



LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Wonderful Warm Weather!

Fall is here, but we can still expect some very warm days. Just a reminder that to exercise common sense in what students wear to school. The following are a few items **not to be worn at school**:

- Spaghetti strap tank tops
- Tank tops with large arm holes
- Very short shorts or skirts
- Tops that show a bare tummy

Please refer to your Parent Handbook for more information. If you have questions, please call us at 743-6700.

What's Inside...

- *Looking Ahead with Mrs. Amiel*
- *October Calendar*

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Introducing. . .

It is our pleasure to introduce the following new Lincoln staff members to the Lincoln Family:

Mr. Ben Brikowski	4th Grade Teacher
Ms. Erika Enke	P.E. Teacher
Ms. Sara Kaye	CD Teacher
Mr. Jon Maglio	Art Teacher
Ms. Carrie Moritz	3rd Grade Teacher
Ms. Danielle Nehrbass	Vocal Music

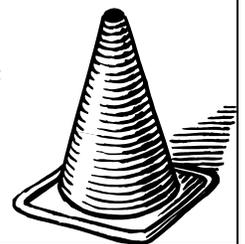


PARKING LOT

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!

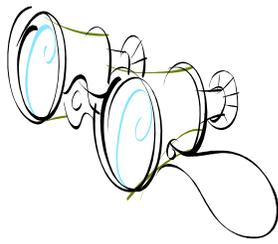
OBEY THE CONES

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Conference Compensatory Days	October 4 & 5
D.P.I. Student Count.....	September 14
Picture Day	September 21



Looking Ahead with Mrs. Amiel

Lincoln Lion Motto
Be the best you can be

Lincoln Colors
Blue & Gold

Mascot
Lion

2007-2008 Theme
Attitude is Everything



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
janesville.k12.wi.us/lin/

What a wonderful start to the school year. This is the first official Link for the year. Most of you were here for Ready, Set, Goal Conferences and the First Day School Meetings so we chose not to do one for September. Thank you to each of you for joining with us in these new beginning of the year activities for our school. The feedback has generally been very positive from all parties including parents, staff and students. We have received some very good ideas for improvement and I am anxious to see the additional feedback as you return the short survey to us. The most often heard comment was how happy and settled everyone felt on the first day of school. Teachers feel like they have a great connection with you and the students seemed calmer and less anxious that first day. I am looking forward to working through ways to continue to refine the process and help our connections with you become even stronger. As a reminder, we will send home school life as well. Many of you have noticed and commented on our wonderful street (hallway) signs reflecting these traits. We hope we are providing an atmosphere for our students and your families that will help them achieve their very best.

As a building this year we will continue to emphasize good character. Your children will continue to do activities related to theme for this year, Attitude is Everything. We have added ideas and activities for families so be on the look out for things as the year progresses. As always we continue to reinforce our school motto of BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE and utilize the TRIBES program as a model for our expectations of everyone related to our school family. We've put a short description of TRIBES later in the link for our new moms and dads. The Janesville community

character traits of cooperation, respect, responsibility, honesty and caring are integrated into our school life as well. Many of you have noticed and commented on our wonderful street (hallway) signs reflecting these traits. We hope we are providing an atmosphere for our students and your families that will help them achieve their very best.

As the year goes on I will give you more information regarding our school improvement plan and activities in our building. You are our most important partner. Please find many reminders about school related activities and procedures as well as opportunities to participate later in the Link. It is going to be an awesome year! Welcome Back!

Breakfast Program

We will continue to offer breakfast to any student. Students are let in Entrance #2 at 7:45 a.m. and will be served until 8:05 a.m. They will then be dismissed to their respective playgrounds. The cost of breakfast is \$1.00. Thos families on reduced lunch will pay \$.30, and free to those families who qualify for free lunch. A menu will be sent home in the Lincoln Link.

We are still in need of parent volunteers to help with the program. Volunteers supervise the students as they eat. After dismissing the students at 8:05 a.m., the volunteers wipe down the tables. Please call 743-6705 if you are interested in helping.

Attendance Reminder

Another year begins! Please remember the importance of regular attendance. Here are a few reminders that are especially important:

- Help your student make it to school on time
- Schedule any appointments for non-school time whenever possible
- Try to plan vacations for non-school time

We realize that it is not always possible, however, learning good attendance at the elementary school level will be a great asset as children grow.



Lincoln Elementary Facts:

- Lincoln Elementary was named after the 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln.
- Our school opened its doors in 1958 so we will soon celebrate our 50th birthday!

“Whatever you are, be a good one.”

Abraham Lincoln

Lost & Found
We have new cabinets for Lost & Found as you come in Entrance #2 (by the lunchroom).

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!

Information Page

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. band, strings, 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!



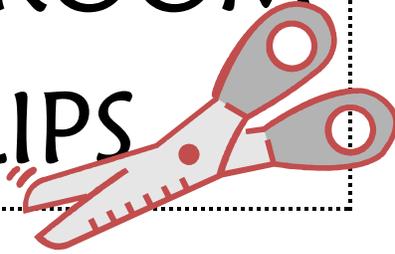
Field Trips

Field trips are a school activity designed to reinforce our curriculum and to provide students with unique experiences. We are limited on the number of parent volunteers who wish to chaperone and try to give all interested a chance to participate.

Because field trips are a school activity, students must take the bus with their teacher and classmates. Please also remember, the field trips are designed for the age level of the students attending so younger children should not come along under any circumstances.

There are special circumstances in which exceptions are made. The teacher will consult with the principal, who determines if the circumstances warrant the exception.

CLASSROOM CLIPS



KINDERGARTEN

We have really enjoyed meeting our new kindergarten friends and families, and we're already very busy! We just finished our 'Getting to Know You' and 'I Am Special' units. We enjoyed remembering when we were babies and what we're much too old for now. We've been working on our ABC's, the five senses, feelings and shapes. In October we'll be very busy too. We'll be starting our 'Pets' unit and talking about 'Animals We Like.' We'll explore the season of Fall and have many COLOR DAYS. Learning about Fire Safety comes next, and we'll finish the month up with Halloween!

FIRST GRADE

First of all, thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the Ready, Set, Goal Conferences. It was wonderful to get to know you and your children before the school year even started!

September has been a busy month for First Graders. Besides all of the new routines, we have begun to read and add. Many of the children are beginning to reach the 1— level for the Captain's Club. Please remember to read to and with your child daily. Have them read their school papers, flash cards, and books to you as you help them. We have learned how important it is to use good manners and follow rules. We have also learned how fun first grade can be. The students are really enjoying the Super Friday activities and are proud of themselves for the good job they have been doing all week. Please look for your child's Super Friday awards each week. In math we are so excited about all the hands on activities we are doing. We are working on counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's, tally marks and the calendar to name a few. Please check your child's Take Home Folder for homework each night. What a great way to start the school year.

SECOND GRADE

Our new school year is off to a wonderful start. We enjoyed meeting all of the parents and students who attended our Ready, Set, Goal Conferences. Thank you all for your participation. We have started our Captain's Club reading program and hope you are encouraging your child to read at least 15 minutes every day. We are reviewing in math and need lots of practice with math facts. Please help your child learn addition and subtraction facts to 19. In Science, we are investigating plants. Ask your child to tell you about his greenhouse. Since we are not having conferences this Oct., we will be sending home midterms to share student progress. Remember that there will be no school on Oct. 4 or 5. As always, feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

**Mrs. Newlin, Mrs. Fish,
Ms. Ganyard, Mrs. Olin**

THIRD GRADE

Hello everyone. Thank you for the great start. It was nice getting to know you and your families before school started. Thank you for all of your support.

In third grade we have been diving into many new things. We have started our new hands on science – the students are loving it. Currently in Social Studies we are discussing our community. The students are really connecting with how our community has grown in the last year, especially with many new additions in our area. For Math, remember to study your facts every night. And also for Reading, it is very important to read at least 15 minutes per night. Thank you again for everything.

The Third Grade Team – Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Mau, Mrs. Moritz, and Mrs. Simmons

FOURTH GRADE

Fourth graders are off to a great start this year! We are working hard on being responsible students, great role models and good friends. Mrs. Farrell will be coming into our classes and teaching us about good study skills. We also will be visiting the Janesville Schools Outdoor Lab (JSOL) on Wednesday, October 3. If you are interested in being a chaperone please contact your teacher.

Please remember to sign your child's assignment notebook daily. We appreciate your time and help with this. We also ask that you remind your student to clean out their backpacks. In class, we are working on keeping their desk organized. We have noticed that some students are not emptying their take home folders and have many papers loose in their backpack. We look forward to a fantastic year. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

**Mr. Brikowski
Mrs. Carter
Mrs. Maine**

FIFTH GRADE

Thanks you to all who attended the Ready, Set, Goal conferences and the Fifth Grade Orientation meeting. We appreciate your attendance, in spite of any inconvenience.

We feel fifth grade is off to a smooth start in part because we know more about our classroom of students, and they are familiar with us.

Students who are using their work time in class should not have more than 30 minutes of **homework** each night. If they are working longer, ask them if they are using their time wisely in class.

In addition to any homework, they should be reading a book for 10-15 minutes each night.

Please let your child's teacher know if homework is taking longer. We want to work with you to give your child a good education that is not filled with stress and tears.

Three book reports will be due during each quarter. **The first three must be completed by Nov. 2.** Your child should have brought home a copy of the book report requirements.

Opportunities for Increased Physical Activity

National and State data are showing the same alarming trend, more and more of our youth are overweight or obese. Over the last three decades the overweight and obesity rates for children 12 to 19 years of age have nearly tripled to where 1 in every 4 teenagers is overweight or obese.

This rise in the rates of teenagers being overweight or obese is due to a variety of interrelated factors. One of those factors is a decrease in physical activity.

Encouraging children to be physically active early in life is important in developing good health habits. One way parents of elementary students can encourage physical activity is by encouraging their child(ren) to walk to school. Better yet, talk with your neighbors about children in the neighborhood walking to school together. Another option would be to have a parent walk with students to school or in the afternoon to walk children home from school.

For parents who drive students to school, this change can decrease your daily stress level by not having to deal with the traffic around the schools. You will also save money with lower transportation costs, be supporting your child's health, and making the roads around the school safer by there being less vehicular traffic.

Fall is a great time of the year to be more physically active. Encourage your children to walk to school instead of giving them a car ride to school.



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, Coordinator of Special Education for the School District of Janesville at 743-5060, or by writing her at 527 S. Franklin St., Janesville WI 53545

Annually the district conducts developmental screening of pre-school 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.”

ARE YOU MOVING?

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 al 746-6700 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.



Ms. Moritz is a new teacher to the district and teaches 3rd Grade.



Meet Two of Our New Staff!



Mr. Brikowski is a new teacher to the district and teaches 4th Grade.

MUSIC NOTES

Welcome back to another musical year at Lincoln! This year we have two vocal teachers at Lincoln. Mrs. Netizel teaches grades 1, 3, 4, and 5 at Lincoln, and Ms. Nehrass teaches Kindergarten and 2nd grade.

Mrs. Netizel teaches at Lincoln all day on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and at Harrison on Tuesday and Thursday. Ms. Nehrass teaches Monday through Friday in the afternoon at Lincoln and at Washington and Van Buren in the morning.

Toot, Plunk, Boom, Whistle!

The Fifth Grade students have the opportunity to take a brass, woodwind, percussion, or string instrument this year! Our Band Director is Mr. Sercombe and our Orchestra Director is Ms. Dunegan. Both directors also teach at Edison Middle School.

Away we go!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES!

Third Grade

Ethan Morgan
Jalynn Liendo
Lexi Warn
Rachel Went
Zach Anderson
Kailey Kraus

Fourth Grade

Taylor Jones
Mataya Rudnitzki
Seth Birkelo
Devin Primus
Anghelo Gangano
Selena Wright

Fifth Grade

Megan Bumgarner
Jordan Ellis
Alyssa Dekelver
Raven Penney
Rianna Boyd
Caitlin Williams

Student Council election of officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary) will be held on Friday, September 28. Candidates for each office will give a short speech to the school before the election.

Spirit Days:

Friday, October 12	Blue and Gold Day
Friday, October 19	Harvest Day (wear harvest colors: orange, black, yellow, etc.)

The Lion's Den school store will be open on Mondays from 3:00 – 3:15 in Room 210 (Mrs. Scherrer's room). Bring your School Store Coupons to get a free folder, pencil or pencil-top eraser! We have lots of other school supplies available for purchase.

RAMBLIN' WITH REMLEY

A big THANK YOU to all parents who sent their children to school with all of their art supplies and big art boxes. Just a reminder to everyone else, if you can send a **soft-sided zippered lunchbox for art supplies** that would be great. If not, a plain old plastic grocery bag will do. Many students lose half their supplies in the first week when they walk down the hall.

Students are off to a great start this year. All classes are just finishing up their painting projects, which range from Kindergarten pumpkin paintings to 5th grade Aboriginal paintings. We have some very talented kids, check out their work when you visit the school.

Mrs. Remley

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Welcome back to another active school year!! Miss Enke is our new traveling physical education teacher this year. She is teaching some third grade classes. Mr. Kosterman (Mr. K) is a student teacher from UW-Whitewater who is working with Mrs. Wenzel. Together we all promote healthy and safe exercise. Please check your child's schedule for the days they have physical education class and help remind them to bring their tennis shoes. Tennis shoes are required for safe participation!

The students are already getting their heart rates up by being active doing locomotor movements, tag games, and football skills such as punting, passing, and kicking. We also work on the important character trait of sportsmanship/Fair Play during physical education class.

Some 4th and 5th grade students are participating in this year's Punt, Pass, and Kick Competition. The winners will be participating in the Sectional competition which will be held in October. The specific location of the sectional competition is yet to be decided. Watch the November link for results!!

The month of October brings about soccer skills. Students will work on foot dribbling, passing, and trapping. Students will also be learning about the important components of healthy fitness in the month of October. Encourage your child/children to get active by joining the recess running club this month!

2007—2008 SCHOOL ACTIVITY SURVEY

In an effort to provide our families with activities that are interesting and beneficial, we are seeking your input. Please complete and send back to school. We will use the information as we plan activities later this year, both for student and family activities. Please return to your child’s teacher by October 8. Thank you.

Grade Level _____

1. The best time for me to participate in activities with my child(ren) is:

- During the day _____
- Immediately after school _____
- Later; best beginning time:
 - 4:30 _____
 - 5:00 _____
 - 5:30 _____
 - 6:00 _____

2. Ideas for activities we would enjoy: _____

3. My child enjoys participating in after school activities / clubs: Y_____ N_____

Additional ideas for activities: _____

4. I would be interested in parent workshops, training or information sessions:

Y_____ N_____

Best time for me to meet: _____

Possible topics: _____

Thank you so much for your input.

Mrs. Amiel

October

Coats for Kids October

	1	2 Hearing Screening	3 4th Grade to JSOL *Sack lunch required *Wear long sleeves and long pants	4 Conference Compensatory Day NO SCHOOL	5 Conference Compensatory Day NO SCHOOL	6
7	8 Early Dismissal at 1:30 for Staff Development	9 Kindergarten Fire Dept. Visit	10	11	12 Mid-terms sent home Last day of Coats for Kids drive	13
		2nd Grade MAP Assessment				
14	15	16 PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.	17	18	19	20
		2nd Grade MAP Assessment				
21	22	23	24 PTA Carnival Last day of MAPs testing	25 WEAC Convention NO SCHOOL	26 Fall Break Day NO SCHOOL	27
		2nd Grade MAP Assessment				
28	29	30	31			



Next month:
Thanksgiving Break November 22 – 23 (no school)

Please watch for more information to be sent home.

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