

Lincoln Elementary School

April 30, 2010

NEWSLETTER

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Important dates in May

May 3- 2:15 AR Party

May 5- Pro Kids Assembly 9:00 a.m.

May -14 - AR Cut Off for May

May 17th- 1st graders visit from Central. 3rd Graders go to visit Washington School, May AR Party

May 20- Prairie Fire Theater 9:30 a.m.

100% AR party at Chautauqua park (12:45-2:45)

May 24- End of the Year Picnic (11:30-2:05 p.m.)

May 25- Last day of Student Attendance

May 26 - Teacher Institutes / No students in attendance

May 27- Report Card Pick up (8:00-8:30a.m.)



News from Mrs. Janssen

It is hard to believe that May is here. This year has moved forward so quickly. Looking ahead to next school year, I would like to introduce you to Mr. Mike Weaver who will be Lincoln School Principal. After two years as Principal at Central School and this current year as Principal at Washington, Mr. Weaver will be coming to Lincoln School. Many of you already know Mr. Weaver and I am happy to leave Lincoln in such capable hands. He has experience working with students in PreK through High School. Mr. Weaver lives in Pontiac with his wife, Marissa (Fogarty). They have two children, Brayden who will be a 4th grader at Washington next year and Brienna who will be a third grader at Lincoln. He is looking forward to bringing success to students at Lincoln and to having a great year.

Thank you for your support of PTO and the students of District 429 in selling Fanny May Candies. This fundraiser was a huge success.

May 3 – 7 is Teacher Appreciation Week. Don't forget to thank a teacher.

Mrs. Janssen says, "Good bye."

It is with mixed feelings that I am retiring at the end of this school year. I began teaching here in Pontiac in the fall of 1971, teaching special education, sixth grade, and then eighth grade math before becoming Principal of Lincoln School in 1996. I also taught two years and several night classes in the Math Department at Illinois State University. I have had a wonderful career working here in District 429. There has hardly ever been a day that I didn't get up excited to go to school. This district has been my home for many years, beginning when I was a first grader at Lincoln School. Now, here I am, getting ready to walk out the door. Thank you, parents and guardians, for giving me your students and your support this year. It was a difficult year all the way around, but we continue to make good things happen at Lincoln School. I wish you all the best.

CHANGES FOR NEXT YEAR:

School buildings will open at 8:00 AM to admit students.

Busses will drop students at schools no earlier than 8:00 AM.

School will dismiss at 2:30 PM.

The Boys and Girls Club and the Methodist Church will be opening earlier to accommodate our earlier dismissal times.

Registration packets were sent home on Friday, April 30. Please return them as soon as possible or before June 1st. If you are unable to pay the fees at this time, please send your registration materials and your payment will be accepted prior to the first day of school. The first day of school for K-8 students will be August 18, 2010, with school dismissing at 11:15 AM

Lincoln School Open House will be Monday, August 23 at 6:00 PM.

**from the
Library...**



May dates to remember:

May 3 rd	AR Party for all students who have met their April goal.
May 14 th	Last day for students to check out library books.
May 14 th	Last day for students to take AR quizzes to qualify for May's AR Party.
May 17 th	AR Party for all students who met their May goal.
May 19 th	Last day for students to take AR quizzes to meet their yearly goal.
May 20 th	AR 100% of yearly goal party.
May 21 st	AR 100% Rain date (if needed).
May 21 st	Library Closes. All library books due by 3pm today!!

2010-11 School Year Health Physicals

Dist 429 has a new policy. All incoming children, in need of a health physical for 2010, need it PRIOR to starting school. Children without a physical will be excluded from school. So, if your child is:

- starting their first year of preschool
- beginning kindergarten or
- starting 6th grade

They will need their physicals this summer. Please, call and make an appointment now. We want all children to be able to start school on the first day.

Dental and Eye Exams for 2010-11

Eye exams are needed for all kindergarteners. Dental exams are needed for kindergarteners, second graders, and sixth graders.

As an option in filling these requirements, District 429 plans to offer the mobile optometrist from Peoria Vision next year. This service is open to anyone who has Medicaid insurance. We will also offer "Smile IL", the mobile dental unit next fall. They provide yearly preventive dental care for students with most IL insurances, including All kids and Medicaid. No one is turned away due to a lack of insurance or an inability to pay. (The dental applications came in the 2010 enrollment packets.)

Congratulations Brooke!

Brooke Whittle, a second grade student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Whittle made 1000% of her goal for AR! Her entire class will received a popcorn party.



News from 2nd Grade

Reading: We will be finishing Unit 6 in a couple of weeks. In the weeks to come we will be studying words with ch /k/ and sch /sk/, the r-controlled ear /r/ our /owr/. Continue to read your stories every night.
Reading website: www.sfreading.com

Math:

We have been working hard on measuring with centimeters, meters, inches, feet, and yards. Please continue to work on money and telling time at home, also.
www.eduplace.com/kids/mw

Accelerated Reader:

Congratulations! The AR party April will be held on May 3 at . 2:15-2:30. Congratulations to all students who made it for the month of April!! The May AR party will be held on May 17. 2:30- 2:45.

Don't forget: You can go to www.arbookfind.com to see if any books in your home or the public library are part of the Accelerated Reader program.

Assignment Sheets:

The students are doing a great job returning assignment sheets with a parent signature. Please make sure students are reading every night.

Thank you Bev Long for your presentation on the importance of Dairy Products.

Thank You

Science

It has been a lot of fun exploring the Solar System through, booklets, video, and reading materials. Some classes will be testing on this unit next week. Remember that Pluto has been declared a dwarf planet, not a real planet, so it is not included anymore. Here's a saying you can use to help remember the eight planets in our Solar System:

My Very Energetic Mother Just Served Us Nachos
Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune

2nd Grade Websites

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



News from 3rd Grade

News from Mrs. Gschwendtner

- 5/14 Animal PowerPoint Presentations
- 5/17 Third Grade Visits Washington School
May AR Party
- 5/24 End of Year Picnic
Board Game Day

Wow!! Time flies when you're having fun! I can't believe this is the last newsletter of the year. May is a busy month with all sorts of fun things planned. Unfortunately, I still need to teach a little and the kids still need to learn a little. We will finish up division in math and then hopefully have time to try multiplying bigger numbers (one digit by 2 or 3 digit numbers).

Our animal power points are VERY close to being finished. We will present these at 9:00AM and 1:00PM, May 14th. More information will come home the first week of May.

Board Game Day will be May 24th. I'm asking your child to bring in their favorite board game to play and share with the rest of the class. The kids all love it, and you would be surprised at how much learning takes place. They may also bring a healthy individual snack to eat while playing.

News from Mrs. Metz

As the weather is getting warmer and we are getting closer to the end of the year I am finding that it is very difficult for the students to pay attention and stay on task. Please remind them that it is still very important for them to continue working hard and that there are still skills to be learned to better prepare us for fourth grade. In Math especially we will be learning how to multiply bigger numbers with regrouping and possibly even doing some long division. In Science we will be learning about the water cycle since we were introduced to this by Mrs. Ruff with Earth Express and her fabulous presentation. We are also learning each week new reading and writing skills to continue to strengthen these areas. We have one more month to try and achieve our reading AR goals. So far these students have reached their April goals Makenzie S., Cassy G., Taylor P., Sydney B., Connor P., Kaitlyn M., Sami N., Adriel V., and Megan L. A few of our students have also reached 100% of their yearly goal, they are Megan L., Erika M., Sami N., Makinzi S., and Adriel V. Great job! Let's continue to work hard these next few weeks.

READ! READ! READ! and keep practicing multiplication!!!

News from Mrs. Waldschmidt

Math: We are currently working on basic division. Students still seem to be having trouble with their multiplication facts. They do need to have these memorized.

It will only help in the future.

Reading: We still have about 10 students who have not made it to the 100% AR goal for the year. I know it is nice and everyone wants to be outside, but they still need to be reading about 15 minutes every night.

I was very pleased at how well the students' demonstration speeches went.

They did a great job! Keep working hard on each and every assignment.

3rd Grade cont.

News from Mrs. Gschwendtner

Mrs. Moore's third grade is still working on those multiplication facts! With the help of a multiplication chart we got through the chapter of division without many problems. Now we are working on fractions, and they are seeing how important it is to know those facts. We have played a game with cards to help learn them. Ask your child about it. They would love to play it with you.

We are still working on parts of speech in English and try to use them correctly in our writing. We have three weeks of school left and three stories in our reading series to go. Our spelling goes right along with the reading.

We are starting a new unit of science this week and hope to finish it by the end of the year.

So, as you can see, we are keeping busy. Everyone is looking forward to the fun end of the year activities. As always, I thank you for your help and support throughout this school year.

News from Mrs. Kilgore

The end of the year is quickly approaching, only four weeks to go. We will be finishing our reading book and completing targeted chapters in our math book. We have covered almost all of the skills we need to be ready for fourth grade. We have division, some parts of speech, and a few projects in Science and Reading to do. There are also some end-of-the-year activities we will be enjoying. We have a Pro-Kids Assembly, Prairie Fire Theatre Assembly and an End-of-year school picnic, all in the month of May. Parents, Thank you for your support this year and have a fun and restful summer!

News from Mr. Dunahee

It's hard to believe that the end of the year is almost here. Please remember that we still have 4 weeks of school left—there is still a lot we need to learn to get ready for 4th grade. The warmer weather can make it even harder to concentrate on what we have yet to learn. Hang in there with me so we can finish strong.

In reading, we only have 4 more stories before finishing up our Reading book.

The last day to get your AR points for May is the 14th!

We are working on multiplying and division in Math. Please continue to work on memorizing your multiplication facts especially as we work on division and multiplying bigger numbers.

On May 17th 3rd grade students will be going to Washington School to tour their new school (which may not be new to some) and meet 4th grade teachers.

Memory Wall



The Lincoln School Relay for Life Team will be creating a memory wall in the front windows of the building to remember those family member or friends who we have lost to cancer or any cancer survivors we would like to honor. If you would like to participate in our memory wall fundraiser, please do the following things.

Write the required names on either the honor or memory donation slip or both. (Feel free to add more than one name on the lines.)

Return the donation slip with your donation for Relay for Life.

Please stop by and view our front window during the month of May. The Relay for Life of Livingston County will be held on August 6 and 7. Please join us in the fight against cancer.

Relay for Life of Livingston County
PTHS
August 6 and 7, 2010



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CENTRAL & WASHINGTON & LINCOLN &
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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 BBQ Chicken/Bun Steamed Corn Peach Cup	4 Grilled Cheese Baked Beans Fresh Fruit Pudding	5 Nacho's Fresh Lettuce Salad Chilled Fruit	6 Chicken Fajita/Soft Shell Green Beans Fresh Fruit	7 Cheeseburger/Bun Oven Potatoes Chilled Fruit
10 Sub/Bun Veggie Chilled Fruit	11 Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ/Bun Pork & Beans Fresh Fruit Rice Krispie Treat	12 Soft Taco/Shell Fresh Lettuce Salad Garlic Bread Chilled Fruit	13 Cheeseburger/Bun Steamed Corn Fresh Fruit Fruit	14 BBQ Chicken/Bun Veggie Chilled Fruit
17 Cheese Pizza Steamed Corn Chilled Fruit	18 Chicken Fajita/Soft Shell Veggie Fresh Fruit	19 Nacho's Fresh Lettuce Salad Chilled Fruit	20 Cheeseburger/Bun Veggie Fresh Fruit	21 GAMES DAY @ CEN- TRAL COOK'S CHOICE
24 GAMES DAY @ LIN- COLN & WASH. COOK'S CHOICE	25 COOK'S CHOICE			
		Have a great sum- mer break!!! From the Cafete- ria Staff :)		



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



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Choice of Juice Milk	4 Breakfast Bagel Choice of Juice Milk	5 Yogurt Mini Muffin Choice of Juice Milk	6 Strawberry Cream Cheese Pretzel Stick Choice of Juice Milk	7 Breakfast Que- sadilla Choice of Juice Milk
10 Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Choice of Juice Milk	11 Biscuits & Gravy Choice of Juice Milk	12 Blueberry Snax- Waffle Choice of Juice Milk	13 Breakfast Pizza Choice of Juice Milk	14 Cook's Choice Choice of Juice Milk
17 Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Choice of Juice Milk	18 Cook's Choice Graham Crackers Choice of Juice Milk	19 Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Choice of Juice Milk	20 Cook's Choice Choice of Juice Milk	21 Cook's Choice Choice of Juice Milk
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