



# Lincoln Times

## 5th Grade Newsletter

### November 2010 Edition

Here's What's Happening in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade!!!

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade LARS -Language Arts, Reading , and Spelling Mr. Anderson, Mr. Green, & Mrs. Klopfenstein

Our new theme will be "What is sound?" How is sound produced? Our comprehension skill is determining importance. Our word study is proper nouns – naming specific persons, places and things.

The spelling test over the proper nouns is Wednesday, Nov. 5. The next test in spelling will be **AFTER** ITBS. Since there is no school next Monday, Nov. 8, we are following a different schedule. We will be running on a late start schedule and will be taking 4 days to make up 2 complete days in LARS so our spelling test over the new words will be on Monday, November 15. If that doesn't make sense to you give us a call.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math

We finished the Mathematical Thinking Unit at the beginning of October. Most of the month has been reviewing addition and subtraction with estimating sums and differences. They have also found the perimeter of regular and irregular polygons. Finding the measurement of an unknown side of a shape can be a challenge. More recently we are reviewing multiplication and division along with some test taking strategies to prepare for Iowa Test of Basic Skills.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science

Our current unit is weather. This will be a short investigation over the next two or three weeks.

We are comparing the different types of weather information as presented by local TV stations and on the internet. Knowing how to apply and understand this weather data will be helpful in planning daily activities such as what to wear or the cancellation of games and other activities. Being weather wise is our goal as we work toward the weather presentations in November. The students will have at least three or four days in class to work and practice for their presentation. The best way to prepare for this activity is to discuss the weather forecasts on TV, radio, and in the newspaper. Anytime you can help

transfer the classroom content to their daily experiences, it will be improve their long-term memory. Thanks for all you do to help your child be successful in school.

Fifth Grade Science Team

**Social Studies**  
**Mr. Anderson, Mr. Green, Mrs. Klopfenstein**

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes have started their first Bringing History Home unit for the year. It is WWII on the Home Front. In this unit the students will learn what life was like in the United States during WW II as the fighting was taking place overseas. The four main areas of focus will be Propaganda, Industry, Japanese Internment Camps, and Rationing and Recycling. The students will learn about all four of these topics but will choose one to present a project to the class at the end of the unit. The Project guidelines are attached in this Newsletter.

**Here's What's Happening Around the Building!!!**

**5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MUSIC**

5th graders are working hard to prepare for their program coming up called "Discovery". During the next few weeks, the fifth graders will be working on memorizing songs and speaking parts as they prepare for the program. The program will include the beginning band and will be held at the **Washington Community Center at 7:00 p.m. on November 23.**

The Sunrise Singers are collecting pop cans and bottles as a fundraiser, so please send your rinsed and empty cans and bottles to school and they will take care of them for you!

Performance Schedule

Tue. Dec. 7 - Sunrise Singers & Advanced Band H.S. auditorium 7 P.M.

Fri. Dec. 10 - Sunrise Singers & Advanced Band Lincoln gym 8:30 A.M.

Tue. Dec. 14 - Sunrise Singers Washington Y, Y's men dinner 7 P.M

**5<sup>th</sup> GRADE ART - Mrs. Humphreys**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Clay Whistle**

Learn about the connection between clay whistles and musical instruments.
View many examples of whistles, especially to see their sculptural qualities.
Learn the process of making a whistle and then create their own whistle.
Turn their whistle into a sculpture.
Participate in a combined art and music lesson with the whistles.

## 2010-2011 FLU SEASON

If your child has a fever, body aches, headache and a cough-Do NOT send him/her to school that day.

Any child with a fever above 100 degrees will be sent home.

Your child may return to school only when he/she has been fever free for 24 hours without the use any fever reducing medications.

If your child has a fever in the evening or at night, please do not send them to school the next day.

A child placed on antibiotics must be on the medication for 24 hours before returning to school.

If your child has vomited within the past 12 hours please do NOT send them to school.

Have your child to wash their hands before meals, after using the restroom, and after blowing their nose. Have your child to cough into their elbow rather than their hands.

These guidelines will help reduce student and staff illness during this flu season.

Holly Roth RN, BSN



### **Smile Iowa**

The 3rd Iowa MOM will be held  
**November 5-6, 2010 from 7am-5:30pm**  
at the U. S. Cellular Center  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

**Everyone Welcome for Free Dental Care!**

**-No Full Dentures or Crowns**

**-Extractions, Fillings, Partial dentures, Cleanings, Exams and X-rays Done**

**\*Health Histories checked for safety reasons**

**First Come First Serve!**

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - ELP

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents,

It was nice seeing so many of you at conferences. I apologize if you had to wait to see me.

As you know, we are now working on a forensic science unit. We have been learning about fingerprints and impressions such as car tire prints, shoe prints, and tool marks. We will continue to learn about crime scene investigations and end the unit by solving an on-line murder case.( make believe, of course).

We will be hosting the 3-5<sup>th</sup> quiz bowl competition this year. It will be held at the high school on Wednesday, April 20. Mark your calendars!

Mrs. Sieren

### TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION with TARGET!

We've discovered a terrific way to raise funds for our school. It's super-easy, and all you have to do is use your Target® Visa® Credit Card. We will receive a percentage of the amount of each purchase in the form of a cash donation from Target through the Take Charge of Education® program. It's easy. Just visit [target.com/tcoe](http://target.com/tcoe), or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school. You can personally designate the specific school that your student attends. So if you're going to Target anyway, please consider using your Target® Visa® Credit Card. Big thanks to those who are already doing their part to make a great school even better. (Grandparents, alumni, neighbors and friends can take part, too! Pass the word!)

### Lincoln Elementary Fundraiser

Students have sold Red Wheel fundraising items to support the Lincoln PTG organization. Money from this fundraiser and other sources will be used to improve the playground, purchase speakers and other school needs. Items sold will be available for pick up on Wednesday, November 18, from 2:45 - 6:00. It is important that you pick up the items your student sold or arrange for someone else to pick up those items during this time as they will arrive frozen and we do not have space to store them. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call the office. Thank you for all you and your students time helping with this fundraiser!

### Helping Your Child Succeed at School

**You are your child's best teacher!** Research shows that children whose parents are engaged in their education are more likely to achieve academic success. It is essential to be as **positive** as possible as you support your child. The following ideas are effective for children in grades PreK-12:

1. Have high expectation for your child.

Kids rise to a challenge. Make sure your child understands the clear expectations you have for them and how well they should do in school.

2. Talk to your child about school.

Ask specific questions to draw out your child. Instead of asking “yes” or “no” questions, ask, “How do you think you did on the math test?” or “What is something funny that happened at school today?” or “What did you do during PE?” It is very important as you talk with your child about school to help them believe in themselves and have the confidence to know that they can succeed.

3. Get “connected” with your child’s teachers.

Teacher and parents should be equal partners. This doesn’t mean you have the same role, but you are both equally important players in supporting the success of your child. Ask teachers about their expectations. What are students expected to master by the end of the year in each class? Ask what you can do at home to support what is going on in the classroom.

Ryan Gratz, SAM

### Counselor Notes

#### ITBS: Iowa Test of Basic Skills

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills will be given at Lincoln starting Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and ending Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. We test for one hour each morning from 8:15-9:15. It is imperative that your child be to school each day on time, but especially the two weeks of basic skills, so they do not have to spend time making up the tests. Getting a good night of sleep will help your child be more alert and do better on the tests. Also, everyone knows that breakfast is one of the most important meals of the day. Starting the day without breakfast is like driving a car without stopping to fill up the gas tank. Children who eat breakfast tend to have longer attention spans and do better in school.

Children do not have to eat the traditional breakfast foods. Here are a variety of nontraditional foods for breakfast.

\*Whole-grain cereal with fruit and reduced-fat milk

\*Whole-wheat toast, eggs, and juice or reduced-fat milk

\*Fried egg and reduced-fat cheese on whole-wheat toast

\*Oatmeal with raisins and reduced-fat milk

\*Waffles, turkey bacon and juice

\*Low-fat yogurt with fruit and granola

\*Bagel with cheese or peanut butter

\*Fruit smoothie: fruit and milk or yogurt mixed together  
in blender

- \*Bagel, string cheese and an apple
- \*Whole-wheat toast, hard-boiled egg and fruit
- \*Turkey sandwich and reduced-fat milk
- \*Leftover pizza and juice
- \*Breakfast burrito: scrambled eggs, cheese and veggies wrapped in a flour tortilla
- \*Peanut butter and jelly sandwich and reduced-fat milk
- \*Grilled cheese sandwich and juice

**BREAKFAST AT LINCOLN IS SERVED FROM 7:40 TO 8:00.  
Please don't hesitate to contact me anytime by phone or email!**

**Teresa Beenblossom, Counselor**

### Notes from the Principal

Lincoln Elementary will be starting Basic Skills on Tuesday, November 9. Tests will be given November 9-November 12. This year Lincoln Elementary will only take the tests required by No Child Left Behind and the State of Iowa. The hope is to minimize the number of tests given so students will maximize their effort.

It is important that the students do their best on the test. Both the students and Lincoln Elementary School are measured on the results of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. These test scores will be used to help identify non-proficient students. Please make sure your child gets enough rest and has a good breakfast. Any student missing days during this time will need to make up the missed test upon their return. Students will receive a snack during homeroom compliments of the Lincoln PTG. Also in the newsletter are details on the Lincoln Elementary Basic Skills Awards.

#### Schedule of Basic Skills Tests:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Test</u>
Tuesday, November 9-	Reading- Part 1 (25) Reading- Part 2 (30)
Wednesday, November 10-	Math Concepts and Estimation- Part 1 (25) & Part 2 (5)
Thursday, Nov 11-	Math Problem Solving and Data Interpretation (30)
Friday, November 12-	Science (30)

The end of the first trimester will be on November 12. Report cards will be sent home with the students on Wednesday, November 17. Students that earn a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the first trimester will be recognized with an Academic Awards certificate. These certificates will be presented to the students at a later date at school.

The grade point average is calculated from grades earned in math, language arts, spelling, social studies, science, reading, physical education, music, art, and band.

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 playground:

- 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.

Information on the Family Night scheduled for Monday, November 15, is below. We hope you can attend.

Dave Hoffman  
Principal

## LINCOLN FAMILY NIGHT

Come One, Come All

Mark your calendars for Lincoln School's first Family Night of the year.



Monday, November 15

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Lincoln School

"Healthy Bodies - Healthy Kids"

More information to follow

## **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. Veta Thode at 319-653-6543.

