

LINCOLN SCHOOL

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MAY 2009

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 1 WIU Steel Band K/2nd 8:30AM 1st/3rd 9:30AM
May 1 2nd Grade Battle of the Book ends
May 4-22 2nd & 3rd Grade Skating
May 4-8 Staff Appreciation Week
May 4-15 ITBS Testing
May 6 National School Nurse Day
May 8 2nd Grade Magic Show
May 14 Eagle View Dental Clinic - Tooth Mobile
May 14 Third Grade Visit to Edison
May 18 All Second Grade Trip to Niabi Zoo
May 19 First Grade Field Trip to Galesburg
Lovejoy, Robertson, & Thompson
May 19 Board of Education Meeting
MJSHS Library, 7PM
May 20 First Grade Field Trip to Galesburg
Marlow, Severs, & Streit
May 21 All Third Grade Field Trip to Dubuque, IA
May 21 3rd Grade Parent/Student Orientation at
Edison 6:00PM
May 21 First Grade Field Trip to Galesburg
Morris & Norburg
May 25 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
May 26 Awards Ceremony, 1:00PM
May 27 2nd -3rd Grade Field Day, 12:30-2:30PM
May 28 Kdg-1st Grade Field Day, 1:00-2:30PM
May 29 Registration Information returned
June 2 Last Day of MAP
June 3 Last Day of School- Students pick up report
cards, school out at 9AM
June 15 Board of Education Meeting
MJSHS Library, 7PM
July 20 Board of Education Meeting
MJSHS Library, 7PM
Aug 17 Board of Education Meeting
MJSHS Library, 7PM
Aug 20 Back to School Night for Parents 6-7 PM
Aug 21 First Pupil Day Grades 1-3

2009-2010 KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES

If you know of any kindergarten students who have not registered, please encourage their parents to contact the school immediately so that we can accurately prepare for our new students.

MESSAGE FROM MRS. CARPENTER

It's hard to believe that another school year will be over in a month. A big thank you goes out to the students, staff, and parents of Lincoln School! The effort put forth on a daily basis by each of these groups helps to make our school a quality place to learn. Everyone has worked together to help our young people grow both academically and socially.

On that note, it seems very appropriate that Staff Appreciation Week will be held in our school next week. Take the time to thank staff members for a job well done. We will also be giving the Iowa Test of Basic Skills to students in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade next week. Please be sure your child is in attendance and has had a good night's rest so that he/she has the opportunity to do their very best.

Finally, several families will be moving from our district at the conclusion of the current school year while others will be "graduating" to Edison. I want to personally wish each of you the very best. Next year, I will be heading over to MacArthur School as the principal. We look forward to welcoming our new principal, Mrs. Rosemary Platt, to Lincoln. I am excited about the opportunity to continue working with Lincoln as we coordinate our services from preschool to kindergarten. Enjoy the last month of school!

MEDICATIONS

If your child receives medication at school, please come to the office and pick it up between the last day of school and June 12, 2009. We cannot send medicine home with your child. We will dispose of medications not picked up.

*Teacher and
Staff Appreciation
Week is May 4 - May 8*

REGISTRATION 2009-2010

We are sending home registration information for the 2009-2010 school year on May 1, 2009. Please fill out the information and return it to the office ASAP and no later than May 29th. Only new students to the district will be registering in August. Children will return to school on August 21th.

MEF UPDATE

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the MEF for their generous contributions to our school throughout this past school year.

Thanks to the community members who purchased these coupons and many thanks to the MEF for helping fund projects here at Lincoln School. We look forward to next year's campaign and will continue to appreciate the MEF and your support in purchasing the coupon sheets.

CLASS PLACEMENT

We will be following the same procedure for the 2009-2010 school year as we have done in the past. Due to the educational needs and the need to balance classes, parent requests for student placement will not be honored. This procedure is implemented district wide. If you have specific concerns about your child, please contact Mrs. Carpenter or your present classroom teacher.

SCOTT JENNINGS MEMORIAL FISHING CONTEST

The Macomb Police Department will be holding its 30th Annual Scott Jennings Memorial Fishing Contest on Saturday, May 23, 2009. The contest will be held at Spring Lake Park, north of Macomb. The contest starts at 10:00AM and will run until noon. Contestants should arrive early for sign up. At noon, the fish will be weighed and prizes awarded. There will be free refreshments and more than forty prizes.

There are four age groups (1-5, 6-9, 10-12, 13-15) with the top ten places receiving prizes in each age group.

All contestants must furnish their own fishing pole, bait, and container for the fish they catch. Contestants may only use one pole. Adults may bait, cast, and remove fish, but contestants must land their own fish. All contestants must fish from the bank.

A Sportsmanship prize is also awarded which includes the winner's name being placed on the traveling trophy.

There is no entry fee. For further information contact: Officer Jenessa Lundgren at 833-4505 ext. 9123 or Officer Matt Gass at ext. 9130.

BOOK DRIVE

Lincoln School is accepting book donations! Please send any children's books or children's magazines that your family no longer uses to school. They will be redistributed to other children for summer reading materials. Direct any questions to Diana Kurasz at 833-6379. Thanks for your help!



REUSE-A-SHOE COLLECTION

McDonough County and the Tri-County Resource & Waste Management Council are sponsoring a Reuse-A-Shoe collection. From April 1 to June 1, 2009 bring your old tennis shoes to Lincoln School and drop them in the Reuse-A-Shoe collection bin. Please, no metal eyes, tags, or zippers. The shoes may be transformed into basketball flooring, all-weather tracks, playground surfaces, or poly-foam tumbling mats!

A NOTE FROM PTO

PTO would like to thank all of the parents and teachers who attended our meetings this year! We have had a wonderful turn out each meeting and have had a very busy and successful year!

We again appreciate all of the efforts made in our Mr. Z's Fundraiser in the Fall! This fundraiser helped make it possible for PTO to provide field trips for Kindergarten to visit the Pumpkin Farm, 1st Grade's train trip to Galesburg, 2nd Grade's trip coming up to Niabi Zoo, and 3rd Grade's trip coming up soon to Dubuque, IA.

Santa's Breakfast was a wonderful start to the holidays and WIU's Green Eggs and Ham was a hit in February. Penny Carnival was a great success and enjoyed by many in April and we look forward to the WIU Steel Band in May!

Support for Red Ribbon Week, the Scholastic Book Fair, Family Nights and Battle of the Books were also possible! Box Tops rocked! Keep saving them for next year!

PTO had the most fun showering our teachers and staff with appreciation throughout the year with our biggest event being a luncheon at Magnolia's in Macomb – They LOVED it! We are looking forward to your help with Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week beginning May 4th!

THANK YOU! Be sure to check out PTO next year! It is a pleasure to serve Lincoln School. ~PTO President, Mallore Buchanan

THIRD GRADE FIELD TRIP TO EDISON

The third graders will be walking to Edison School on Thursday, May 14th to tour the building, meet the teachers and principal, and have an opportunity to ask questions.

INVITATION TO LINCOLN SCHOOL THIRD GRADE PARENTS

On May 14th, Edison P.T.O. will be having a meeting at 7:00PM in the Edison School Library. Third Grade parents are encouraged to attend. Officers and committee chairs will be elected for next year.

On May 21st, Edison will be hosting a Third Grade Parent/Student Orientation from 6:00-7:00PM in the auditorium.

THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER SOCIAL SKILLS- APOLOGIZING

Social skills go a long way in helping, not only children but adults, get along better within the family, community, school and at work. Part of my job as the school counselor is to help children gain better social skills. Somehow over the years, I believe we have forgotten how to give a heartfelt apology.

During the month of March the second graders worked on apologizing. We created a chart that listed what it “looks like” (what would we see) and “sounds like” (what would we hear) if someone was observing an apology. We then went on to practice this skill both in writing and by role playing.

As part of the apology lessons I read Sorry, by Trudy Ludwig. The main character, Charlie, gets away with just saying “sorry” with no real meaning behind it through most of the book. Then when Charlie and his friend Jack ruin a classmate’s science project, the science teacher tells the boys they have to “make right their wrong”. Charlie has no idea what that means, but Jack does. With some hard work, the boys fix the project they had ruined– hopefully Charlie has learned what a real apology is. The second graders weren’t sure.

How many times have you told or suggested to your child to apologize? They slowly and oh so softly say “sorry”, looking at the floor while they say it. The second graders now know that is not a proper apology. If you have a second grader ask them to tell you what the important parts of an apology are (good eye contact, “I’m sorry for...” and really mean it, then fix it, ask for forgiveness, etc.) Hopefully, they will be able to demonstrate a good apology. Do you apologize to your child or another adult properly when necessary? Yes, children need to be apologized to if you forget to do something you promised or have made a mistake. Children learn by example. Be a good role model for your child. Apologies will go a long way in building a close bond between you and help them to be good citizens.

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

We will again be able to offer a free breakfast and lunch to anyone 18 or younger here at Lincoln Elementary June 8- July 2. Breakfast will be served 7:30-8:30AM and lunch will be served 11:00-12:00PM.

The Lincoln Staff and Faculty want to wish you a wonderful summer!



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 Fine Arts. Following each state goal is a brief description of why the goal is important and learning standards contained within that goal.

FINE ARTS

STATE GOAL 25: Know the language of the arts.

Why This Goal Is Important: Through observation, discussion, interpretation and analysis, students learn the "language" of the arts. They learn to understand how others express ideas in dance, drama, music and visual art forms. In addition to acquiring knowledge essential to performance and production, students become arts consumers (e.g., attending live performances or movies, purchasing paintings or jewelry, or visiting museums) who understand the basic elements and principles underlying artworks and are able to critique them.

- A. Understand the sensory elements, organizational principles and expressive qualities of the arts.**
- B. Understand the similarities, distinctions and connections in and among the arts.**

STATE GOAL 26: Through creating and performing, understand how works of art are produced.

Why This Goal Is Important: Students acquire skills to produce and perform dance, drama, music and visual art. They learn to use media, tools and technologies. They learn to shape ideas and emotions into sounds, images and actions. As students create and perform their own artworks and review the works of others, they become more imaginative, strengthen their problem-solving skills and learn to respond to the creativity of others. Creating and performing are at the core of the fine arts. Students also learn about the role of the artist (e.g., dancer, painter, actor, director, scriptwriter, musician).

- A. Understand processes, traditional tools and modern technologies used in the arts.**
- B. Apply skills and knowledge necessary to create and perform in one or more of the arts.**

STATE GOAL 27: Understand the role of the arts in civilizations, past and present.

Why This Goal Is Important: The arts are a record of civilizations, past and present. Artists are influenced by—and influence—the times and places in which they live and work. As students learn through the arts about people and civilizations, they learn about others and themselves. Also, students learn about careers related to this goal (e.g., animator, curator, art historian, sound technician).

- A. Analyze how the arts function in history, society and everyday life.**
- B. Understand how the arts shape and reflect history, society and everyday life.**