

Lincoln Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER

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Important dates in April

April 2—No School

April 5—No School

April 8—Spring Fundraiser ends all orders due

April 20—Earth Express (3rd Grade)

April 21- Earth Express (3rd Grade)

April 28th—Progress Reports go home

April 29—11:15 Dismissal—School Improvement for Staff



News from Mrs. Janssen

Spring Break is over and we have 7 - 8 weeks of school left for this year. Teachers are continuing to work through the curriculum with their students and continue to expect completed homework and AR readings to be done. At Lincoln School we will work till the end of the year. There is so much material to learn that we have to use every minute.

Our Fannie May Candy Fundraiser started on Tuesday and continues through April 7. **All orders are due to classroom teachers by Thursday, April 8.** Collect money when orders are placed. Checks are to be made out to **Dist. 429 PTO.** Make sure student name and teacher name are on both the order form and the money envelope. If your student qualifies for free items, please mark the FREE BOXES. This fundraiser is sponsored by our District PTO. The funds raised go towards classroom materials, equipment, and other activities designed to enhance the educational experiences of all students.

Even though it is spring, there are still many cold days ahead of us. Students should wear their coats and hats outside when it is cold. If students choose to take off their coats or if they refuse to take them to recess, we will not send them back in to get their coats. You, as parents, should let your children know whether they should wear their coats or not, but we will not be "forcing" the issue.

from the Library...



Results are in...the official Monarch Award 2010 winner is....*Scaredy Squirrel* by Melanie Watts! This book received a total of 35,975 votes statewide! And Lincoln students helped make it happen! Congratulations to all those students who have met their March Accelerated Reader goals. They will participate in a scavenger hunt on Wed., April 7th. Keep up the good work and keep reading!

News from 2nd Grade

Please be sure your child can tie their shoes! We have many second graders who still can't tie their shoes. This is something that they must be responsible for. Thank you!!



2nd Grade Websites

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www.uptoten.com www.starfall.com www.scholastic.com www.aplusmath.com
www.dositey.com www.primarygames.com www.funbrain.com www.pbskids.com
www.iknowthat.com www.mathmastery.com www.playkidsgames.com
www.thatquiz.com www.kidsgeo.com www.kidsknowit.com
www.kidsnumbers.com <http://www.wordle.net> www.time-for-time.com
www.internet4classrooms.com/grade_level_help.htm

We are finishing up our units on money and telling time in Math. Ask your child what time it is at different times of the day and also have them count money to you. They should be able to tell time to the 5 minutes and count pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters.



Our second graders have become amazing readers this year. Please have your child read over the summer.



Typically second graders forget how to read over the summer if they don't read. Have them read at least 10 minutes every day especially when August begins.

2nd Grade Spelling Bee



CONGRATULATIONS!

1st Place - Clayton Haase

2nd Place—Camryn Feddern

3rd Place—Madison Mennenga

The 2nd grade classrooms enjoyed a spelling bee during review week. Each classroom had individual spelling bees on March 15th. Then, the top five students from each classroom participated in the 2nd grade spelling bee which was held on March 16th. The top students were Clayton Haase, Camryn Feddern, and Madison Mennenga. These students received awards made by Mr. Edinger. A BIG thank you to Mr. Edinger for making these awards for our students.

Pop Top Program

Pontiac District 429 schools are going to participate in the Ronald McDonald House Pull Tab Program, and we are asking for your support. Pull tabs can be collected from soda cans, pet food, and canned soup, etc. The Pull Tab Program is a great way for your child to learn the values of recycling and making a difference in the lives of others.

For those of you who are not familiar with the wonderful work that Ronald McDonald House provides, Ronald McDonald House is a "home-away-from-home" for families in Memphis while their child is receiving treatment for cancer or another catastrophic illness at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



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Please spread the word to your family, friends, and area businesses. Pull tabs will be collected at all Pontiac District 429 schools. These schools include Central School, Lincoln School, Washington School, and the Pontiac Junior High.



News from 3rd Grade

News from Mrs. Gschwendtner

Spring is here! And as it is difficult for many adults to ignore the "fever" it is also sometimes difficult for the students to stay motivated and complete assignments on time.

Please continue to look for the Daily Planner in your child's book bag along with any assignments that they may still need to complete at home.

With spring comes the beginning of new life all around us, and in science we are exploring animal and plant life cycles. Right now, the students are observing the changes that take place in the life cycle of meal-worms. We have both the larva and pupa stages in our container and soon will have the adult form as well.



Any guesses what insect the adult might be?

We are also incubating chicken eggs that will hatch on March 31st. We are hoping to have live pictures of the hatching on the Lincoln Website. Crack open an egg with your child and ask them to identify the 7 different parts of a chicken egg for you.

As a culminating activity, I'm teaching the kids how to create a power point on an animal of their choosing. You will be invited to come to our room and view the final project. More information on this topic will follow later this month.

Keep working on your multiplication facts!

News from Mrs. Waldschmidt

Reading: We are going back to our reading series. Tests will be on Thursday unless I let you know on the assignments sheets.

Math: We are currently working on fractions. If your child brings home some multiplication that is because I am challenging them. For example $24 \times 3 = 72$.

The students should know all of their multiplication facts by now, if they don't, he/she needs to be practicing them.

Science: We are going to start an activity with our vocabulary words for the chapter.

Spelling: Words go with our reading stories. Tests will be on the last day of the week.

News from Mr. Dunahee

In Mr. Dunahee's class we are staying very busy. We are still working on fractions in Math. Please look at your child's homework to see how well they are understanding fractions.

Remember that on "Reading Day 1", your child should be bringing home a new spelling list.

Try to help your child do well on the test by quizzing them on their spelling words.

In Writing, we will be concentrating on the less popular parts of speech...pronouns, adverbs, adjectives, etc. Ask your child to describe what an adjective is (it's a word that describes).

You've probably heard that our chicks are about to hatch. They are due Wednesday.

Hopefully we will have some that live.

Also, just a reminder to have your kids in bed at a decent time. It gets discouraging to see students in class that are sound asleep, and getting nothing out of our lessons. I'd like to wake them up, but I know they need sleep to be physically healthy. They also need to be academically healthy, but I can't help them with that unless that are getting the proper sleep at home.

Thanks for your attention,

3rd Grade Cont

News from Mrs. Moore

Mrs. Moore's class was sad to see Ms Mays leave after her clinical experience here with us. She taught us a lot and played games with us to reinforce her lessons. She was very helpful to all the students as well as to Mrs. Moore. We wish her the best in her future career of teaching.

We are keeping busy this next nine weeks with learning how to do division in math, the parts of speech in English, writing good paragraphs with lots of description, and learning more spelling patterns. Reading will continue with two more stories in Unit 5 and five more in Unit 6. We will be doing science and hopefully can include some more social studies chapters, too. So, please continue to check with your child and make sure he or she is keeping up with all of the assignments. We definitely want them prepared for fourth grade!

News from Mrs. Kilgore

Third graders are getting back to their normal routine now that we have had a nice long Spring Break. We are all rested and eager to tackle the rest of the years challenges. We are continuing to learn about verbs and will next focus on adjectives and adverbs. In math we are working on multiplication and Division. Thanks for your help on math facts, it really helps. We are continuing to learn about animals in Science and will end the year learning about our earth. We have seen great improvement in our students and thank you for your support from home.



News from Mrs. Metz

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a wonderful spring break! There is only two months left of school and we still have lots of skills to be introduced to make sure your student is ready for 4th grade. In Math we are working on fractions, but will soon be moving on to multiplying two digit numbers. Therefore, again it is extremely important that your student continues practicing their multiplication facts at home nightly. I have sent home another packet of flashcards so they have something to work with at home. We ended our solar system unit with our planet reports and creating a picture of how we would describe the moon using paint and lots of creativity. All of the students enjoyed this unit and had a great time with their projects. Now we will be moving on to the life cycles of plants and animals. We continue to work hard on improving our reading and writing skills, so I am still encouraging students to keep up the great work on making their AR goals. For the month of March we had Cassie G., Makinzi S., Sami N., Megan L., Kaitlyn M., Erika M., and Adriel V. make their AR goals. Congratulations and Keep up the great work! Also with us ending the third nine weeks we had several students honored with breakfast with me for turning in 100% of their homework on time. They were Makinzi S., Sydney B., Adriel V., Megan L., Zachary N., Collin M., Sami N., Kaitlyn M., and Cassy G. Thank you students for working hard these last nine weeks and especially giving it your all on the ISAT's. I look forward to the last nine weeks and continuing to watch all of you grow as learners!!!



**BREAKFAST
MILK SERVED DAILY
PONTIAC DISTRICT # 429
APRIL 2010**



| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 1 Strawberry Cream Cheese Pretzel Stick Choice of Juice Milk | 2 NO SCHOOL |
| 5 NO SCHOOL | 6 Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Choice of Juice Milk | 7 Blueberry Snax- Waffle Choice of Juice Milk | 8 Breakfast Pizza Choice of Juice Milk | 9 Cook's Choice Choice of Juice Milk |
| 12 Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Choice of Juice Milk | 13 Cherry Frudel Choice of Juice Milk | 14 Breakfast Bagel Choice of Juice Milk | 15 Yogurt Mini Muffin Choice of Juice Milk | 16 Cook's Choice Choice of Juice Milk |
| 19 Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Choice of Juice Milk | 20 Cinnamon Swirl W/ Syrup Choice of Juice Milk | 21 Biscuits and Gravy Choice of Juice Milk | 22 Breakfast Que- sadilla Choice of Juice Milk | 23 Cook's Choice Choice of Juice Milk |
| 26 Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Choice of Juice Milk | 27 Sausage Gravy & Biscuit Choice of Juice Milk | 28 Breakfast Pizza Choice of Juice Milk | 29 Choice of Cereal Choice of Juice Milk | 30 Choice of Cereal Choice of Juice Milk |



LUNCH

PONTIAC DISTRICT # 429

APRIL 2010

CENTRAL & WASHINGTON & LINCON &
J.HIGH



| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
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| | | | 1 Rotini Lettuce Salad Garlic Bread Chilled Fruit | 2 NO SCHOOL |
| 5 NO SCHOOL | 6 Cheeseburger/Bun Oven Potatoes Chilled Peaches | 7 Chili/Crackers Steamed Carrots Chilled Pears Rice Krispie Treat | 8 BBQ Chicken/Bun Steamed Corn Fresh Apple Pudding | 9 Chicken Fajita/Soft Shell Salsa Lettuce Salad Chilled Applesauce |
| 12 Cheeseburger/Bun Oven Potatoes Chilled Peaches | 13 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Bread Juice Bar | 14 Nacho's(Meat- Cheese-Salsa) Lettuce Salad Orange Slices | 15 Deli Turkey & Cheese Relishes Pretzels Chilled Pears | 16 Cheese Pizza Steamed Peas Mandarin Oranges |
| 19 Cheeseburger/Bun French Fries Chilled Mixed Fruit | 20 Grilled Cheese Green Beans Fresh Apple Cookie | 21 Rotini Lettuce Salad Bosco Stick Fresh Pear | 22 Roast Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Chill Fruit | 23 Jumbo Corn Dog Steamed Corn Chilled Fruit |
| 26 Deli Sandwich/ Cheese Pork & Beans Pretzels Chilled Fruit | 27 Chicken Fajita/Soft Shell Lettuce Salad Fresh Orange Slices | 28 Chili/Crackers Relishes Chilled Peaches Rice Krispie Treat | 29 BREAKFAST ONLY | 30 Cheeseburger/Bun Potato Wedges Chilled Mixed Fruit |