

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL


LINCOLN LINK


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1st Grade & KN	December 21	Gym



Core Value for December



Respect.Caring.Honesty.Cooperation.Responsibility

CARING

BIG NEWS!

In an effort to 'Go Green' we are changing the way we distribute the Lincoln Link. Here are the key points:

- Beginning with the January 2011 edition, we are asking families who have access to the internet to view the Link online at www.janesville.k12.wi.us/lin and click on 'School Newsletter'.
- Copies of the Link will be available in the office if you would like your student to bring one home.
- We will also be switching to a bi-monthly format so the Link will only be published every other month.
- The Lincoln calendar will be updated monthly and published on the Lincoln homepage.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Winter Break begins at end of school day.....December 22
 School Resumes January 3

From the Principal's Desk

I hope you all were able to enjoy some time with family and friends over the Thanksgiving break. I was able to spend some time working at a local tree farm, which I have done for the past 23 years. It is one of my favorite things to do this time of year.

In our continued efforts to be environmentally and financially responsible we will be "Going Green" with our News-

letter after the first of the year. There is an outline of how it will work on the front page so be sure and check that out.

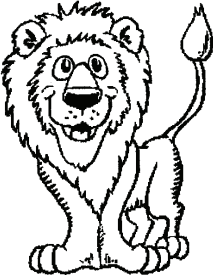
The beautiful fall that we enjoyed has quickly faded and the temperatures are dropping. It reminds me, that students need to wear winter jackets, hats, and gloves everyday. This will help all students to be able to take advantage of

the recess times. They need those breaks in their day and being cold is not fun.

To follow up from last month, I hope every family has been able to establish a designated time to read. Remember it's not so important how you do it, just that you are reading as a family.

Shawn Galvin
Principal, Lincoln Elementary

Happy Holidays from the Lincoln Office Staff




Mr. Galvin

Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Karleski

Mrs. Schroeder



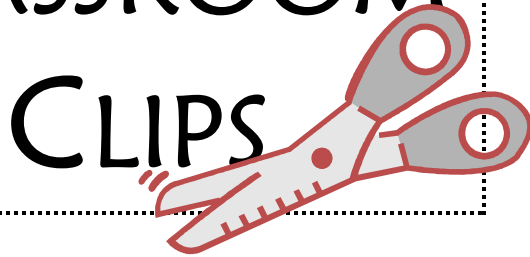
FAMILY "TO DO" LIST

- Read the Parent-Student Handbook
- If you have not paid your student's fees, please do so as soon as possible.
Kindergarten = \$12.00 Grades 1-5 = \$20.00
- Please complete the necessary paperwork regarding Free or Reduced Lunch if you are interested. This must be done every year and is not automatically renewed.
- Check your child's Take Home Folder (also the Assignment Notebook for upper grades) daily and return any requests.
- Try to make medical and dental appointments for before and after school hours if at all possible. We will keep you informed as to the days when there is no school so you can make appointments on those days.
- Review the safe route information, found in the Parent-Student Handbook, with your children as soon as possible. Please call if you have questions.
- Review with your child each day where they are to go after school.
- Review the school rules and basic rules of safety with your child. The school district continues to take violence and threats of violence very seriously. Please explain to your child the seriousness of threats and the consequences of those actions. Please call us anytime if you have questions or concerns.
- Always be sure your child has the needed school supplies.
- Call the attendance line at 743-6730 to report your child's absence or need to leave early due to an appointment.
- Join the Lincoln PTA.
- **If you would like your name on the Non-Custodial Parent List, please contact the office. A new list is developed each year, and information is not automatically carried over.**



Thank you for helping to make the beginning of your child's school year start smoothly!

CLASSROOM CLIPS



KINDERGARTEN

We spent November learning about our many families and friends, and exploring many different types of foods and restaurants throughout our nutrition unit. We had a blast venturing around town eating, getting exercise and making good choices to keep our bodies healthy.

In December, we will begin our "Watch Me Grow" unit. We will discuss how we are changing as we grow, new things that we can do, and responsibilities and rewards that come with growing older. We will also be making some very important cookies that have a mind of their own. Get ready for the chase!! Our classrooms will become a Christmas Glitter World! Our Christmas Program will be on Tuesday, December 21, at 10:30a.m. for Mrs. Pajerski and Mrs. Redieske's friends and at 2:00p.m. for Mrs. Neumann's friends in the Lincoln Gym.

Happy Holidays!

Mrs. Neumann, Mrs. Pajerski and Mrs. Redieske

FIRST GRADE

Finding many ways to be respectful
Increasing awareness of the value of money
Reading, reading, reading
Supper Friday is blast
Treat others the way you want to be treated

Getting to school on time is so important
Remember to check for homework nightly
Always have a positive attitude
Doing our best in all our work
Expecting the best from our students.

SECOND GRADE

November was a busy and exciting month at Lincoln. We participated in a fundraising walk for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, as well as donating school supplies for Haiti and pennies for the Bags of Hope food drive. Thank you to all who contributed to these very worthy causes.

In November, we were fortunate to have a visiting author, Craig Pierce, speak to students about the book writing process. He brought along the inspiration for his books, Honey, the rescued greyhound. Second Graders have been working on our character trait of perseverance in November. We

have also been enjoying the author of the month (Lois Ehlert) and working on Bingo activities. Keep those Captain's Club slips coming in to earn a free pizza from the Book-It program.

Practices have begun for our Winter Sing which is set for Friday, December 17 at 9:00 a.m. We hope to see you all there. Come join the fun!

THIRD GRADE

The past month has been very busy for the Third Graders. Early in the quarter we worked on many activities to help us prepare for the state testing. Then for the past two weeks the children have been working very diligently on the test itself. The Third Grade teachers appreciate all the support the parents have given to help make the testing successful.

Please mark your calendars for Friday, December 17 at 2:00 p.m. when the Third Graders will be presenting "North Pole Star: The Musical."

FOURTH GRADE

Fourth graders are working hard on their multiplication facts. We are beginning Unit 5 and will learn how to multiply large numbers. Please help your student practice their multiplication facts so they do well with this Unit! Many are making great progress and some are testing on division in Rocket Math. There are many free and fun math games available on the Internet. Our Family Resource Center also has flashcards that students can check out. Please continue to sign your students assignment notebook daily. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us.

Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Maine, Ms. Moritz

FIFTH GRADE

The year is flying by fast! Second quarter has started! WKCE testing is over! Give your child a hug and a pat on the back for working so hard on the test. They were really using the strategies they have been taught and the PIRATES acronym we use. We are very proud of their efforts!

We would like to see students practicing their math facts at home for ten minutes each night and reading for ten minutes also. We appreciate all the help you give them.

It has taken a while, but the cold weather is coming. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately.

Happy Holidays from the Fifth Grade Teachers!



MOVING?

If you will be moving from your current home address please contact Lincoln Elementary School office at 743-6700 as soon as possible to determine what paperwork you will need to fill out for your child to continue attending his/her current school. Please note: if you are moving to an address outside the School District of Janesville in most cases your child is eligible to continue attending the School District of Janesville as long as you complete the appropriate paperwork within the required timeline.

If you have any questions about school placement for a particular address please contact Administrative Services Secretary Tami Carlson at 743-5006. The Administrative Services Office is open year round.

If you are the parent of an elementary student and will be moving over the summer months when the elementary schools are closed, please contact Administrative Services Secretary Tami Carlson at 743-5006 or the New Student Enrollment Office at 743-5152 to complete the appropriate paperwork.

MUDARSE!!!

Si piensa moverse de su dirección de casa actual por favor comuníquese con la oficina escolar de Lincoln Elementary School al 743-6700 lo mas pronto posible para determinar que formularios tendrá que llenar para que su hijo(a) continúe asistiendo su escuela actual. Por favor note: si esta moviéndose a una dirección fuera del Distrito Escolar de Janesville, en mucho casos su hijo(a) es elegible para continuar asistiendo al Distrito Escolar de Janesville, siempre en cuanto usted complete los formularios apropiados dentro del tiempo requerido.

Si tiene preguntas sobre colocación de escuela para una dirección en particular por favor comuníquese con la Secretaria de Servicios Administrativos Tami Carlson al 743-5006. La Oficina de Servicios Administrativos esta abierta todo el año.

Si es padre de un estudiante de primaria y se estará moviendo durante los meses de verano cuando las escuelas están cerradas, por favor comuníquese con la Secretaria de Servicios Administrativos Tami Carlson al 743-5006 ó con la Oficina de Inscribir a Nuevos Estudiantes al 743-5152 para llenar los formularios apropiados.

LMC TIDBITS

We began the month with a very enjoyable visit from author Craig Pierce and his greyhound, Honey. Craig lives in Genoa, IL and has begun a series of books entitled THE AMERICAN DOG SERIES. Craig talked to the kids about being an author and about dogs. A few of our younger students were able to read to Honey in between sessions. Some of the intermediate students were able to spend time with Craig in the afternoon and discuss writing. We bought 36 books and Craig donated \$36.00 to WAGS (Wisconsin Academy of Graduate Service Dogs) in our name. Craig and his illustrator have about four more books in the making. Ask your son or daughter about Craig and Honey's visit.

Second grade completed their reading program at the end of November. The top reader in each room received a copy of the new DIARY OF A WIMPY KID, The Candy Corn Contest and the jar of candy corn that was used to measure each room's reading minutes. The top reader out of all three classrooms received a few extra surprises.

Third grade will begin a reading program soon with the theme centered around Janesville.

FOURTH GRADE KEYBOARDING

Fourth grade students in keyboarding are continuing to learn to type more letters of the alphabet using the touch typing method (typing without watching their fingers--yeah!). They have been using the Touch-Key Guide. This helps them focus their eyes on the screen or copy and not on their hands.

Students are also learning that many skills they are taught in keyboarding will transfer to other classes. The 21st Century will utilize many technological applications. Therefore, being able to save their work, name a file and retrieve it are all vital skills. The fourth graders are also learning to problem solve if they have a concern at their computer. They now know the program may not work properly if the caps lock key is "down". (Their future employers will appreciate this skill.) At one school, we had to restart the entire lab to get the program running.

If you have the internet at home, there are a couple of really good website links for students to practice their keyboarding. These links can be found on the school internet home page—Dance Mat Typing and FreeTypingGame. They also receive a lesson handout every week that provides lines of practice that could be done on a word processing program. I encourage the students to practice, but only if they practice using the correct technique learned in keyboarding class.

Parents, please observe your students. You will be amazed at their progress!!!

Mrs. Heth
Keyboarding Instructor

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students were busy showing off their rolling skills again this month. Instead of bowling students were rock'n and roll'n on skates. This is a fun to time get some extra time to practice those balancing skills and for the older students to participate in the limbo which is always a favorite by all. The K-2 students also got a chance to continue rolling with scooter games.

November 18th was National Sport Stacking Day. Lincoln was a participant this year. All the students worked on their hand/eye coordination and focus by learning to use speedstacks. They mastered the 3-3-3 formation, learned the 6 stack, and some advanced enough to learn the 10 stack and the "cycle". Pretty amazing stuff!

December brings about many rhythm activities which include circle dances, lumni sticks, ribbons, line dances, and more. The colorful parachute also appears this time of it. It always brings a cheer from the students.

CHILD FIND NOTICE

“The school district must locate, identify and evaluate all resident children with disabilities, including children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities.” The school district has a special education program to locate and screen all children with suspected disabilities who are residents of the district and who have not graduated from high school. Upon request the school district will screen any resident child who has not graduated high school to determine whether a special education referral is appropriate. A request may be made by contacting Barbara Hilliker, Director of Special Education Services for the School District of Janesville at 743-5061, or by writing her at 527 S. Franklin St., Janesville WI 53548.

Annually the district conducts developmental screening of preschool children. Each child’s motor, communication and social skills are observed at various play areas. Each child is weighed and measured, and the child’s hearing and vision is checked. The information is used to provide the parent with a profile of their child’s current development and to provide suggestions for follow up activities. Parents learn about community services available to them and speak with representatives of agencies serving families. The information from screening is also used to determine whether a child should be evaluated for a suspected disability. When school staff reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability, they refer the child for evaluation by a school district Individualized Education Program (IEP) team. Developmental screening will be a part of the kindergarten screening this Spring. Watch for dates at your local school.

A physician, nurse, psychologist, social worker or administrator of a social agency who reasonably believes a child brought to him or her for services is a child with a disability has a legal duty to report the child to the school district in which the child resides. Before referring the child, the person making the referral must inform the child’s parents that the referral will be made. The referral must be in writing and include the reason why the person believes the child is a child with a disability. Others who reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability may also refer the child to the school district in which the child resides. A referral of a child residing in the School District of Janesville may be sent to Barbara Hilliker at the school district address above.”

ALERTNOW

Are you having Alertnow messages from school being cut off or stopping shortly after you answer the phone? The reason for this is that AlertNow utilizes the industry’s most Advanced Answering Machine Detection (AAMD) software. The system starts the broadcast immediately upon telephone pickup; simultaneously, it is listening for interruptions. If the system is not interrupted by noise or someone speaking within the first 3.5 seconds, the message is delivered. If the system detects a greeting longer than a few seconds, the system treats this as an outgoing message from an answering machine and will stop playing, wait for silence (usually after the beep), and then start the message over so that it can be recorded in its entirety. While the software is 98% accurate in distinguishing live vs. machine, errors can occur if you repeatedly says “hello” or answer in a noisy environment (i.e. traffic, children playing, loud music or television, driving in your car with the windows down, dog barking, etc.). Generally in these situations, the system stops playing the message. It is waiting for silence to start the message over. In a noisy environment, where silence is unattainable, **you can press the number 1 on their telephone** and the message will play from the beginning without interruption.



A SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS OF FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS

If you are considering having your student attend a Middle School other than the one your student would normally attend based on the school boundaries for the area in which you reside, please note you will need to complete a **“Request for School Transfer/Placement Within the School District”** (goldenrod) form. Forms may be obtained from the school office or from the School District of Janesville’s Administrative Services office located at the Educational Services Center – 527 South Franklin Street. The timeline for submitting transfer requests is December 1 – December 15, 2010. **Please turn the form in to the Middle School office of the school your student would normally attend based on the school boundaries for the area in which**

STUDENT COUNCIL

Spirit Days for December are:

Friday, December 3: Blue and Gold Day

Friday, December 17: Winter Character Day (Dress up as your favorite seasonal character - Frosty, Rudolph, elf, etc.)

Every Tuesday in December: Twinkle Tuesdays (Wear anything sparkly, glittery or twinkly)

Lincoln Elementary raised over \$3,000 with our walk for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. We went way beyond our goal of \$1,000! Way to go!

Come shop at the Lion’s Den on Mondays from 3:00 – 3:15. We have lots of supplies and fun items to buy!

PUBLIC SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT TIMELINES

The State of Wisconsin has announced the application period for open enrollment (also known as public school choice) begins in February for the following school year. Open Enrollment laws permit children to attend a public school in a school district other than the one in which they live.

The open enrollment application period for the 2011-12 school year is from February 7-25, 2011. Parents are encouraged to apply on-line at <https://www2.dpi.state.wi.us/OpenEnrollApp>. Although on-line application is recommended, paper applications may be obtained from the Department of Public Instruction or any school district after January 4, 2011 and must be delivered (hand-delivery is recommended) to the nonresident school district during the application period. Applications must be submitted to the Administrative Services Department no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 25th (a postmark does not constitute timely submission). Applications turned in prior to February 7th will be returned as not valid and must be resubmitted after February 7th but before February 25th.

Enrollment in a requested school or program is subject to space and other limitations and is not guaranteed. Transportation is the responsibility of the parent.

Under School District of Janesville board policy, students who attended the district under open enrollment the previous year are not required to reapply for the following school year, unless they will be entering middle school.

An application is required for each sibling in the family. For example, if a family has one child in elementary school that has been approved for open enrollment and a new student entering kindergarten next year, the student entering kindergarten must apply for open enrollment in order to attend the School District of Janesville.

Parents will be informed in April whether their open enrollment applications have been approved or denied. The student's school or program placement will be provided in May.

If you have questions, please contact the Administrative Services Office at 743-5006.



REQUEST FOR SCHOOL TRANSFER/PLACEMENT (INTRA DISTRICT TRANSFERS) WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JANESVILLE ATTENDANCE AREAS

Due to Move: If you move within the School District of Janesville during the school year and wish to remain at your current school please ask the school office for a Request to Remain in Current School Following Move to New Attendance Area Form (Blue). Complete the form and return it to the school office.

Due to Parent Choice: If you wish to apply to have your student transferred/placed in another school within the district next school year (2011-2012), please ask the school office for a School Transfer/Placement Within the School District Form (Goldenrod). Completed forms will be accepted from **December 1 through December 15, 2010** only. Submit your Request for School Transfer/Placement Within the School District Form (Goldenrod) to your home school attendance area office. Parents applying for Requests for School Transfer/Placement Within the School District will be notified of approval or disapproval by January 15, 2011. Parents applying for Requests for School Transfer/Placement Within the School District for incoming Kindergarten students will be notified of approval or disapproval after they have enrolled their child during the Kindergarten Enrollment period with the New Student Enrollment Office. If you have questions, please contact the school office of your home school attendance area.

Open Enrollment – Public School Choice – District to District Transfers

If during the school year, you move outside the School District of Janesville and you wish to remain at your current school please contact the Administrative Services office at 743-5006 and request a tuition waiver form within two weeks of your move. This will allow you to be eligible to attend your current school for the remainder of the current year tuition free. If your move occurs prior to February, you will also need to complete an open enrollment application. Application instructions are provided to the School District of Janesville by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and should be available by mid January 2011. This year applications will be accepted **February 7-25, 2011**. Early and/or late applications cannot be accepted.

If you have questions regarding Open Enrollment or Public School Choice please contact the Administrative Service Office at 743-5006.



ARRIVING AND LEAVING SCHOOL

Adult supervision is provided on school grounds from 8:05 until the first bell rings at 8:15 a.m. Students should not be arriving at school earlier than 8:05 a.m. unless they are participating in a special activity (i.e. Safety Patrol, Breakfast Club, etc.) Students will not be allowed into the building during inclement weather until 8:05 a.m.

Students should leave school and the playground when dismissed at 3:00 p.m. or go immediately to after school activities.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is so very important. It is only through regular attendance that students are able to take full advantage of their learning opportunities. The responsibility for elementary school attendance rests upon the student and the parent/guardian.

Under state law a parent/guardian may only excuse their child's absence from school for 10 days during a school year. Absences related to student medical needs (doctor's excuse required), funeral, or an out of school suspension are not counted against the parent/guardian excused absences. However, please schedule routine appointments outside the school day as much as possible.

In addition, **elementary students who are tardy for more than 15 minutes will be recorded as absent for half a day.** Please make sure your child is here on time every day ready to learn. Establishing a consistent morning routine, which includes getting to school on time when your child is young, will help him/her for an entire school career and beyond.

TIMELINESS

The beginning of the day is vital to helping students get ready for the day. Teachers take information you as a parent may have sent to school, schedules are reviewed and a sense of community achieved as students talk with each other and the teacher. Smiles are shared and a "you can do it" reminder given to the students. These things are in addition to the actual skills students are learning at the beginning of the day. Students coming to school on time are developing a life long habit and skill of being on time. Those that are late miss so many things including this wonderful skill. Please help us to continue to help your child develop this skill and get a great start to their day by helping them get to school on time. We need your help!! Thank you!

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY MISSION STATEMENT

Lincoln School is dedicated to creating a community of learners that realizes the potential of each child in a safe and caring environment.

AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED's)

Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) have been purchased by the School District of Janesville and have been installed in all Janesville Schools. We hope the need to use this device never takes place; however, it is reassuring to know that in the event of a medical emergency the AED is available. The AED at Lincoln elementary School is located next to the Activity Room in the hallway.

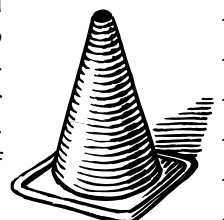
PARKING LOT



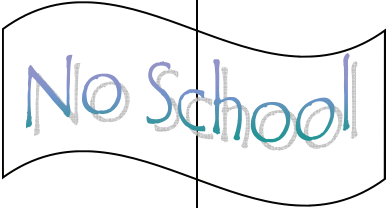
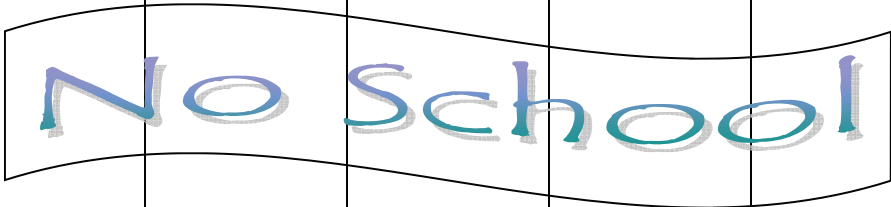
This is the actual sign posted by the entrance to the parking lot on Oakhill Avenue. Please remember that this lot is only to be used if you have business **INSIDE** the school during the day. **It is not to be used for dropping off or picking up your students.** We are working with the Janesville Police Department regarding our parking issues, and they will issue citations to those using our parking lot incorrectly. Thank you for helping us keep all students safe!

OBEY THE CONES

We have bright orange traffic cones on Oakhill Avenue. These are to remind you that there is **NO PARKING**. There are several places on Oakhill Ave. and Conde St. which are safe areas to drop your students off. However, please remember to respect the driveways of our neighbors. The Janesville Police Department has the authority to issue citations if you block any driveway.



December

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