



Lincoln Times

3rd Grade Edition - December 2012

Here is What is Happening in 3rd Grade

Music - Mrs. Hill

Third graders have been doing lots of things in music, of course singing is what we do every day, but we focus on music concepts too. The students have clapped patterns and have recently been doing patterns with ties to create funky or syncopated rhythms. We enjoyed several Thanksgiving songs and have learned lots of Italian words like tempo, largo, allegro, moderato, and their favorite- presto!

ELP News - Mrs. Sieren

The Cognitive Abilities Test scores are back. I am in the process of going through those and writing out placement criteria forms. These are the forms that help me tabulate point totals for each of the students. The first week in December the students will be taking another set of Scholastic Reading tests and Scholastic Math tests. As soon as I have those scores, the students that qualify will be notified and start classes. Notification letters will be sent in the US mail before Christmas break. It is possible that after the Iowa Assessment test scores are received, more students could be added to the program. The initial placement will be based on the Cognitive Abilities Tests, beginning of the year SMI and SRI scores, and then middle of the year SMI and SRI scores. Thanks again for your patience!

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.

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, December 21 at 2:20 PM for winter break. School will resume on Thursday, January 3.

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
Lincoln Elementary School

3th Grade Blog Sites

Mrs. Bailey

3rd Grade Teacher

<http://thebaileyblogger3b.blogspot.com/>

Mrs. Bombe

3rd Grade Teacher

<http://bombeibulletin.blogspot.com/>

Mrs. Litchfield

3rd Grade Teacher

<http://litchfieldlink.blogspot.com/>

Mrs. Rausch

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