Thursday, October 16, will be picture retake day at Lincoln Elementary. If you were not happy with your students pictures, please have them bring their packet back that day and have their picture retaken. If you did not order pictures on the original picture day and would now like to order them, please send them with picture envelope and money for pictures. If you need a picture envelope, they are available in the office.

October Dates to Remember:



Wed., October 1	Fashion Disaster Day
Thurs., October 2	Pajama Day
Fri., October 3	1:10 Dismissal for Homecoming - Spirit Day
Fri., October 3	Homecoming parade 2:20
Fri., October 3	GUM DAY (Cost \$1.00 to chew gum and .25 per piece <i>or</i> bring your own gum)
Tues., October 7	5th Grade Field Trip to Hoover Museum
Wed., October 8	1:10 Dismissal for Professional Development
Wed., October 8	Fire Safety Day at Lincoln Elementary
Thurs., October 9	Vision Screening for all students
Thurs., October 9	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30 - 8:00
Mon., October 13	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30 - 8:00
Thurs., October 16	Picture Retake Day
Mon., October 20	No School Workday
Mon., October 20	PTG Meeting at 7:00 PM in Lincoln Media Center
Wed., October 29	1:10 Dismissal for Professional Development
Fri., October 31	Halloween Activities

Notes from the Guidance Office

This year during some of your child's classroom guidance lessons we are going to be learning simple sign language. Children respond to nonverbal communication sometimes even more than our words when we need to remind them of appropriate behavior. They need constant reminders and models of respectful, courteous behavior, and hand signs are another tool we can use. They are also a lot of fun!

The first guidance lesson this year was on respect for self and others. When children understand their own strengths, abilities, and worth they can find it in others as well. Our lesson focused on how each of us is unique and has many interesting qualities. We also focused on the fact that we all have differences, and that is a good thing. When children are taught to appreciate ourselves and each other for how we act, talk, and think we can move away from some of the problems that occur when they think there is only one right way to look, think, be, and feel.

Sonya Stanerson, Guidance Counselor

Notes from the School Nurse

Vision Screenings

Dr. Ryan Striegel, Dr. Tim Courtney of Washington Eye Care and Dr. Ben Williams of Modern Eye Care have graciously volunteered to perform the vision screenings for all Lincoln Elementary students. The screening will take place on October 9th. Students who do not pass the screening will be given a referral to take to their eye care professional for further testing.

Please notify Holly Roth or Heather Zieglowsky if you have questions.

When to Keep Your Child Home:

Remember the 24-hour rule when your child is ill.

- Your child should stay home for 24 hours after starting to take antibiotics.
- Your child should stay home for 24 hours after their fever breaks, without using fever-reducing medications such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen.
- If your child has vomited or had repeated diarrhea within the past 12 hours, please do not send them to school that day.

Make sure we have correct phone numbers where you can be reached if your child is ill or has an emergency and needs to go home. If your child has a fever over 100 degrees or is vomiting, he/ she will need to go home.

Thank you,
Holly Roth
Heather Zieglowsky

Notes from the Principal

Fire Prevention Week is October 6 - 10. Operation Edith (Exit Drills in the Home) sheet is included in this newsletter. Please take time to work out an escape plan for your family. Lincoln Elementary will be hosting the Washington Fire Department on October 8th. The Fire department will be bringing their smoke house to Lincoln. Students will learn how to crawl below the smoke to safety through the smoke filled house simulating a real house fire. The smoke is nontoxic and harmless to students. Students will also learn about kitchen grease fires and see the fire department's trucks.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held October 9 and 13 from 4:30 - 8:00 PM. We are hoping for an excellent turn out. For the parents of 4th and 5th Grade students, you are encouraged to track your child's progress on the school management system, PowerSchool. If you are busy and have

trouble finding time to log in and check your child's progress, an easy way is to have it emailed to you. Log into PowerSchool. On the left hand side, find the icon that says, "Email Notification." Put a check in the box that says, "Summary of current grades and attendance." Select how often you would like the email sent and add your email address at the bottom. If you have questions about the system, contact Tricia Bell at Lincoln Elementary School at 653-3691.

If your child is sick or going to miss school, please call the office at 653-3601 before 8:10 AM to let us know and set up a time to pick up homework. This will help us and keep your child from falling behind. Learning builds day by day. A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning. Children can copy notes or make up assignments, but they can never get back what's most important: the discussions, the questions, the explanations by the teacher and the thinking that makes learning come alive. Your child's success in school depends on having a solid educational background, one that can only be gained through regular school attendance.

If you are picking up your child after school, please pick them up on either Monroe Street or 6th Avenue, on the North or East sides of Lincoln. Students getting picked up and early bus students get dismissed at 3:20 each day. Students that walk or ride late buses get dismissed at 3:30. This helps to alleviate congestion in front of the school from the buses and traffic.

Thank you for your support of Lincoln Elementary and its students!

Sincerely,
David Hoffman, Principal
Lincoln Elementary School



BLOG SITES

3rd Grade Blog Sites

Mrs. Bailey
3rd Grade Teacher
<http://thebaileyblogger3b.blogspot.com/>

Mrs. Bombei
3rd Grade Teacher
<http://bombeibulletin.blogspot.com/>

Mrs. Litchfield
3rd Grade Teacher
<http://litchfieldlink.blogspot.com/>

Mrs. Rausch
3rd Grade Teacher
<http://rausch3rdgradeblog.blogspot.com/>

Mrs. Vittetoe
3rd Grade Teacher
<http://vittetoesvoyages.blogspot.com/>

4th Grade Blog Sites

Mrs. Brokaw
4th Grade Teacher
<http://brokawbulletin.blogspot.com/>

Mrs. Conrad
4th Grade Teacher
<http://conradcourier.blogspot.com/>

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

5th Grade Blog Site

Mrs. Bruty, Mr. Berhow, Mr. Green,
Mrs. Klopfenstein, 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. Steinhart
Reading Teacher
<http://www.steinhartreads.blogspot.com>

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 Dr. Jorgensen or Mrs. Thode at 319-653-6543.