

LINCOLN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY 2010



“PREPARING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 4	School Resumes
Jan 8	Registration payment due
Jan 15	End of First Semester
Jan 18	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Observance
Jan 19	Board of Education Mtg. 7PM, MJSHS Library
Jan 22	Report Cards go home
Jan. 26-27	Impedance Screening

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, Alan, Bess, & Evan Thompson, State Farm Insurance, Debbie Ulm, Aramark, Wal-Mart, Town & Country 4-H Club, WIU Cheerleaders & Rocky.

Also thank you 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!

WELCOME TO LINCOLN!!

Steve Horrell will be joining the staff at Lincoln School beginning January 20. Steve comes to us with a special education background and experience working with the inclusion model. He has worked at Lincoln in the MAP program in past years. WELCOME STEVE!

Michelle Goodlaxson recently joined the Lincoln staff also. She will serve as a literacy specialist and will work with students at all grade levels. WELCOME MICHELLE!

Courtney Caldwell also recently joined the Lincoln staff. She replaces Trish Cramer who moved to the Office Manager position. WELCOME COURTNEY and CONTRATULATIONS TO TRISH!



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. PLATT . . .

My first *Breakfast with Santa* was wonderful! I am amazed at how many families were able to take advantage of such a great opportunity with their children. The artwork, music and pancakes were truly wonderful! Thank you again to all who donated their time and made this such a fun, successful event, especially the PTO chairs, Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Godard!

SAFETY! SAFETY! SAFETY!

Recently, the Superintendent met with the city police to discuss how we might keep the streets closest to Lincoln safe for our children. The police will be monitoring to see how we might improve our process during arrival and dismissal. I will keep you informed if something changes. Please remember that in the wintertime after nasty weather, pick-up and dismissal can take several minutes longer.

When there is ice and snow in the parking lot and sometimes patches of ice on sidewalks, everything slows down for the safety of “our” children. Parent/guardians can assist us in several ways. First, make it a point to arrive at school several minutes earlier. Second, when you arrive please be patient. Safety takes time! A few extra minutes may save a needles injury. Finally, ***please use the drop-off line*** unless you are walking a child in. **Do not ever allow a child out of your car to cross in front of traffic in the parking lot or on the street.**

Finally, thank you to all the volunteers who come to our school to help our children. We appreciate your willingness to share your many talents here at Lincoln!

TIS' THE SEASON!!!

Thanks to Christina Smith and Carolee Sellers with ARAMARK for continuing to provide every Lincoln student a stuffed animals for the holidays. This is something the children look forward to for weeks!

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 833-6389.

WINTER WEATHER INFO

Please check the school district website:

<http://district185.macomb.com/>, 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. You may also be notified through the district phone alert system, with a **current phone number on file. 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 8, 2010 and February 27, 2010. **If fee payments are delinquent and no attempt is made to pay or make arrangements for payment, legal action will begin on February 27, 2010 for collection of delinquent fees.**

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Please check the Parent Resource area located in the foyer for Teacher of the Month nomination forms. 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, Lacky 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>

2010 CENSUS: A SNAPSHOT

- Community planners use census data to determine where to build new schools, provide public transportation and build new roads.
- The Census in Schools program teaches students and their families about demography, civics and the value of being counted.
- Census data affect your voice in Congress as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils and voting districts.

TOYS AND GAMES

Since many children will be receiving new toys at the holidays, we want to review the guidelines about bringing personal items to school. The rule of thumb is to not bring anything that would cause children to be upset if it were lost or broken. When children are preoccupied with personal items, they are not able to focus on school work. 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.

Reminder: Please remember to schedule ahead with teachers if you need to meet with them. They appreciate you calling, thanks.



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.**

From the Counselor

Saying Thank You

Christmas is almost here and I am sure that you have put thought and time into gifts for those that you love. Children sometimes may not think to say thank you. This is a very important social skill that all children need to learn. How can you help to make that happen?

Of course, children need to SAY thank you to the person that gave the gift if he or she is there at the time it is opened. The children may need a gentle reminder with that. But what if the gift came in the mail or was given much earlier and not opened until Christmas?

All of the classes at Lincoln school are working on writing in some way in their classroom. The third graders are gearing up for the ISAT test in the spring and working on writing longer essays. The kindergarteners are just beginning to write by practicing their name and writing simple words by sounding them out, and the 1st and 2nd graders are somewhere in the middle. No matter what age they all can write a short and simple thank you to anyone that may have sent or given them a gift. If pencil and paper is a bit difficult, maybe with your help, an email could be sent instead. Most children like using the computer. A picture could be included if they like to draw. This is an excellent way of writing for a purpose and staying in touch with family and friends that are far away and I am sure will be greatly appreciated by the giver of the gift.