

LINCOLN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY 2009



“PREPARING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 5	School Resumes
Jan 8-9	Kindergarten Vision & Hearing Tested
Jan 12	Registration payment due
Jan 12-16	Winter Benchmark Reading Assessment
Jan 13-14	Impedance Rescreening
Jan 16	End of First Semester
Jan 19	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Observance
Jan 21	Board of Education Mtg. 7PM, MJSHS Library
Jan 23	Report Cards go home

THANK YOU FROM PTO

The Lincoln PTO would like to thank the many individuals and businesses who helped to make the annual Breakfast with Santa an overwhelming success! Thank you to the Macomb Kiwanis Club, Hy-Vee Food Store, MHS Janitorial Staff, Luanne Sanner, Larry Adams, Diana Kuraz, Courtney Johnson, Mary Kay Benda, Chris Vallillo, Alan, Bess, & Evan Thompson, State Farm Insurance, Rocky Dornell, Debbie Ulm, Aramark, Betty Webster, Wal-Mart, Wendy's, Town & Country 4-H Club, WIU Cheerleaders & Rocky, McDonough Telephone and Infobahn Outfitters (Betty Dakin was the winner of the Nintendo Wii). A special thank you to Tim Waldrop for the set design and to he and Bill Buchanan for building Santa's Toy Shop! Also, to all of those who donated cookies, helped make cookie plates, and set up and take down for the Breakfast! We couldn't have done it without you!

SCHOOL REPORT CARDS/DISTRICT BUDGET

Information is available by accessing our district web page. Anyone who wishes to view a hard copy of the school report cards or district budget can do so at the individual buildings or district office.



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. CARPENTER . . .

In keeping with the spirit of the season, it's appropriate to thank some individuals and businesses who help Lincoln School. First, I realize this is an incomplete list. I apologize for not including everyone involved. We are very fortunate to have a generous community that supports our schools, children, and families in many ways.

First, I would like to recognize the Macomb Education Foundation for providing financial scholarships to students at our after school program that may not otherwise be able to attend. The coupons that you purchase are one way to continue supporting the MEF. A few others that I would like to recognize include Citizen's National Bank and Mid America Bank for underwriting a major portion of our monthly PBS reading visits to our kindergarten classrooms. The visits excite the children about reading and provide each child a new book every month to build a home library.

Thanks also to optometrists Dr. Bengston, Dr. Botts, and Dr. Culver who have helped students that need eye exams and glasses. The time spent giving a thorough eye exam is a wonderful service to our children. At this time of year we are also very appreciative of all the organizations that offer to help families in need. Thank you to McDonough County Power, Macomb Kiwanis, and our local churches for all they do for our community.

Finally, thanks to Mary Lou Friday and Mike Legler with Aramark for continuing to provide every Lincoln student a stuffed animal for the holidays. It is something the children look forward to for weeks! The many individuals and area business and community groups that are mentioned in our PTO news that helped with Santa's Breakfast do not go unnoticed. It does take a village to raise a child!

MAP POLICY

A reminder that on days in which school is cancelled because of weather, Macomb After School Program will **NOT** be in session. Please listen to local radio stations to keep you informed of possible school closings or delays. **Also in case of early dismissal, MAP will not be in session.** If you have any questions, feel free to contact MAP site supervisor Amy Welch at 333-8385.

WINTER WEATHER INFO

Please listen to the local radio and television stations (WKAI 100.1, WJEQ 102.7, or WIUM 91.3, WHQA-TV and WGEM-TV) for school cancellations and early dismissals related to the weather. They receive the information before any school is notified. **Please do not call the school; we need to keep our lines open for emergency situations.**

Please let your child's teacher know what your child is to do in case of an emergency early dismissal. If we do not hear from you, we will have your child leave as they normally do on any other day.

COLD AND FLU SEASON – TIPS FOR PARENTS

Cold and flu season is just around the corner, and the Illinois Department of Public Health has asked schools to remind everyone to practice healthy habits. Parents can remind their children to:

- Cough or sneeze into a tissue and throw it away
- If you don't have a tissue, cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing
- Clean your hands often. Use soap and warm water for 15-20 seconds
- Get plenty of physical activity and sleep.
- Drink lots of water
- Eat good food to stay healthy during the winter

Students may not attend school if they have a fever of 100 degrees or higher, have diarrhea, or vomiting. They may not return to school until these symptoms are gone for at least 24 hours.

Continue to check your child for head lice at least once a week. We do have fewer cases being reported, but it is wise to keep checking.

REGISTRATION FEES

If you are paying registration fees on a payment schedule, installments may be made on January 12, 2009 and February 27, 2009. **If fee payments are delinquent and no attempt is made to pay or make arrangements for payment, legal action will begin on February 27, 2009 for collection of delinquent fees.**

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Enclosed in the newsletter you will find a new Teacher of the Month nomination form for this year from our area radio stations. Each week a teacher is chosen from those nominated to receive a gift certificate from Little Java House. One lucky teacher is named Teacher of the Month and receives an engraved plaque and \$500 for the classroom. We thank Pella and Prestige Communications, along with Little Java House, Lucky Monument, and Engraving by Linn for sponsoring this exciting promotion.

NOTE - Public Act 94-994 requires all schools to notify parents that information about area sex offenders is available to the public. The following link will allow you to access that information . <http://www.isp.state.il.us/sor/contactsor.cfm>

PICK UP AND DROP OFF

After nasty weather, drop-off and dismissal can take several minutes longer. With ice and snow in the parking lot and on sidewalks, everything slows down. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter. Safety takes time. ***Please use the parent drop-off/pick-up line*** in a vehicle. If you are walking in, **do not cross in the middle of vehicles** in the pick-up/drop-off line **or in the middle of the street** in front of the school. A few extra minutes of time saved would not be worth a needless injury.

TOYS AND GAMES

Each school has guidelines about bringing personal items to school. The rule of thumb we tell students is to not bring anything that would cause upset if it were lost or broken. When children are preoccupied with personal items, they are not able to focus on school work. We have had repeated incidents related to toys and cards being brought to school recently that have caused a disruption to the classroom environment. Please remind your child that those personal possessions should not be brought to school. If it does become disruptive, the teacher will hold onto the item until the end of the day. In the case of an ongoing problem, the teacher will notify the parent to come pick up the item.



Parents: As part of our job here at Lincoln School we are required by the state to align our curriculum with the Illinois Learning Standards. There are 30 goals contained within 7 subject areas that we work with on a daily basis. This month we are sharing information about Social Science. Following each state goal is a brief description of why the goal is important and learning standards contained within that goal.

SOCIAL SCIENCE

STATE GOAL 14: Understand political systems, with an emphasis on the United States.

Why This Goal Is Important: The existence and advancement of a free society depend on the knowledge, skills and understanding of its citizenry. Through the study of various forms and levels of government and the documents and institutions of the United States, students will develop the skills and knowledge that they need to be contributing citizens, now and in the future.

- A. Understand and explain basic principles of the United States government.**
- B. Understand the structures and functions of the political systems of Illinois, the United States and other nations.**
- C. Understand election processes and responsibilities of citizens.**
- D. Understand the roles and influences of individuals and interest groups in the political systems of Illinois, the United States and other nations.**
- E. Understand United States foreign policy as it relates to other nations and international issues.**
- F. Understand the development of United States political ideas and traditions.**

STATE GOAL 15: Understand economic systems, with an emphasis on the United States.

Why This Goal Is Important: Why This Goal Is Important: People's lives are directly affected by the economies of cities, states, nations and the world. All people engage in economic activity: buying, selling, trading, producing and consuming. By understanding economic systems—and how economics blends with other social sciences, students will be able to make more informed choices, prudently use resources and function as effective participants in the economies around them.

- A. Understand how different economic systems operate in the exchange, production, distribution and consumption of goods and services.**
- B. Understand that scarcity necessitates choices by consumers.**
- C. Understand that scarcity necessitates choices by producers.**
- D. Understand trade as an exchange of goods or services.**
- E. Understand the impact of government policies and decisions on production and consumption in the economy.**

STATE GOAL 16: Understand events, trends, individuals and movements shaping the history of Illinois, the United States and other nations.

Why This Goal Is Important: George Santayana said "those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." In a broader sense, students who can examine and analyze the events of the past have a powerful tool for understanding the events of today and the future. They develop an understanding of how people, nations, actions and interactions have led to today's realities. In the process, they can better define their own roles as participating citizens.

- A. Apply the skills of historical analysis and interpretation.**
- B. Understand the development of significant political events.**
- C. Understand the development of economic systems.**
- D. Understand Illinois, United States and world social history.**
- E. Understand Illinois, United States and world environmental history.**

Teacher of the Month Award

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Teacher:	Nominated By:
Grade:	Student, Parent, Faculty
School:	Date:
School Phone Number:	Phone Number:

Please return all nomination forms to your school

Please Explain Why You Are Nominating This Teacher:



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