



Lincoln Elementary
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Lincoln Times

November 2014

5th Grade Band

Our first band concert is Tuesday, November 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Auditorium. Students should be there by 6:45. I will let students know where to meet at a later date. Please dress to look nice. Clarinet and flute players will be in the front row so dress accordingly.

Please remind your child to practice everyday. According to the handbook you received, they are to practice ***90 minutes each week***. We are seriously lacking right now and have a concert in 4 weeks!

If you haven't signed up for remind101 to receive important reminders via text or email, please do so. Information has been sent to you via email and letters on how to sign up. It is a two step process and only takes 15 seconds. Many of you have signed up and are receiving information in a flash. Thank you!

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

This year we are really encouraging the students to walk/jog for the Lincoln Fitness Miles. I believe that the students have embraced this and have done a super job. We have walked over 5,200 miles as a school already this year. We are keeping track of how far we have gone by an activity called "Washington To Washington." At the end of each week I will see what the total is for the school. We are trying to get to each town with a name of Washington in all the states by the end of the year. Our last city will be Washington DC. We also will be sharing the information on our new Lincoln Sign. Please remember to wear tennis shoes on the days you have PE.

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!! If Lincoln meets their goal, they will duct tape Mr. Hoffman to the WALL!!

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 guests 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.

Late Start Days - Breakfast Served

Lincoln Elementary will be serving breakfast on late start days. Breakfast will be served from 9:50 - 10:05 on a 2 hour late start day. The tardy bell will ring at 10:10 on those days. Breakfast will be served from 8:50 - 9:05 on 1 hour late start days. The tardy bell will ring at 9:10 on those days. If you have any questions, please call the office at 653-3691.

November Dates to Remember:

Fri., October 31	Halloween Activities
Fri., November 7	GUM DAY
Wed., November 12	3rd Grade Dental Sealants
Fri., November 14	End of 1st Trimester
Mon., November 17	PTG Meeting at 7:00
Tues., November 18	STAR Parties
Wed., November 19	Professional Development 1:10 Dismissal
Fri. November 21	HAT DAY
Tues. November 25	5th Grade Band & Vocal Concert at 7:00 PM
Wed., November 26	2:20 Dismissal for Thanksgiving Break
Thurs., November 27	No School
Fri., November 28	No School
Mon., December 1	No School - Teacher Conf. Comp Day

Notes from the Guidance Office

"Love Yourself, Be Drug Free" was this year's Red Ribbon Theme. Red Ribbon Week was October 23-31 and staff and students celebrated by wearing red on Thursday, October 30. Students signed a pledge to grow up safe, healthy, and drug free. Ninety-nine students names were drawn to receive a *Be Drug Free* bracelet.

3rd Grade Classroom Guidance-Students in third grade have been learning how to do a little magic in a lesson called *Crayon Magic*. This activity encourages the acknowledgement of all feelings and explores healthy ways to manage our unpleasant feelings.

4th Grade Classroom Guidance-Students in fourth grade have been learning about anger control. Anger is an emotion which can confuse and scare children, and part of our lesson focuses on helping

them see that it is a healthy, normal emotion. The difficulty, as we adults understand, comes in controlling this powerful emotion so that it does not get us into trouble and/or cause damage to ourselves and others. In your child's lesson we explored this truth in various ways, and came up with positive strategies to handle our anger.

5th Grade Classroom Guidance-Students in fifth grade have been learning about study skills and school attitude. These students have learned the hand signs for listen, study, skill, school, and attitude. These signs symbolize important truths in what makes a successful student. Attitude is such an important part of everyone's success in life. We all know stories of people who had many things against them, but because of a positive attitude did amazing things in life. As you hear of these stories, see them on TV, etc. use them as teaching moments to help your child see how important attitude is to all of us, young and old.

Sonya Stanerson, Guidance Counselor

Notes from the School Nurse

We are taking the following measures to help our students stay healthy. We need your help. Influenza spreads most easily in the early stages of the illness. To protect your child, as well as any other child, we will be more sensitive to the symptoms of influenza and will send your child home if ill. Following these recommendations will help to prevent illness in your child and his/her classmates.

Know the signs and symptoms of the flu. Symptoms of the flu can include fever (oral temperature of 100.0 F or greater), cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Some may also vomit or have diarrhea.

Please do not send children to school if they are sick. Any children who are determined to be sick while at school will be sent home. You should begin to plan how you will provide care for your sick child if you are not able to stay home with them. Please make sure the office has updated phone numbers.

Keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone. If you give your child fever reducing drugs, like ibuprofen or Tylenol, ensure your child has not had a fever for 24 hours after the medication has worn off. If your child goes home with a fever he/she should stay home from school the next day.

Teach your children that the flu is spread from person-to-person. Teach them to cough or sneeze into a tissue and then throw the tissue in trash. If a tissue is not available, teach them to cover their cough or sneeze using their elbow or sleeve instead of their hands.

Teach your children to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (the time it takes to sing happy birthday twice), especially after they cough or sneeze. If soap and water is not available, an alcohol-based hand gel can be used. You can set a good example by doing this yourself.

Teach your children not to share personal items like beverages, cups, food, unwashed utensils, or toothbrushes.

Any student with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher or vomits while at school will be sent home.

We appreciate your help in keeping our students healthy.

Thank you,

Holly Roth RN, BSN
Heather Zieglowsky RN, BSN
Lincoln School Nurses



Notes from the Principal

Thank you to all involved that volunteered to make the electronic sign at Lincoln Elementary possible. We hope that it helps communicate to you the daily activities of our school and the community.

This year Iowa Assessments (formally known as Basic Skills) are scheduled for April. This is now a required testing time of the State of Iowa.

With the cold weather and possibility of snow in the upcoming months, we ask you to make sure your child is dressed warm for recess. A lot of students find themselves getting cold at recess because they did not bring a hat or gloves.

Our rules for the playground during the winter season are very simple. When there is snow on the ground:

- 1) Students **must** wear boots and snow pants to go off of the blacktop area.
- 2) No throwing snowballs.
- 3) No king of the hill on the snow piles.

These rules are for the safety of the students.

Thank you for your continued support.

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>

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