



Lincoln Times

October 2013

Homecoming Dismissal Time

Classes will dismiss at **2:10** on Friday, October 4, for Homecoming. Originally the calendar stated that dismissal would be 2:20. Please note this change.

Picture Retakes

Lincoln Picture retakes will be held on Thursday, October 17. If students did not get their picture taken on August 29, they will need to have their picture taken on this date. If students ordered pictures and did not like their pictures, they need to return their package on this date and have their picture retaken for a new package. If students did not order pictures, but would now like to place an order, they may bring their picture envelope with them and have their picture taken. Please call the office at 319-653-3691 if you have any further questions.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 17 from 4:30 - 8:00 and again on Monday, October 21 from 4:30 - 8:00. 3rd Grade students will have a scheduled time to meet and you should have received a note on that time. 4th and 5th Grade parents will come in during the evening at any time and talk to all of your students teachers. If you have a conflict or have questions, please call the office at 653-3691.

5th Grade Band

Band lessons started September 23. Each student has been assigned either a group lesson or individual lesson time. The schedule is posted on Mrs. Utterback's door and in their classrooms. Students please check those schedules for your lesson time. There are no early morning band rehearsals for now but keep watching for a letter or announcement from Mrs. Utterback for the actual start date. We need time to get used to playing our instruments alone before joining together in a band setting.

Music

Here are the concert dates for Lincoln students, please mark them on your calendar:

- Tue., November 26 - Beginning band and 5th grade concert at the Community Center, 7:00 P.M.
- Fri., December 6 - Sunrise Singers perform with Choral Society, H.S. and Stewart at the Community Center.
- Tue., February 18 - 4th grade concert at the Middle School Auditorium 7:00 P.M.
- Tue., April 8 - 3rd grade concert at the Middle School Auditorium 7:00 P.M.
- Tue., May 6 - Sunrise Singer and Beginning band perform at the Middle School Auditorium - 7:00 P.M.

Author Visit - Dori Butler

2011 Edgar Award winner and Iowa native, Dori Butler, will be sharing her experiences as a nationally recognized author with Lincoln Elementary Students. Dori's books have been nominated for the Children's Choice Award in 18 different states. Visit www.kidswriter.com to read more about Dori Butler. Family Members are welcome to attend the event. Presentations will be held in the Lincoln media center during the following times:

- 3rd Grade - 8:30 - 9:30
- 4th Grade - 10:00 - 11:00
- 5th Grade - 1:15 - 2:15

Students may purchase any of Dori's books through a vendor of their choice and bring their book(s) in for an autograph. A limited supply of books will be available for purchase on the day of Dori's visit.

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.

October Dates to Remember:

- Fri., Oct. 4 - 2:10 Dismissal - Homecoming
- Tues., Oct. 8 - Fire Prevention Assembly
- Wed., Oct. 9 - 1:10 Dismissal for Professional Growth
- Thurs., Oct. 10 - Author Visit - Dori Butler
- Wed., Oct. 16 - 1:10 Dismissal for Professional Growth
- Thurs., Oct. 17 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Mon., Oct. 21 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Fri., Oct. 25 - NO SCHOOL - Workday
- Thurs., Oct. 31 - Halloween Activities
- Fri., Nov. 1 - HAT Day

Notes from the Nurse

Vision Screenings are coming to Lincoln

Dr. Ryan Striegel & Dr. Tim Courtney of Washington Eye Care and Dr. Ben Williams of Modern Eye Care have volunteered to perform the vision screenings for all Lincoln Elementary students. The screening will take place on October 14th. Students who do not pass the screening will be given a referral to take to their eye care professional for further testing.

Holly Roth, School Nurse

Notes from the Guidance Office

In Classroom Guidance students are learning about Trustworthiness: be honest, reliable, and loyal (Character Counts In Iowa)..

Parents can promote trustworthiness:

- *Model the behavior you want to see in your child and acknowledge their good behavior when you see it.
- *Be clear about your expectations; expect your child to do what they say they are going to do and to be honest with you.
- *Provide for basic needs on a consistent basis (love, proper nutrition, healthy activities, reading for enjoyment, faith development, etc.).
- *Develop family rules and consequences. Explain them ahead of time and then use the consequences in a consistent way.
- *Model relationships that demonstrate honesty, integrity, promise-keeping and loyalty.
- *Develop a calm, emotionally responsive and stable home environment with a proper balance of freedom and structure.

Notes from the Principal

Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12. 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 8. 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 the students. Students will also learn about kitchen grease fires and see the fire department's trucks.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held October 17 and 21, from 4:30-8:00 PM. We are hoping for an excellent turn out. For parents with 4th and 5th 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 e-mailed to you. Go into PowerSchool. Across the top, find the icon that says, "e-mail notification." Put a check in the box that says, "Summary of current grades and attendance." Select how often you would like the e-mail sent and add your e-mail address at the bottom. You will now receive the grades daily, weekly, etc. If you have questions about the system, contact Tricia Bell at Lincoln Elementary School (653-3691).

If your child is sick or is going to miss school please call the office (653-3691) before 8:10 A.M. to let us know and to 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 St. or 6th Ave. (North or East of Lincoln.). Students getting picked up and first bus students get dismissed at 3:20 each day. Students that walk or ride the late buses get dismissed at 3:30 each day. 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!

David Hoffman, Principal
Lincoln Elementary School

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/>

Other Lincoln Blog Sites

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.