

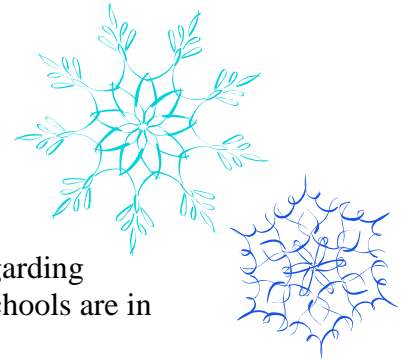
# Lincoln School

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## December 2011-January 2012 Newsletter

### **School Cancellation Procedures:**

School will close on days when weather conditions are such that a major portion of the students and staff are unable to attend school or when a breakdown occurs. A “NO SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT” will be made over WJEZ-FM (98.9), Thunder-FM WTRX (93.7), WBNQ-FM (101.5), WHOI Peoria TV Channel 19, or Cable TV Channel 13. Parents are requested NOT to telephone our schools. If a radio announcement regarding cancellation or dismissal does not occur, then it should be assumed that schools are in session.



### **November Events Recap:**

#### ***Veteran’s Day:***

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, students gathered in the gym where Staff Sergeant Finnegan talked to our students about the importance of the honoring our Veteran’s. Students were able to ask Staff Sergeant Finnegan many questions about Veteran’s Day and try on his military vest as he visited our students’ classrooms after our assembly. Students sang songs to the local Color Guard in the gym and followed them outside to salute our flag. The students did a wonderful job singing and honoring our Veterans!



### **Accelerated Reader:**

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, students who meet their second quarter AR goals will be able to attend a party. Students who reach 50% of their overall reading goal for the year will be able to attend a short movie and popcorn. Please remind your children to continue to read AR books and then complete the AR test at school. Students will need to pass the comprehension test questions at school in order to earn AR points to attend these parties.

## **PBIS:**

Students have done an excellent job following our Big 3 expectations; Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe. Students who have earned their Warrior Cards by exhibiting positive behaviors will be eligible to attend our Warrior celebration held on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Students will also be allowed to bring a drink to school for our movie and popcorn reward. Students are rewarded daily with Lucky Bucks for following the rules throughout the school. Students have three chances on their Warrior Cards; students who lost a chance to attend the celebration due to an office referral will have to buy back each mark with 5 Lucky Bucks. Student suspensions cannot be bought back and these students will not be included in this celebration. Any student who is not eligible to attend these celebrations will be re-taught our behavioral expectations throughout our school.

## **Second Grade News:**

Fall Fest – Second Graders had a great time listening to stories, singing songs, making graphs and crafts, playing games, and making turkey cookies. Thank you for supplying all the cookies and frosting for our treat. We are planning a Winter Fest sometime in January.

Mrs. Long from the Livingston County Extension Office presented a program on Healthy Hearts. She showed a video and had a healthy treat for us. We always enjoy her visits.

Food Drive – Thank you to those that brought food for the food drive. We were able to collect over 150 pounds of food for families in need last month.

Warrior Party- Good behavior is rewarded with a Warrior Card Party that will be held December 16. Students will watch a movie and have a treat.



Penmanship - Cursive Writing is coming soon. Some classes have already begun using it, and the others soon will be. Students are always excited to learn the cursive letters.

Reading – Our stories in this Unit are about friendship. In grammar we are working on verb tense, (past present and future). Our phonics lessons will cover ew, ow, and oo, and we will be doing contractions. Thank you for listening to your child read each night and completing the homework notes.

Spelling - The students have worked hard on their spelling words. Each list contains six words that relate to our spelling rule, two words that are from our word wall and two words that are considered challenge words and also relate to our spelling rule. Continue to practice the words at home. We suggest working on one or two spelling words per day when words appear challenging to students.

Math – We will be ready for the Chapter 9 Math Test on fractions right before Christmas break. When we return we will be adding 2 –digit numbers with and without regrouping. The boys and girls really need to have their addition facts memorized. Please keep working on them at home each night.

Math website [www.eduplace.com/kids/mw](http://www.eduplace.com/kids/mw)

AR- The last day to take AR tests will be December 16. The AR party for those that meet 50% of their goal will be on January 12. Keep reading.



You can check to see if your books at home are AR by going to [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com).

Shoes- There are still a few second graders that cannot tie. Please work on this skill.

Madrigal Singers - We are looking forward to the performance of the Pontiac High School Madrigal Singers on December 13. The second graders and their teachers wish you a wonderful holiday season!

### **3rd Grade News:**

It's that time of year again, and we are still working hard to learn so many things in third grade. Our third unit in reading will be finished by the end of this semester. In January, we will be moving on to unit four. Our second Accelerated Reader party will be in January. Please keep your children reading for pleasure over the holidays. When your child returns from vacation, he or she may take an AR test over those books. In December, "Corny" from the Cornbelter's, will be visiting to encourage the kids to reach their 100% reading goal. Those who achieve their goal will be presented four free Cornbelter's ticket.

We are finishing our chapters in multiplication. Next we will tackle time and temperature. In January we will begin studying customary and metric measurement. We are still doing our Rocket Math daily with most students now working on subtraction.

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Ag Department from PTHS presented a program focusing on many different agricultural related topics to all students at Lincoln School. Lincoln students learned about the growth cycle of pumpkins and other plants and were able to participate in many educational activities related to this topic.



Each third grade classroom will be having a party to celebrate the holidays in December. We will also have a visit from the Pontiac High School Madrigals. There will be a school wide celebration for PBIS on the last day of school before winter break.

When the new semester begins in January, we will be putting a lot of emphasis on writing. We also will be introducing science. Our state tests will be given the first of March. So, we will continue to work hard to prepare for them. Encouraging your child to memorize math facts and to read as much and as often as they can will help to raise the test scores.

We wish you and your family the happiest of holidays and a wonderful New Year!

Mrs. Ashlock, Mr. Dunahee, Mrs. Gschwendtner, Mrs. Moore, Ms. Waldschmidt

## **NEWS FROM MS. FIORINI**

In November, students enjoyed making flags and participating in the Veteran's Day celebrations. Students also learned about the first Thanksgiving and wrote about what they are thankful for.

In Social Studies, the third graders are learning about communities and landforms. We made dioramas representing various types of communities. We will be using molding clay to make models of different landforms that can be found across the United States.

We have been working hard on our spelling words – please keep practicing at home! In writing, we are learning how to form connecting sentences to make a paragraph.

On December 13<sup>th</sup> our entire class will be attending the Rotary Christmas party! Have a happy and safe holiday break.

### **From the Nurse:**



#### A Change in Infant's Tylenol

Recently the concentration of Infant's Tylenol was changed. (It is now equal to the concentration of Children's Tylenol.) Therefore, the directions have changed. Please be aware of this and read the included directions carefully. The Illinois Poison Center has had an increase of calls recently due to this fact.

As a reminder, the Illinois Poison Center (at 1-800-222-1222) can be called for:

- Children's accidental ingestions (meds, cleaning products, plants, etc.)
- Bites or stings
- Skin or eyes contaminated with questionable products
- Swallowing of foreign bodies (such as toys, magnets, etc.)
- Exposure to inhalations such as questionable gases (e.g. Carbon Monoxide)
- Medication errors
- Recalls

### **News from PE:**

At the beginning of November, we switched leaders of our exercise squads in order to give everyone an opportunity to be a leader throughout the year. We played a Pilgrim and Indian game for Thanksgiving where the Indians, who were tagged by the Pilgrims, got to go throw food to fatten up the turkey for our Thanksgiving meal. We are also working on Newcomb which is a lead-up game to volleyball where we learn where to stand and where the server stands to serve the ball. Next, we have just started to play Beachball Volleyball with a new Kowabunga Beachball! It is much littler than a regular volleyball, but heavier than a regular beachball. This is a game we will continue to play in December. Parents, please help your child to remember to wear **tennis shoes** on the one day of the week that he or she has P.E.





## **Lincoln School Relay for Life**

**January 23<sup>rd</sup> – January 27<sup>th</sup>**

Please help us raise money for Relay for Life. Each classroom will have their own collection can. Donations for Relay for Life will be accepted all week. Please get in the fighting spirit and show your support by following the schedule below. Challenge yourself to give a donation each day.

Let's see what class raises the most money!

### **Relay Spirit Week**

**Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday: Class Colors for Cancer**  
Fiorini, Eckhoff and Dunahee: Red  
Leake and Gschwendtner: Orange  
Fenton, Schlosser and Metz: Green  
Schopp and Moore: Blue  
Young and Waldschmidt: Purple

**Tuesday: Caps for Cancer**  
Wear your favorite cap to school.

**Wednesday: Cozy Day for Cancer**  
Wear those comfy pajamas and stay cozy all day.

**Thursday: Crazy Socks for Cancer**  
Wear your crazy socks.

**Friday: Team shirts and all student assembly**

Thanks for your support!

## **December and January Events:**

Dec. 2	PTHS Students present Ag in the Classroom (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> grades)
Dec. 8	“Corny” from the Cornbelter’s will present Reading Incentive Program with all students
Dec. 13	PTHS Madrigals perform for Lincoln Students
Dec. 15	School Board meeting @ Central School 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 16	Wear Red & Green Day End of the second 9 weeks 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter PBIS Celebration
Jan. 3	First day back from Winter Break
Jan. 5	Report Cards go home
Jan. 12	AR party for meeting 50% of annual goal
Jan. 14	11:30 a.m. Dismissal: School Improvement Day
Jan. 16	No School: Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 23-27	Relay for Life Fundraising and Awareness Week

