

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

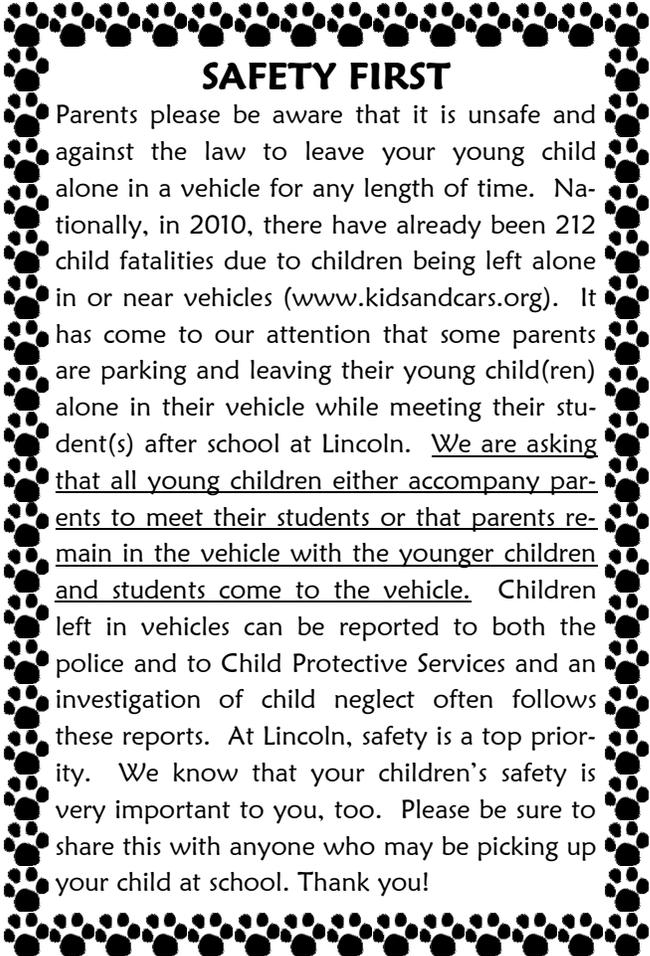
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SAFETY FIRST

Parents please be aware that it is unsafe and against the law to leave your young child alone in a vehicle for any length of time. Nationally, in 2010, there have already been 212 child fatalities due to children being left alone in or near vehicles (www.kidsandcars.org). It has come to our attention that some parents are parking and leaving their young child(ren) alone in their vehicle while meeting their student(s) after school at Lincoln. We are asking that all young children either accompany parents to meet their students or that parents remain in the vehicle with the younger children and students come to the vehicle. Children left in vehicles can be reported to both the police and to Child Protective Services and an investigation of child neglect often follows these reports. At Lincoln, safety is a top priority. We know that your children's safety is very important to you, too. Please be sure to share this with anyone who may be picking up your child at school. 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.

Core Value for
January & February



HONESTY

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

NO SCHOOL (Teacher Work Day) January 21
 Parent-Teacher Conferences February 23 & 24
 NO SCHOOL February 24 & 25

From the Principal's Desk

Wow what a talented group of students we have here at Lincoln. The winter performances were amazing. Hopefully you got a chance to hear the amazing talent of our students at one of the performances. We understand it is a challenge to get time off to come in and see multiple performances so we appreciate your flexibility in trying to accommodate as many family members as we can.

The spirit of giving this time of the year reminds me how thankful I am for the volunteers and staff that give so much to the students here at Lincoln.

The extra effort and time that you pour into the children of Lincoln is evident in their learning and attitudes toward school.

In looking ahead I want to point out a few items that will be happening in January and February. The end of the 1st semester/2nd quarter happens at the end of January and Conferences will happen at the end of February. The PTA will be meeting on January 18th and February 15th. Please show your support and make plans now to attend at least one of the PTA meetings. Please be watching for more details on these and

other events happening at Lincoln.

A good way to keep the learning going over break or anytime during the year is to visit the LMC Quick links section on the Lincoln Elementary home page. There are activities and learning games for all grade levels and many different areas under each content area. The direct link is here: <http://www.janesville.k12.wi.us/LMC/GradeLevelLinks/tabid/1086/Default.aspx>

Shawn Galvin
Principal, Lincoln Elementary

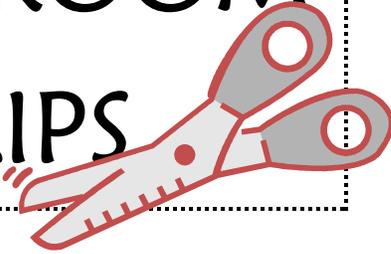
*Happy 2011
from your Lincoln Staff*



Enjoy some fun outdoor activities with your family!



CLASSROOM CLIPS



KINDERGARTEN

December was filled with Snow, Christmas Music, lost Gingerbread Men and Holiday Cheer! We hope you enjoyed our Polar Express Party and Winter Sing! Thanks to all of you who could attend.

January brings a new year and animal fun! In our Animal Families unit, we will explore how young animals differ from their parents and what the animals can and cannot do as babies. We will be venturing out on the town to visit Petland, the Hedberg Library, and Chinatown Restaurant as we study the country of China.

Be sure and review all of the letters and sounds we've learned so far this year over break. We appreciate all your hard work helping your child move one step closer to reading!

February brings Nursery Rhymes and Animal Adventures, where we venture into many animal habitats! We will be celebrating our 100th Day of School, Valentine's Day, African American History, Dental Health, President George Washington's Birthday, and our school's hero, Abraham Lincoln's! What a busy month!

We look forward to meeting with you and your child at Conferences on February 23 & 24.

Have a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!!
Mrs. Neumann, Mrs. Redieske and Mrs. Pajerski

FIRST GRADE

It's the best time of the year!!! At least in First Grade. The students put on a fantastic holiday program! What talent! Thank you for all coming! I'm sure after a restful holiday break; the students will be ready to get back into the routines of school. The expectations are high for our students and we know they will try their best to remember their manners, quiet voices, and respect for others. It is also important to check your child's folder daily for any homework or notes. Don't forget to ask your child how their day was and give lots of hugs!

SECOND GRADE

It is the time of year when all the hype about gift giving is upon us. One of the greatest gifts you can give your child is to spend time reading a book with him/her. As the winter season continues and the holiday break draws to a close,

remember that it is a great time to sit down and enjoy a good story. This is a life long skill that they will need, as well as the memories they can keep.

Second Grade teachers

THIRD GRADE

WOW! What an awesome program the third graders put on! Maybe we will see some of them on Broadway one day. This has been a very busy, active, fun month. The kids have been working very hard on reading with feeling and understanding. Please remember that your child should be practicing addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts every night. With the very cold weather we appreciate all of you sending in snowpants, boots, mittens, hats, and warm coats.

Happy New Year!!!

Mrs. Mau, Mrs. Simmons, Miss Schultz, and Mrs. Anderson

FOURTH GRADE

We are kicking off the new year in 4th grade by focusing on honesty and trust as we move into a new character month! We would like to thank all the parents who spent time over break practicing math facts with your children. We also have an opportunity coming up this month for parents to come into school to learn how to help your child with math, so we are very excited about that! There will be more information to come on this learning experience! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and is as excited as we are to start a new year!

Miss Moritz, Mrs. Maine, and Mrs. Carter

FIFTH GRADE

Welcome Back! I hope everyone enjoyed their break! It is good to see all the smiling faces in the New Year.

Fifth graders need to be working on their character traits and on making good choices. We would like to see them practicing their math facts every night. We are continuing our Guided Reading, and it is going very well. Our students have made nice gains in their reading and comprehension. We would like to see students reading for at least 10 minutes each night. Reading out loud to a parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, uncle, pet, etc. really helps with fluency. Reading stories that rhyme are a good tool to build fluency. Once again, a reminder to students to wear appropriate clothing. We have seen some shirts that are sleeveless, or have skinny straps, and ones with big arm openings, also some with inappropriate sayings. These are not appropriate for school. Please remind students it is winter in Wisconsin and they need to wear winter gear for playing outside and in the snow.

We have a field trip coming up so watch for a note coming home to let you know what your student will need for that day! Thanks for all you do!

The Fifth Grade Team

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 muchos 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.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We sure worked up a good sweat in December with our dance and rhythms unit. Everyone had their best dancing shoes on and put forth their best effort to make each dance a success and lots of fun!! The younger students shook a tail feather to the chicken dance, a leg to the hokey pokey, a pineapple tree to agadoo, and continued to shake and move some more to many other songs. We partnered up for the shoemaker dance and the patty cake polka. The older students paired up for a danc'in blast in the Virginia reel, hamster dance, electric slide, the polka, and many more dances. The parachute also comes out this time of year which the students always love. Their arm muscles sure got stronger from all the shaking they did!

We ring in the New Year with a min-golf course. Balances, hanging and swinging, jumps, and other movements will be performed during our January kidnastics unit. This unit is a more successful form of gymnastics. It is great to see the teamwork being used and the creativity during the activities and individual and team challenges during this unit. Also in January the 3rd through 5th graders should come to school ready to do some snowshoeing (hat, gloves/mittens, scarf, winter jacket, socks, boots, and snow pants)! It's always so much fun to exercise outside!

STUDENT COUNCIL

Spirit Days for January and February:

- Friday, January 14 Sports Day (wear team clothing – no props, please)
- Friday, January 28 Blue and Gold Day
- Friday, February 4 Twin Day (dress up the same as a friend)
- Friday, February 18 Blue and Gold Day
Glow in the dark Lincoln Character Bracelets will be on sale Jan. 27 and Jan. 28 at 3:00. \$.50 each
Come shop at the Lion's Den on Mondays from 3:00 – 3:15. We have lots of supplies and fun items to buy!



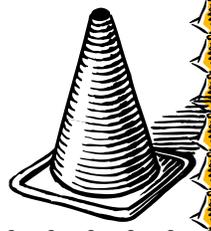
PARKING LOT



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.





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

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.

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.

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.



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!

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 your child's school year go smoothly!



Lincoln's Family Resource Center

Hours: Mondays and Fridays 8:30 – 3:30 743-6746

January - February

Upcoming Family Events Sponsored by the FRC

Stop in during P/T conferences in February. Bring your door prize tickets for chances to win prizes.



Lucky Visitor of the Month

Each month, every child that checks out an item will have their name put into a drawing. At the end of the month, one name will be drawn to win a stuffed toy. **Brandan Annen** in Mrs. Ganyard's class was the lucky visitor for December.

Congratulations Brandan



For parent checkout ONLY - Fill out and return to school with your child.

Item(s) will be sent home with our child. For list of parent resources available through the FRC, see Lincoln's webpage - <http://www.janesville.k12.wi.us/Default.aspx?alias=www.janesville.k12.wi.us/lin> and click on FRC Parent Resources

Parent's Name _____ Phone _____

I would like to borrow information on:

Homework helper School Success Math (addition subtraction multiplication division) Reading Discipline

Divorce Split/Blended families Child Development-topic/age _____

M.A.S.H. (maturity and sexual health) Special Needs-(sign language ADHD _____)

Item # _____ Desc. _____ Item # _____ Desc. _____

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Please check out for me and send home with:

_____ Student's name _____ Gr/Teach _____ Parent's signature _____



January

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2	3 School resumes	4	5	6	7 CD to Rivers Edge Bowl 9:00—11:15	8
9	10 K-Kids 3:00—4:00	11 Culver's Scoopie Night 4:00—8:00	12 3rd Grade Harry Potter Book Club 3:00—3:45	13	14 CD to Wal-Mart 9:15—11:00	15  Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
16	17	18 PTA Meeting 6:15—7:15 p.m.	19 Student Council Meeting 7:50 a.m.	20 End of 1st Semester	21 NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day	22
23	24 K-Kids 3:00—4:00	25 4th & 5th Grade Girl Power & Boys Power Hour 3:00—4:00 (Permission slips required)	26	27 5th to UW-W to see "I Have A Dream" 11:30—2:30	28 CD to IHOP 9:00—11:00	29
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