

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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SUMMER SCHOOL 2010

Check List:

By April 10, 2010: Activate your family access account on the Janesville School District website www.janesville.k12.wi.us, using the login and password you received at conferences. (**After April 10th it will close. You will have to activate your account at the Janesville School District Business Office.)

Update your child's emergency contact and health information.

April 1, 2010:

View the courses that are available for your child by using the **on-line** course registration book.

April 12, 2010:

View the courses that are available for your child by using the course registration book **sent home**.

April 17 – May 3, 2010:

Register your child for Summer School 2010 **on-line, beginning at 9:30a.m. on April 17.** ****The Lincoln School computer lab will be open the morning of April 17 to assist families with the on-line registration.**

Enroll your child in their summer school courses.

Make your payment by using:

Credit/Debit = \$1.99 fee

Or

Print document and mail check to:

Janesville School District

Summer School Office

527 S. Franklin St.

Janesville, WI 53548

June 21, 2010: Summer School Begins!

****After May 3, 2010**** You must go to The Janesville School District Business Office at the address above to register your child for Summer School. Questions: Call 743-5042.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)..... April 2—9
School resumes..... April 12
2010—2011 Kindergarten Orientation..... April 20

Principally Speaking

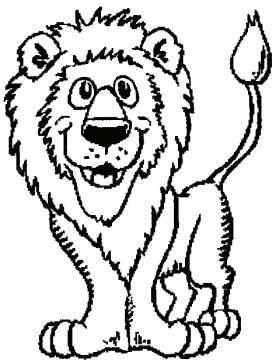
Robins and sunshine ing will be open from
 Spring is certainly coming! 5:00—7:00pm. Concerts, Art
 Thanks to everyone that has Fair and ice cream will begin at
 helped Lincoln students during 5:00 p.m. You will also be able
 March both at school and at to purchase very inexpensive
 home. April will be filled with books from a PTA Book Fair.
 MAP testing for all grades 1—5. Prices are very inexpensive so
 Our Kindergarteners partici- you can purchase some books
 pated during the winter win- for summer. Teachers will be
 dow. We are excited to see available in their classrooms
 how well the students have from 5:30—7:00 to celebrate
 done so far this year. Although your child’s learning so far this
 all the testing will not be fin- year. If they bring you to the
 ished we will still be celebrating classroom they will receive a
 our successes with achieving free scoop of ice cream. We
 goals on April 19th with our feel this celebration is so impor-
 Portfolio Celebration/Art Fair. tant to help our students know
 It is always an exciting time of the importance of setting goals
 year. We are hoping to get and the fun involved in chal-
 100% participation. The build- lenging yourself. I hope to see

everyone here as we celebrate
 our kids and their learning!
 Please mark your calendars and
 come for all or part of the even-
 ning!!!
 The next day, April 20th, is
 set for the 2010—2011 school
 year as we share the day with
 our students for Kindergarten
 Orientation. It is an exciting
 day and if you have a child
 becoming a Lion next year we
 look forward to seeing you.
 The month begins with our
 spring break on April 2nd. Wish-
 ing you and your family an en-
 joyable break and a super
 month. Remember to keep in
 touch!!

Lincoln Lion Motto
Be the best you can be

Lincoln Colors
Blue & Gold

Mascot
Lion



Lincoln Office Hours
7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Phone Numbers
Main Office 743-6700
Attendance 743-6730
FAX 743-6710

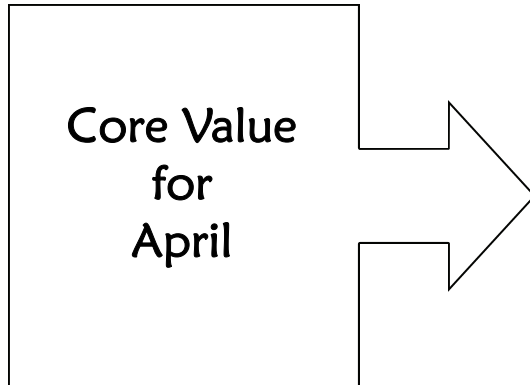
Lincoln Website
www1.janesville.k12.wi.us/lin/

2010—2011 Kindergarten Orientation

Our current Kindergarten class will have the day off from school on Tuesday, April 20th as we meet and greet our incoming Kindergarteners for the 2010—2011 School Year. This is our annual orientation for new students and parents to welcome them to Lincoln Elementary. If you have a child who is or will be five years old on or before September 1st, 2010, and have not yet registered them for Kindergarten, please do so as soon as possible so your child’s name can be added to our list of incoming students. We hope to see you there!

STUDER PARENT RESULTS

We have received tentative results on the Studer parent survey taken during parent teacher conferences in February. The good news is that our results were up. The average was 4.57. Unfortunately we only had 24 people complete the survey. It was a very busy night and I think most people just missed doing it or didn’t have time. We completed a shorter survey here in the building the last week of the semester and had an excellent response rate. I will be working with our staff and the district to determine next steps in getting your feedback. Please watch for more information to come.



CLASSROOM CLIPS



KINDERGARTEN

March was filled with many travels for kindergarten in our Transportation unit! We visited Walt Disney World, went roller skating, traveled to the Airport and Fire Station, learned about the country of Mexico and even made our very own cars! VVVVRRRROOOOMMMM!!

With our next unit, we will be exploring all kinds of weather and checking out plants and farms with our Growing Things unit. At the end of April, we will be venturing into the darkness with our Night Time Unit and Bug Surprises! Tuesday, April 20 is Kindergarten Orientation for 2010—2011. There will be **NO SCHOOL for KINDERGARTEN** that day.

Happy Spring!!

Mrs. Neumann, Mrs. Pajerski & Mrs. Redieske

FIRST GRADE

Spring is finally here and we hope we can put away those snowpants until next winter. It is important to check the weather, though, so your child will be dressed appropriately for recess. First graders have been busy reading, reading, and reading! Many of the children have reached the 800, 900, and 1,000 level of Captain's Club. Keep reading every night and don't forget to practice your spelling and vocabulary words.

Happy Spring!

SECOND GRADE

Spring Maps testing is upon us.
Eagerly awaiting spring.
Continue to study facts.
Only you are responsible for your behavior.
Necessary to be focused on your school work.
Defining what goods and services are in social studies.

Giving your best effort.
Realize when you have done a good job and be proud.
Always looking for students with great behavior!
Daily reading for Captain's Club is important.
Earth materials continue to be our topic in science.

Spring Break April 2 - 9

THIRD GRADE

Have your child read every night.
Always feel free to call us.
Please and thank you goes a long way.
Please dress your child appropriately for the temperature.
You are very important in the education of your child.

See you at our Portfolio Celebration
Portfolio Celebration, April 19th, 5:30-7:00.
Readng is the key to success.
In May we are going on a field trip.
Nice weather sure brightens our moods.
Get together as a family and play a good game.

Happy Spring to all of you!

Mrs. Mau, Mrs. Simmons, and Mrs. Anderson

FOURTH GRADE

We enjoyed meeting with our students and their families during conferences. It is great to have the time to share concerns and successes about our students. It was also nice to see all of the families enjoying our musical at Edison. We would like to thank Mrs. Neitzel for creating a fantastic show and we are very proud of our students' hard work and effort. Another thank you to our parents who attended our MASH program.

This spring we have many educational field trips planned. A note will be going home with more details and dates. A special thank you to our PTA. They have donated money to help make these field trips affordable for all students. If you are interested in being a chaperone please contact your child's teacher. We may have limited space on the bus, but you may drive separately. We do ask that you do not bring other children because we want you to enjoy this time with your fourth grader.

Please remember to continue to check your child's assignment notebook and make sure they are completing their homework.

Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Maine, Miss Moritz

FIFTH GRADE

Hello again! The Fifth grade team would like to thank everyone who was able to attend the 4th and 5th grade musical "The Secrets of the Rainbow Planet." It was a smashing success! The students performed well and we should all be very proud of them. We would also like to thank all of the parents who provided their support during the MASH program. Spring MAPS testing has begun once again and we would like to remind families of the importance of a good night's sleep prior to your child taking one of these tests. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to know the MAPS test schedule for their individual classroom. We want the students to do their best!

The spring is an exciting time for fifth grade students as they are nearing the completion of their elementary school career. Please help us by reminding your son and daughter that as fifth grade students they are leaders of the school and have many younger students who look up to them. We are all looking forward to a fantastic 4th quarter of school. Lastly, let's all remember to "Think Spring!"

LMC NEWS

We finished the last competition for Battle of the Books on February 22nd. Thank you to all who studied so diligently throughout the year. I am so proud of you! The top winner in the state was Coulee Montessori Elementary from La Crosse. Second place went to Hintgen Elementary in La Crosse. Two schools in Appleton tied for third. The list of titles for next year should be out in June. Start thinking ahead.

The second and fourth graders completed their reading motivation programs in March. That leaves only fifth grade to complete the year!

Thank you to all the students and parents who return library books on time. With the budget being cut, we really cannot afford to lose any books, especially those recently purchased. Please help you son/daughter practice the character traits of responsibility and respect by encouraging them to return their books. I would really love to have the books returned rather than have to issue fine notices.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



The month of March started off with our after school Jump Rope for Heart events. The JRFH participants raised close \$3,000.00. They sure were "Heart Heros" and helped out with a great cause and at the same time improved their own heart health by participating in the event! In physical education class, it was a month of playing "net" games. Students worked on the striking skills by playing volleyball, badminton, and tennis. The younger students even participated in a couple of days of cups tennis. It sure was a hit!

Students will re-evaluate their fitness levels during the month of April. They will be participating in many heart healthy activities and complete the spring Fitnessgram test. The end of April will bring about T-ball skills for K—2 and track skills for grades 3—5. It will be nice to get outside after a long winter!



FOURTH GRADE COMPUTER KEYBOARDING NEWS

By Mrs. Heth

It is hard to believe we are entering our final quarter of keyboarding. Our students will be completing many activities to strengthen their keyboarding and technology skills. Keyboarding is **only** required at the fourth grade level in Janesville and we know this foundation is vital to their technology skills.

The class is taught by business education certified teachers. Mrs. Froeming and Mrs. Heth teach at all twelve elementary schools. We are both UW-Whitewater graduates and our teaching experience has included the range of grades from elementary, middle school, and high school through Blackhawk Technical College. We have taught shorthand, accounting, general business, business communications, and computer applications to name a few. We enjoy providing the instruction for the life-long skill in keyboarding at the elementary level.

The final quarter will provide our students opportunities for practice in proofreading, revising and editing text for final production. They will use technology to acquire, organize, and communicate information. Their keyboarding skills will help to compose a document in different formats. By the end of the year, our students will demonstrate touch keyboarding skills using Microsoft Office 2007 Word with the ability to make formatting decisions on their own.

Remember, any and all practice at home will strengthen these skills. Stress using the proper technique at all times and praise them for their progress. Your child may even offer to keyboard something for you!

STUDENT COUNCIL

Spirit Days for April

Friday, April 16:

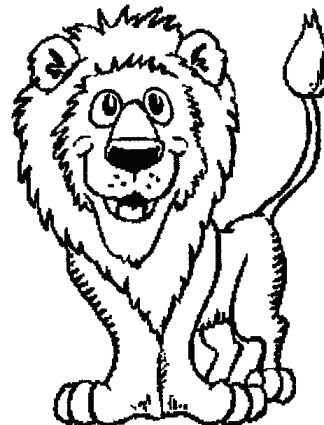
Blue and Gold Day

Friday, April 30:

Sports Day

Lion's Den:

We have lots of NEW ITEMS for sale. Come check it out! We also have school items you may need such as markers, colored pencils, crayons, glue, rulers, notebooks, pencils and erasers!



Information Page

FAMILY "TO DO" LIST

- Read the Parent-Student Handbook.
- 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.**

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.

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.

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. Fast ForWord, Safety Patrol, Breakfast Club, et.) 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.

NO PETS PLEASE



Janesville City ordinance forbids dogs, horses, cats, or other animals from being on playgrounds at any time. Please keep your pet home or in the car when you drop off or pick up your child. Thank you!

WEATHER PROCEDURES

A reminder to our families about weather related closings and delays notification. The **AlertNow®** system will serve as our primary means of notification. We urge you to supply your student's school with your contact information and updates as changes occur. WCLO and additional radio and TV stations will be contacted regarding school closings or delays. Closing and delay information will be posted no later than 6:00 a.m.

Decisions on cancellation of school are made in coordination with both the Janesville Transit System, and Van Galder Bus Company. They are also based on the passage of city streets, safety of rural students and information from the county highway and city street departments. The final decision to delay or close rests with Superintendent, Karen Schulte. **Parents always have the option of keeping their child home due to inclement weather. Your child will receive a principal excused absence. You must call your school to report your decision to keep your child home.**

The Superintendent also continues to have the **option of delaying the start of school by one hour. Elementary School classes will begin at 9:20 a.m. and middle and high school classes will begin at 9:00. Special education and early childhood classes will also report at 9:20. Elementary breakfast clubs will not serve meals when school has been delayed.**

Schools do not close early to avoid incoming snow or ice storms. This policy is to protect children who may get home before their parents and have no access or supervision at home. There will be no athletic contests and practices on days school is called off for weather reasons. The gyms will be closed.

On days when school is in session, but weather has progressively gotten worse, **cancellations for after school or evening athletics or extracurricular activities will be announced by 2:00.**

DISTRICT ALERTNOW

The School District of Janesville is continually exploring ways to promote student safety and security. That is why beginning with the 2009-2010 school year the district has contracted with AlertNow Rapid Communication System to send telephone or e-mail messages to you providing important information about school events and emergencies. We anticipate using AlertNow to notify you of school closings or delays due to inclement weather, as well as remind you about various school events, follow up on attendance and school emergencies.

Following is information you need to know about receiving calls through AlertNow:

- Caller I.D. will display the school district's main number (743-5000) when a general announcement is delivered
- Caller I.D. will display 411 if the message is an emergency
- AlertNow will leave a message on any answering machine or voice-mail.
- If the AlertNow message stops playing, press any key 1-9 on your phone and the message will replay from the beginning.

The successful delivery of a message is dependent on accurate contact information for each student. Families should make certain the district has the current working phone numbers. You may also provide an e-mail address if you wish to receive messages by e-mail. You can add information to the student's record by completing the bottom portion of this form or contacting your child's school office.

We are excited to incorporate AlertNow as a tool to enhance communication with parents and guardians about activities at school. Thank you.

WATER + DIRT = MUD

Each Spring, many students are attracted to "Lincoln Lake". They often come into the office wet and muddy asking to call a parent to bring in dry clothes. During this messy part of Spring, students are reminded to stay clear of puddles and muddy areas. Consequently, if students choose not to obey this rule and play in or by the puddles, they will receive lots of sympathy and dry paper towels, then be sent back to class. Each case is a judgment call on our part as to whether the students will be allowed to call home. Therefore, we respectfully ask that you please trust our judgment and ask for your support and cooperation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office at 743-6700.

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!

MOVING?

If you will be moving from your current home address, please contact the Lincoln 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.

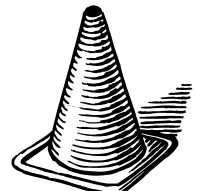
If you have any questions about school placement for a particular address, please contact Administrative Services Secretary, Tami Carlson, at 743-5006. The Administrative Services Office is open year round.

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.

April

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Spring Break - No School						
11	12 School resumes	13	14	15	16 *Blue & Gold Day *3rd Quarter Progress Reports sent home	17
18	19 Portfolio Celebration with Fine Arts Show & Concerts, Book Fair, & Ice Cream Social 5:00—7:00 p.m.	20 *2010—2011 Kindergarten Orientation No school for current Kindergarten students *4th to Madison Capitol Square 8:30—4:30 **Sack lunch needed *PTA Meeting 6:15 p.m.	21	22  Earth Day	23	24
25	26	27	28 SAFE Routes Meeting at the E.S.S. 4:30—5:30	29 1st to UW-W “Charlie & the Chocolate Factory” 8:40—11:45	30 *Sports Day *Mid-terms sent home	

Coming Up:

5th Grade Track Meet (a.m.)
4th Grade Track Meet (a.m.)
Track Meet Rain Date

May 25
May 26
May 28

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