



That some achieve great success is proof to all that others can achieve it as well."

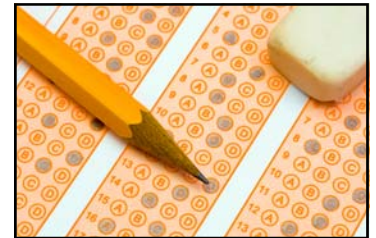
- President Abraham Lincoln, 16th United States President

Mid Year Check-Up

The month of January has allowed classroom teachers to do formal check ups on your students' progress in reading, language usage, and mathematics. Winter NWEA reports were sent home earlier this month. Remember, that NWEA is an off grade level assessment that measures your student's growth. This information is used by your classroom teacher to plan small group lessons in reading, and math instruction during our daily, 30-minute Success Time.

Classroom teachers will be examining your student's growth, and be contacting you if they feel your student's growth is not on target to meet the goals set forth during the fall semester. If you have any questions at all about understanding your student's assessment, please contact your child's teacher or Mr. Drummond and they can assist you.

While NWEA is one of the major assessments we use to make adjustments in our teaching goals and skills, classroom teachers also use their reading benchmark level of your student. This is a leveled reading system where each text is given a letter of the alphabet. Each 'letter' has specific skills identified for your student, and the text is a 'just right' level for your student to be taught specific skills. Classroom teachers can share how you can support your student in these skills through reading twenty minutes each evening at home. Remember, if your child completes the Reading Wizard program, she/he can earn a free ticket and ride to the Fort Wayne Wizards game.



Important Information from Our Clinic

We would like to thank Ms. Hines for helping as our clinic assistant these past three months. We are excited to announce Mrs. Gina Berry as our new clinic assistant. Mrs. Berry has worked at Lincoln since 2006, and will be a great addition to our staff in the office.

DENTAL AWARENESS MONTH!

February is Dental Awareness month. Each grade will learn about the importance of dental health. The Mobile Dentists will arrive on February 5th for a dental check up. The visit will only be for those who filled out the permission forms sent home before Christmas break.



IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Preschool, Kindergarten, Fifth Grade!

New immunization requirements for school year 2010- 2011: Students enrolling in preschool and kindergarten will need **2 varicella vaccines 3 months apart or a physician's statement documenting disease or laboratory evidence of disease.** Students entering grades 6-12 will need **2 varicella vaccines 3 months apart or a parent statement of disease or lab evidence of disease, 3 Hepatitis B vaccines, Tdap, and Menactra.** Students must provide documentation of these new requirements within 20 days after the beginning of school, which will be August 12, 2010. Immunizations may be received through our local health depart or your family physician.



All State Honor Choir

Congratulations to Jaycee Thorn, Cameron Whitaker, and Carlee Kiefer for being selected to participate in the All State Honor Choir last Thursday and Friday, January 21-22. A special thank you to Mrs. Rumble for helping support our students and create such a wonderful music program for our students at Lincoln Elementary!

Next LCF Meeting Planned for Tuesday, Feb. 9

Plan to join our next LCF Meeting Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 6:00 pm in the Library. Lincoln Caring Families is your voice in how to make Lincoln Elementary School better. New ideas, families, and fun are encouraged. Child care is available during the hour meeting. Come hear about how we plan to make Lincoln better by the feedback you've given through walk throughs,

surveys, and focus groups. If you have questions, please contact Amy Stansell, our LCF President, or Cara Conwell, our Family Involvement Coordinator, at 356-2914.



Attendance Policy Reminder

When your child is absent from school, our school policy is that we ask parents/guardians to call the school and report the absence. We would like you to tell the school who is calling, your child's name, your child's teacher's name and the reason for the absence-whether it be illness, family business, etc. When the school is not notified about an absence, the absence is recorded as unexcused. **Please remember the school must be notified each day when your child is absent.** Attendance letters are sent home after the 5th, 10th, and subsequent unexcused absence after 10. Please know that this is a district and state of Indiana policy. After 10 unexcused absences, school administration may contact you about setting up a meeting to discuss your child's absences. Student success is directly related to being in school.

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, 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 7, 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.



Identification Kits Available Pick them up by Feb. 28, 2010

Starting in January, the office will have National Child Identification Kits through the National Child Identification Program. These are available free of charge to any parents who have a **kindergarten or a first grade student**. These kits have helped protect more than 21 million children, with a goal of fingerprinting more than 60 million children nationwide. If you have questions, please contact the office. These will be available until the end of February.



Circle the State, Feb. 13th

The Circle the State with Song Festival will be held at the Honeywell Center in Wabash on Saturday, February 13. The following Lincoln Elementary students auditioned and were selected to participate. Megan Adkins, Kiara Asher, Megan Berry, Diamond Boggs, Stacey Cox, Shawna Duckworth, Ethan Emley, Juan Esquivel, Elania Fuentes, Shay Haney, Brooklyn Holzinger, Marissa Jacquay, Carlee Kiefer, Elizabeth Kirk, E.V. Klosowski, Morgan McNally, Jennifer Meyer, Kylie Sparks, Jaycee Thorn, Jamie Vance, and Cameron Whitaker. These singers will join students from 14 other schools in a 7-county area to rehearse throughout the day and then perform in concert at 3:30. All are welcome to attend this performance by outstanding young singers.

You Might Qualify for a Free Lunch!

Families can complete a free and reduced form any time during the school year. If you have 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 or click on the link below. If you have any questions please call the Food Service Office 260-356-6104 ext. 1053 & 1052.



School Day Changes

Please note these days students will be in session due to snow make up days and changes to district calendar:

- Friday, March 19, 2010
- Monday, March 22, 2010
- Friday, May 14, 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.



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 the cost is \$1 for kids and \$2 for adult or \$5 for a family.



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 to cheer on the Eagles!



Wednesday, Feb. 17	Lincoln @ Flint Springs
Wednesday, Feb. 24	Lincoln @ Horace Mann
Monday, March 1	Salamonie vs. Lincoln
Wednesday, March 10	Roanoke vs. Lincoln
Monday, March 15	Lincoln @ Andrews
Wednesday, March 24	Northwest vs. Lincoln
Wednesday, March 31	Lancaster vs. Lincoln

County-Wide Spelling Bee Feb. 1

Congratulations to Paige Berry as she participates in our County Wide Spelling Bee Monday, February 1, 2010 at Habacker Dining Commons at 7:00 pm!



Lincoln's Birthday is February 12th!
Happy 101st!
More information coming!!!



Attendance and Volunteer Hours Recorded

Our January attendance percentage (January 27, 2010) was **94.91%**. 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: 96.3%

We had 149 hours of recorded volunteer time during the month of January!
Keep up the great work!