



*That some achieve great success is proof to all that others can achieve it as well.”*  
~ President Abraham Lincoln, 16th United States President

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## Happy Birthday President Lincoln!



February 12, 2010 was an important day at Lincoln Elementary School! President Lincoln celebrated his 201st birthday, and our school celebrated with the unveiling of our school-wide theme, “Learning and Living the Lincoln Legacy.” This celebration included thanking the businesses and sponsors who helped support the creation of our yearlong theme—including the creation of the replica Abe Lincoln cabin. Thanks to the *Tab* for a great article helping celebrate the birthday of Abe Lincoln!

Lincoln School also celebrated two fifth grade students who received the first Learning and Living the Lincoln LIFESKILL Award—an award given by the fifth grade class to a boy and girl who exhibit living the LIFESKILLS like President Abraham Lincoln. Congratulations to Paige Berry and Jacob Garlits as the 2010 recipients.



## Yearbook Sales Extended into the Spring

Reserve your copy of the all-color 2009-2010 Lincoln Yearbook! The yearbook costs \$14 and will be delivered before the end of the year. Be sure to capture this school year’s memories such as homecoming, skating parties, club participation, and sporting events. Checks can be made to Strawbridge Studios. Forms can also be picked up from the front office area.



### Kindergarten Orientation Set!

Know a child who will be 5 by August 1?  
Kindergarten Orientation  
will be Tuesday, May 4th from 6-8 pm.

Give the attached orientation form to any families you know who might have a kindergartener for the 2010-2011 school year!

## ISTEP+ Testing begins March 1st

Students in grades 3-5 begin ISTEP+ testing Monday, March 1st with practice test for grade 3. Testing continues daily through March 10th. Classroom teachers will share more specifics about the testing process. But, please help your students prepare to do their Personal Best by following these guidelines:

1. Get plenty of rest. At least 8-9 hours of sleep help students do their best.
2. Eat a good breakfast. Did you know our school offers breakfast? Eat breakfast each day.
3. Complete each part of the test. If you do not know an answer, make the best choice.
4. Write in complete sentences and explain your work.

# Circle the State a Success!



Congratulations to Mrs. Rumble and the students who participated in Circle the State Saturday, February 12, 2010. The following students celebrated in this day of music: Megan Adkins, Kiara Asher, Megan Berry, Diamond Boggs, Stacey Cox, Shawna Duckworth, Ethan Emley, Juan Esquivel, Elania Fuentes, Shay Haney, Marissa Jacquay, Carlee Kiefer, Elizabeth Kirk, E.V. Klosowski, Morgan McNally, Jennifer Meyer, Kylie Sparks, Jacyee Thorn, Jamie Vance, and Cameron Whitaker.

## Lincoln Caring Families Restructured!

Would you like to be a part of our newly reformed Lincoln Caring Families? With a new mission and vision of our organization, it's time to create opportunities for volunteering in your child's education. See the list of family volunteers you can contact about how to get involved.

Janetta Rydell: [janettarydell@yahoo.com](mailto:janettarydell@yahoo.com)  
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## Inclement Weather Notice

As we plan for the winter season, we share with you the policy for fog or snow days. In an effort to keep our school lines open for communication with appropriate officials, please utilize the list of TV/Radio Stations below:

Radios - 1190AM, 88.3 FM, 90.3 FM, 93.3 FM, 89.1 FM, 97.3 FM, 1300 AM

TV - Your local stations (ch 15, ch 21, ch 33)  
- Your local cable stations (ch 2, ch 12, ch 13)

With unpredictable weather, please make sure your child has with them a warm coat, hats and gloves suitable for the weather. If you are in need of these type of items, please contact Mrs. Kruse, our school counselor, to assist. We have outside recess when the wind chill is above 20 degrees.



## Paige Berry wins Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our very own Huntington County Spelling Bee Competition winner, Paige Berry. Paige spelled the following words correctly to secure her victory: faucet and pigeon. Paige will represent Lincoln Elementary and Huntington County in the district Spelling Bee in March.



## K105 VS Lincoln Eagle Staff Basketball Game

Mark your calendars for the make-up date, Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:00 pm, as your very own faculty and staff basketball team takes on the K105 radio station basketball team at 7:00 pm at the Lincoln Elementary Gym. You won't want to miss this night.

The fun begins at 7:00 pm and cost is \$1 to get in for kids and \$2 for adults—or a \$5 family value.



## You Might Qualify for a Free Lunch!

Families can complete a free and reduced form any time during the school year. If you have already filed a free and reduced form earlier and you were denied but your income or household members have changed, you may now be eligible to be on the program. Give the Food Service office a call and we can adjust your application over the phone. The Free and Reduced forms are available at your school office. If you have any questions please call the Food Service Office 260-356-6104 ext. 1053 & 1052.



## School Day Changes

Students will be in session due to snow and changes to district calendar:

- Friday, March 19, 2010
- Monday, March 22, 2010
- Friday, May 14, 2010
- Monday, May 17, 2010
- Thursday, May 27, 2010
- Friday, May 28, 2010
- Tuesday, June 01, 2010

Students will not be in session due to a change in the district calendar:

- Friday, April 23, 2010

## Credit Cards Accepted

We wanted to make you aware that Lincoln Elementary School can now accept credit cards to pay for school lunch. If you are interested in paying by credit card, please stop in the office to see Mrs. Henry. She can help you with the credit card payment option



for lunch.

## Help for Haiti Provides Support

Way to Go Lincoln! Lincoln Elementary School students and staff helped raise over \$300 for the victims of Haiti. A special shout out to the following fifth grade student for organizing this great event - way to go Jacob Garlits!



## Jump Rope for Heart a Success

Way to Go Lincoln again! A special thanks to Mrs. Hesting for her organization of our annual Jump Rope for Heart campaign for the American Cancer Society. Our school raised \$595.35.



## 5th Grade Basketball Schedule

It's time for our 5th grade Basketball season to begin. A special thanks to Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Morrison for coaching our boys' and girls' teams, respectively. All girls' games begin at 4:00 pm and all boys' games begin at 5:00 pm. The games in bold are at home. We hope to see

you there to root on your Lincoln Eagles. Remember, if you child plans to stay for the home games, he/she must have a note to stay. Cost is \$1.00 for adults and \$0.50 for students. Concessions, sold by the Student Council, are available for purchase. Hope to see you there!

TBA/Reschedule	Lincoln @ Flint Springs
Wednesday, Feb. 24	Lincoln @ Horace Mann
<b>Monday, March 1</b>	<b>Salamonie vs. Lincoln</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 10</b>	<b>Roanoke vs. Lincoln</b>
Monday, March 15	Lincoln @ Andrews
<b>Wednesday, March 24</b>	<b>Northwest vs. Lincoln</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 31</b>	<b>Lancaster vs. Lincoln</b>

Please complete and return the attached family stakeholder survey to help us improve our day to day functions at Lincoln! Thanks for your continued support. You can also take online at:  
<http://tiny.cc/k6bYI>

## Attendance and Volunteer Hours Recorded

Our February attendance percentage (February 24, 2010) was **96.22%**.  
Wow! Just a reminder that our attendance policy allows for **10 days of missed absences**. Doctor's notes and being sent home from the nurse does *not* count toward the 10 days, but we must have a doctor's note on file.  
August 2009: 97.7%;  
September 2009: 96.7%;  
October 2009: 93.4%;  
November 2009: 96.3%;  
December 2009: 96.1%;  
January 2010: 94.91%

We had **108 hours** of recorded volunteer time during the month of February!



Lincoln Parents,

The theme of the Boys and Girls Club nationwide this year is BE GREAT. This simple, two word phrase captures the heart of the Boys and Girls Club. We exist to motivate and inspire young people to BE GREAT in all areas of their lives. Here are a few things that our club members have decided that they want to BE:

BE Positive	BE Active	BE a Good Friend	BE Athletic
BE Kind	BE Spontaneous	BE Brave	BE Happy
BE Honest	BE Artistic	BE a Leader	BE Myself

Did you know...

- It only costs \$5.00 for a yearly membership to the Boys and Girls Club?
- Boys and Girls Club members who participated in the Education program *Mitch's Kids* during the 2008-2009 year raised their Reading scores and average of 43%, and their Math scores by 62%?
- Bus # 63 brings Lincoln students to the Boys and Girls Club after school every day?
- Club members receive a free snack and free supper every day?
- 17 Club members were given free tickets to an Indianapolis Colts Game this year?



**Programs...**

All of the programs offered at the Boys and Girls Club include these 5 key elements-

- FUN – Kids love to have fun, so FUN happens everywhere at the Club
- SAFE ENVIRONMENT – Club members can ALWAYS feel safe
- SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS – Professionally trained staff who care for kids
- OPPORTUNITIES AND EXPECTATIONS – Goals are given to our members
- RECOGNITION – Rewards and praises are given to the youth who try their best

Any parent or guardian interested in signing their child or children up to become members of the Boys and Girls Club of Huntington must visit the Boys and Girls Club at 608 East State Street. Membership packets are available at the front desk. There is a \$5 membership fee per child, which covers the cost of all Club activities for an entire year. Scholarships are also available upon request.

For more information, call 260-359-1750, or visit us at [www.bgchuntington.com](http://www.bgchuntington.com).

**Attachments:** March Dates, March Menu, Reading Newsletter, Lincoln Birthday Article, Survey, and SOARS awards