

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**2009—2010
Kindergarten Orientation**

Tuesday, April 21
8:30 a.m.
12:30 a.m.
**NO SCHOOL FOR CURRENT
KINDERGARTENERS**

TIMLINESS

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!

M.A.S.H.

Parents of 4th and 5th Grade students should have received information regarding the M.A.S.H. (Maturity and Sexual Health) presentations. Following are the times for the presentations:

Wednesday, April 1

5th Grade	12:30—1:30
4th Grade	2:00—3:00

Girls Presentation will be in the Activity Room.

Boys Presentation will be in the LMC.

We hope you will be able to join your son or daughter for this program, but if you cannot, please feel free to ask another adult to take your place. If necessary, your child may attend by themselves; however, we do encourage adults to accompany each student. Please do not bring small children or babies to this program.

**5TH GRADE PARENTS—
MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

On June 5th, the 5th graders from Jackson, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Van Buren and Wilson will be going to Edison Middle School for a short visit in the morning. This visit enables the 5th graders to get a tour of Edison by various staff members so that students will be aware of what the building is like and where their classrooms may be when they start school at Edison in September. The meeting for parents of these 5th graders will be on Thursday, June 4, at 6:00 pm at Edison.

REMINDER

Applications for Free-Reduced Lunch are available in the school office or at the Educational Services Center.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

M.A.S.H. Program (4th & 5th Grade Students)April 1
Spring Break April 6—10

Lincoln's 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."

Lincoln Lion Motto

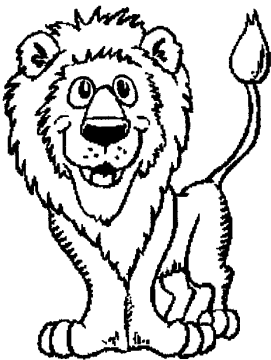
Be the best you can be

Lincoln Colors

Blue & Gold

Mascot

Lion



Lincoln Office Hours

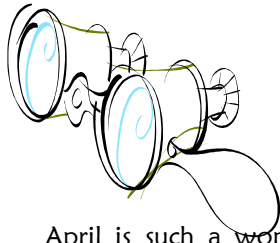
7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Phone Numbers

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

Lincoln Website

janestville.k12.wi.us/lin/



Looking Ahead with Mrs. Amiel

April is such a wonderful month. As I write this I'm looking at the students playing on our playground. There are two brave robins joining them and the snow pile in the center of the playground is almost gone. We are in the middle of MAP testing and I am hopeful we see tremendous improvement in all of our students in their academic areas. It is great for a principal to hear them brag about the improvement they are making. I look at each of them and see such wonderful growth not only academically but also in their character. Thank you for all you are doing to help your child in all areas. March and April are the months to highlight the character trait of Cooperation across our district. I appreciate the support and cooperation you provide to your child's teacher and Lincoln as our school community works together to make Lincoln the very best place it can be for our students to learn and grow.

Please check out the

remainder of the Link for updates on grade level and building activities. For those of you that like the computer please check out our website. You should be able to find the Link there as well. We are hoping to reduce the amount of paper next year by using our site for those interested. Our Kindergarten team has a Link from the main page so please check it out. We are trying this on a limited basis and hope to expand it next year if it is something that is helpful to our families.

As you look at the calendar you will notice a special activity on April 27th. I am very excited. This is the date of our annual fine arts festival, with concerts and the art fair. It is also a time to come in for some ice cream on what we hope should be a nice spring evening. **Even more important and exciting is our annual Portfolio Conference.** All of the students will be preparing materials for you so they can celebrate the learning they have done so far this year and the

accomplishments and growth toward the goals that they developed with you and their teacher at the Ready, Set, Goal Conferences at the beginning of this year. We are hoping you can all make it. We know spring is busy but the students have worked hard and this is a fun way families can celebrate learning! Please circle the date on your calendar and make plans to help us show all our students how much we appreciate their hard work.

It will be a busy Month from MAP testing to the portfolio Celebration and many other things in between. Thank you for partnering with our teachers to help the students become their very best! Tell them they CAN DO IT!!! We all know they have the capabilities to reach their dreams we just have to keep helping them set their expectations high and give them the skills to get there. Have a wonderful April and I will see you all on the 27th!!

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.

Lincoln Safety Page

PARKING LOT

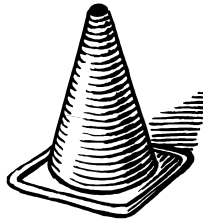


This is the actual sign posted by the entrance to the parking lot on Oakhill Avenue. Please remember that this lot is only to be used if you have business **INSIDE** the school during the day. **It is not to be used for dropping off or picking up your students.** We are working with the Janesville Police 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.




DID YOU KNOW . . .

- that during a tornado warning, students will be kept in their shelter area until the warning has been canceled, even if this is beyond normal dismissal time.
- we call home on every child that hasn't arrived at school if we haven't heard from the parents. We want to make sure they are safe.
- a community committee is being formed to look at safety issues including safe walking routes to school
- we continue to practice severe weather and fire drills once a month and lockdowns at least one time each semester
- we have a stop drop and go in front of the building where you can drop off your children. Sidewalks go all the way to our play grounds.
- visitors are asked **NOT TO PULL IN TO THE PARKING LOTS TO DROP OFF OR PICK UP CHILDREN.** Please-please help us keep all our children safe.
- it is safer to use the cross walks to walk students to school rather than the middle of the street. Although they may be safe with you there it is a habit they will use when you are not there and then it is not very safe for them.

TORNADO SEASON IN WISCONSIN

(We received the following reminder from our district. We thought it might be helpful to you at home as well.)

We are entering the spring tornado season in Wisconsin. Here are some things to consider in relationship to the tornado season and being prepared for an emergency.

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- Tornado Awareness Week this year is April 20-24. There will be a state-wide tornado drill opportunity on Thursday, April 23 at noon.
 - Now is a good time to have someone check your emergency supplies. Are these supplies available and do they work: emergency weather radio, flashlight, working batteries, and first aid supplies.
 - Remember that during a tornado warning, students will be kept in their shelter area until the warning has been canceled, even if this is beyond normal dismissal time.
 - Remind parents that all staff and students will be in shelter during a tornado warning. Chances are the entrance doors to the building will be locked. Students will not be released until the weather service announces the tornado warning is over.
 - Encourage parents to tune their radio stations to WCLO, 1230 AM for current information.
 - Do you have a plan for moving students with limited mobility to a safe location with a tornado warning?
 - Students should not be sent home early if severe weather is approaching. Children will be safer at school than in a bus or car.
 - Lunches or assemblies in large rooms should be postponed if severe weather is approaching.
 - From April through October, the Rock County warning siren system will be tested the first Wednesday of each month at 12:05 PM. The testing will last for 2 minutes. The sirens will not be tested if inclement weather is noted in the county.

CLASSROOM CLIPS



KINDERGARTEN

March was filled with many travels for kindergarten in our Transportation unit! We visited Walt Disney World, went roller skating, traveled on the Janesville Transit System, learned about the country of Mexico and even made our very own cars! VVVRRRRROOOOMMMM!!

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 21 is Kindergarten Orientation for 2009—2010. There will be NO SCHOOL for KINDERGARTEN that day. Happy Spring!!

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

We had a magnificent March at Lincoln Elementary! The whole school participated in Read Across America in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Every classroom had community volunteers who came and shared books, as well as Snappy, the Turtle from the Beloit Snappers. Every student had a chance to take home a Dr. Seuss book with a buddy and had a picture taken. At the end of March, second graders enjoyed seeing the play "Madeline and the Bad Hat" at JPAC. We also worked on our new character trait of cooperation in March. We hope you all enjoy your Spring Break and come back ready to work hard in our last quarter of the year! Coming soon... our next round of MAP testing at the end of April.

THIRD GRADE

Happy Spring! We would like to thank you all for attending your child's conference. The Third Graders have been working very diligently on their multiplication facts. Please continue to quiz them at home. We are also finishing a unit on Geometry.

Three of the four classrooms have had an opportunity to work with a "Smartboard". It's an awesome electronic whiteboard. Ask your child to share some of the activities we have used it for. They love it!

Have a safe and WARM Spring Break! There will be no school April 6—10. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday, April 13th.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Spirit Days for April

Fri., April 16: Rock Star Day (Wear sparkles, glitters and shades like a rock star! No props that need to be carried, please.)

Fri., April 30: Blue and Gold Day

Pennies for Patients: We have completed our penny drive fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and are excited to report that our school was able to raise \$1,370.77! Mrs. Neumann's Kindergarten class won a free luncheon from Olive Garden by raising the most money per student. Thanks to everyone who participated in this great cause!

Coming May 14th and 15th...LINCOLN LION TATTOOS will be sold for \$.25. JUST IN TIME TO SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT AT THE 4TH AND 5TH GRADE TRACK MEETS!!!

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!



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 (2009-2010), 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, 2008** 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, 2009. 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.

NEWS FROM THE LMC

We have been enjoying the new books that are coming in. Please remind your son/daughter to return his/her book each week so that they may enjoy the other books in our library also.

The fourth grade just completed a reading motivation program entitled, "Traveling Around Wisconsin with Dewey". Noah Hammon and Aaliyah Perry (Mrs. Carter's class) were the winners of the team prize. Each team had to read from all ten areas of the nonfiction section of the library. Laura Gonzalez (Mrs. Maine's Classroom) won the Wisconsin map and Walden Book gift certificate for reading the most minutes overall.

The third graders are in the midst of their reading program centering on folktales. (Any type of book may be read.) There will be a prize for the top reader in each classroom, the top reader overall and one for the person who reads the most folktales. Books read for the Snappy program may be recorded for this program also.

Have fun reading!

A very **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to the Women of the Moose. They gave a very generous gift of \$100.00 to the LMC to put towards the purchase of books. The books have been ordered and should arrive sometime in April. We really appreciate their generous gift as it helps to build up our library with the requests from both teachers and students. Thank You!

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!!!

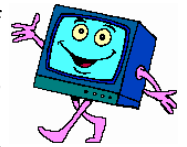
Si piensa moverse de su dirección de casa actual por favor comuníquese con la oficina escolar de Lincoln Elementary al 746-6700 lo mas pronto posible para determinar que formularios tendrá que llenar para que su hijo(a) continúe asistiendo su escuela actual. Por favor note: si esta moviéndose a una dirección fuera del Distrito Escolar de Janesville, en 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.

2009 SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM

Please be aware that you are able to view the Janesville Area Council PTA/League of Women Voters School Board Candidate's Forum on local Cable Access Channels 96 and 993. If you do not have cable access, you are able to check out a DVD from the Lincoln School Office. Elections will be held on Tuesday, April 7.



HOT LUNCH INFORMATION

- Do you have your Family Access log-in information? If interested, please send a note to the school office.
- If you feel your family qualifies for free/reduced lunch, please stop into the office to fill out an application.

April

			1 MASH 5th Grade—12:30 4th Grade—2:00	2 5th to UW-W “Harriet Tubman & the Underground Railroad” and the Milton House 8:40—3:00 *Sack lunch needed	3 MASH Follow- up Sessions 4th Grade—1:00 5th Grade—2:15 CD to Dairy Queen & River’s Edge Bowl 11:00—2:00	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<h1>Spring Break</h1>						
12	13 School resumes	14	15	16 Spring Pictures	17 Co-operation Read 10:00 Report cards sent home	18
19	20	21 2009—2010 Kindergarten Orientation No school for current Kindergarteners PTA Meeting 6:00 p.m.	22	23 4th Grade to Capitol Square 8:20—4:30 *Sack lunch needed State Severe Weather Drill 12:00 p.m.	24	25 Relay for Life at Parker High School
26	27 Portfolio Assessments / Art Fair, Band/ Orchestra Concerts & Ice Cream Social 5:30—7:00 p.m. <u>Please come!</u>	28	29 4th Grade to JSOL 8:30—3:00 *Long pants, tennis shoes, and sack lunch needed Fundraiser pick- up	30 Jump Rope for Heart 1:45—2:45		



Next month:

5th Grade Track Meet
 4th Grade Track Meet
 Track Meet Rain Dates

May 19
 May 20
 May 21 & 22

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