



Lincoln Times

4th Grade Edition - December 2012

Here's Whats Happening in 4th Grade!!

Music - Mrs. Hill

Fourth graders have been singing songs that focus on how the notes move. We have sung a song about the Boston subway that utilizes repeated note, then we sang songs from "The Wizard of Oz" that featured notes that step and leap. Students have discovered that when singing a leap it is similar to leaping with your body, you need to prepare to sing leaps with lots of air like you prepare your body by running to get momentum. We will be continuing to practice singing and writing notes that move by step, leap and repeat.

ELP- Mrs. Sieren

We are in the process of learning about Forensic Science. The students have experienced two lessons where they have practiced being observant. It is amazing how much better they are with just a little practice! We will be learning about crime scenes, fingerprinting, impression evidence such as footprints, tire tracks, tool marks, and handwriting analysis. We will conclude the unit around Christmas time by solving an online mystery. They will definitely have to combine all that they have learned to "solve the case". It should be fun for them!

After School Math Club

Fourth grade teachers will be starting an after-school math club on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 in the gym at Lincoln. There will always be two teachers working. We hope to practice important math skills and play math games on a regular basis as well as assist with other homework during this club.

Teachers will be asking some kids to stay on a regular basis and others will be asked to stay as needed. You will be contacted if your child will be staying.

You will be responsible for picking your child up promptly at 4:30 unless we are told they can walk or ride their bike.

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 the Lincoln office know when your student will not be in attendance.

December Dates to Remember:

Monday, Dec. 3 - 3rd Grade Sealants

Friday, Dec. 7 - HAT DAY - Students pay \$1.00 to wear a hat at school all day.

Wed., Dec. 12 - 1:10 Dismissal - Professional Growth

Friday, Dec. 14 - Sunrise Singer/High School Concert at Community Center at 7:00

Friday, Dec. 21 - 2:20 Dismissal for Winter Break

Monday, Dec. 24 - Wed., January 2 - NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

Notes from the Guidance Office

We have been talking about the importance of being respectful. Ask your child about what they have learned about respect. Here are some ways that you can promote respect at home.

- *During mealtime, have each family member name a good trait for each person at the table.
- *Model respect and expect your children to treat you and others in a respectful way.
- *Make a list of ways to show respect in your home.
- *Help your family understand that you provide for their needs and that sometimes that means not everyone gets the same thing.
- *Embrace diversity and cooperation with individuals that are ethnically and culturally different.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Shari Mitchell
At Risk Teacher

Notes from the Principal

With winter weather just around the corner, please review with your child where to go in case of an unplanned early out. This will help to ease student anxiety and cut down on the long lines to use the telephones.

With temperatures dropping we remind you to dress your children warm, like they are going out for recess. We do watch the temperature and wind chill before making a decision on sending students outside. A lot of students come to school without hats or gloves. If your child needs to stay in for recess, please send a note. If your child needs to stay in for medical reasons longer than two days, a doctor's note should be sent.

A special "thank you" to the students for working hard on Basic Skills and to the PTG for supporting and organizing the distribution of snacks during Basic Skills.

In the past, many parents and students bring Christmas presents for teachers and staff. We are asking instead of presents for teachers or staff members, if parents would consider sending games or activities for students to use for inside recess. This will give students more activities to choose from when the rain or cold weather sets in.

We will dismiss on Friday, Dec. 21 at 2:20 PM for winter break. School will resume on Thursday, January 3rd.

Finally, remember to stay in touch with the school. If you have a question or concern let us know. Do not wait for progress reports, conferences or report cards. Two-way communication between home and school is one of the keys to the academic success of your child.

Thank you for a great year at Lincoln Elementary and Happy Holidays!

David Hoffman, Principal

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/>

Tessa Steinhard
Reading Teacher

<http://www.steinhartreads.blogspot.com>

Linda Shields
Reading Teacher

<http://shieldsliteracyblog.blogspot.com>

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ELL Teacher

<http://sierenelp.blogspot.com>

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