



LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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OPEN ENROLLMENT

If during the school year, you move outside the School District of Janesville and you wish to remain at Lincoln Elementary 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 Lincoln Elementary 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. Applications are provided to the School District of Janesville by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and should be available by mid January 2009. This year applications will be accepted **February 2-20, 2009**. 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.

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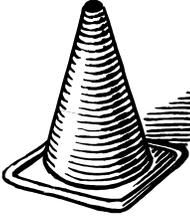


PARKING LOT

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!

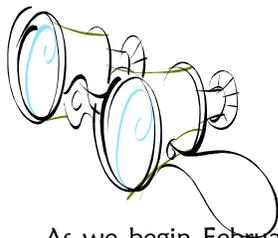
OBEY THE CONES

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!

Kindergarten Registration for 2009—2010	February 16—20
Parent-Teacher Conferences (3:20—8:00 p.m.)	February 25
Parent-Teacher Conferences (NO SCHOOL)	February 26
NO SCHOOL (Compensatory Day)	February 27



Looking Ahead with Mrs. Amiel

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
janesville.k12.wi.us/lin/

As we begin February I'm sure you are ready to join me in beginning to think about spring. Oh...well maybe just a little. Other than the weather, January had some wonderful opportunities for learning for our students. They became part of history with the inauguration and I was impressed with the knowledge so many of them had about our newest president. Thank you for all you are doing as parents to help them become knowledgeable about their world. Our year is half over and we still have a great deal for them to learn in the

second half. We look forward to our continued work together as we help your children, our students, become their very best. It has been wonderful to read things about President Obama and the goals he has set for himself in his lifetime. As we get ready for our conferences at the end of the month we hope to see that the students are on their way to accomplishing the ones they set with you at the beginning of the year in our Ready, Set, Goal conferences. We also have a chance to celebrate Lincoln's 200th birthday on February 12th with activities at school

and a family fun night in the evening.

It will be an exciting month. I look forward to seeing many of you during these events as well as when you come in to pick up your children or volunteer for a wide range of activities at school. Thank you for all you do for your children as you help with homework, work with them on projects and read with them. You are an essential partner with your child and their teacher as they learn and grow. Please keep in touch. It should be a great month of learning. Stay warm and have a wonderful month.



DO YOU HAVE A STUDENT WHO WILL TURN 5 ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2009?

Registration for the 2009—2010 School Year will be February 16—20 at the Educational Services Center. Please be sure to have proof of residency, the child's birth certificate, and immunizations with you when you register.



Studer Results

Many of you have seen the results of the Studer survey in the paper or at a meeting. The results were given to us in the late fall. I had originally scheduled to present the information at a PTA meeting in November. Unfortunately, I was ill and the December meeting was not held due to the holidays. At the January PTA meeting, the information was presented. A brief summary is given below. We plan to have a discussion on ways to continue to improve the education your children receive at Lincoln Elementary and in our school district at our February PTA meeting on February 17. You are welcome to come and join us. If you would like additional information, please stop by the school office and we can give you the information shared at our January meeting.

Mrs. Amiel



Music Notes

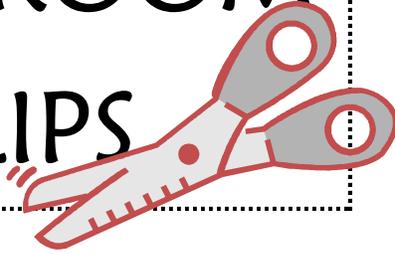
Lights, Camera . . .more action!

The 4th & 5th Grade students will proudly present a musical called "The Granny Awards", on March 20th at 1:30 p.m. in the Edison Middle School Auditorium. All of the students will be in the musical and will learn their songs during music class.

Auditions for students who would like talking parts in our musical will be held the last week of January. A note will come home explaining the details, so look for the letter if your child is interested. Students with talking parts will have to attend practices after school.



CLASSROOM CLIPS



KINDERGARTEN

In January we welcomed in the New Year, explored adult and baby animals in our Animal Family unit and had some goofy fun in our Silly Business unit! We traveled to China, well Chinatown Restaurant anyway, as we learned about the Chinese culture. And, we spent some time at our local Hedberg Library.

February brings 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 Birthday! WOW!! What a busy month!

We look forward to meeting with you and your child at Conferences on February 25 & 26.

The Kindergarten Teachers
Mrs. Neumann, Mrs. Redieske, Mrs. Pajerski, Mrs. Peterson

FIRST GRADE

FIRST GRADERS have been excited this month with the winter weather. We love the snow, but it sure is cold. Please make sure your child is coming with boots, snowpants, mittens/gloves, and a hat each day. We are also back into the swing of things in all the curricular areas. It is always helpful to your children when you sit down and go over the papers that come home. We appreciate all that you do to help make first grade successful. We are looking forward to the field trip to Beloit Hospital. We will learn all about food groups, gun safety, the importance of exercising, staying healthy, and what it is like to stay in the hospital for an operation. We are looking forward to telling parents all sorts of good things at conferences. Each child is special in his/her own way. A big "thank you" in advance for attending!

SECOND GRADE

Studying facts is important in 2nd grade.

Everyone remember to keep reading for Captain's Club.

Cold weather has arrived, remember to bundle up.

On March 31st we will be attending a play in the p.m.

Now we are starting our cursive writing.

Demanding schedules, thanks for the time you work with your child.

Great behavior has been witnessed with the 2nd graders.

Reminder to bring your take home folder back and forth.

Also in May there will be another field trip. Date not set.

Decide to do your best work.

Everyone appreciates the snacks the parents provide!

The Second Grade Teachers

THIRD GRADE

Hello Everyone! We just wanted to take the time to compliment the Third Graders on what outstanding behavior they have displayed throughout the building. Every classroom has been stopped, at one time or another, for outstanding self-control and respect that they show wherever they go. We are very proud of each individual and know you feel the same way.

Remember to practice your spelling words and math facts every night.

Upcoming Events:

*Wednesday, February 18th – Field Trip

*Underground Railroad – Coronado Theatre in Rockford, IL

*Conferences, February 25th and 26th

Thank you for your support.

Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Mau,
Ms. Moritz, and Mrs. Simmons

FOURTH GRADE

Many students still need to memorize their multiplication facts. We cannot stress enough how mastering these will help the students be successful in math class the rest of the year. Please help the students by studying them nightly at home.

The weather continues to be very cold so please make sure your student is dressed appropriately for school. Hopefully, this frigid weather won't last forever!

FIFTH GRADE

Brrr! It's cold outside! Please remind your children to dress for the weather; hats, gloves, snow pants, boots, etc. Students go outside unless the temperature is below 5 degrees.

We got the New Year off to a good start even though the snow days put us a little behind. We spent time honoring Dr. Martin Luther King by learning many facts about his life.

February is Black History Month and we will be studying many of the famous African Americans who made great contributions and shaped the way life is lived in America. We will also be celebrating Abraham Lincoln's birthday in conjunction with our school's 50th anniversary. The week of February 9 we will have trivia questions, a visit from Pres. Lincoln, and many other wonderful things that week. Be sure to ask your child what they have learned about the president our school is named after!

Please remember to check and sign your child's assignment notebook.

Have a Great Month! Stay Warm!

5th grade teachers.

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 2009-10 school year is from February 2-20, 2009. Parents may apply in one of two ways. You may 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 December 15, 2008. Paper applications for enrollment in the School District of Janesville must be received by the Administrative Services Office at the Educational Services Center 527 S. Franklin no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 20th (a postmark does not constitute timely submission). Applications turned in prior to February 2nd will be returned as not valid and must be resubmitted after February 2nd but before February 20th.

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.

Paper applications are available **after December 15, 2008** from the Administrative Services Office at the Educational Services Center, 527 S. Franklin St. If you have questions, please contact the Administrative Services Office at 743-5006.

Request for School Transfer/Placement (Intra District Transfers) within the School District of Janesville Attendance Areas

Due to Move:

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

Due to Parent Choice:

If you wish to apply to have your student transferred/placed in another school within the district next school year (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.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Spirit Days for February

Fri., Feb. 13 - Valentines Day - Wear Red, White or Pink
Wed., Feb. 25 - Blue and Gold Day

Pennies for Patients Feb. 3-20

(fundraiser for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society)

All coins (or bills) will be accepted!

The class that raises the most money will receive a free luncheon from Olive Garden.

Lion's Den We have lots of items you may need such as markers, colored pencils, crayons, glue, rulers, notebooks, pencils and erasers! We are open every Monday from 3:00-3:15 in Room 211.



REMINDER

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



TEMPERATURES ARE FALLING!

Please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. They will go outside most every day for recess. A student who is well enough to attend school should also be well enough to participate in outdoor activities, such as recess.

Parents, please ask your children:

Do you know where your mittens are?

Have you seen your snowpants?

Have your boots gone walking?

Does your coat still fit?



Parents, please help your students stay warm!

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.

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.

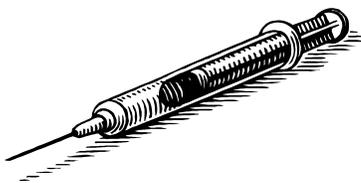


MUDARSE!!!

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.



IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Do you have a student entering 6th grade next year? If you answered yes, then this information is for you!!!!

Immunization requirements for students entering 6th grade next school year will change. Students entering 6th grade next school year will now need two doses of the varicella (chicken pox) vaccine and one dose of the pertussis (whooping cough) booster vaccine.

The varicella vaccine is being increased because there are a significant number of children developing a "breakthrough" case of chicken pox after receiving only one dose of the vaccine.

The pertussis booster is being added because of the increasing number of whooping cough cases being reported in the United states. Your child's protection declines 5 to 10 years after completing the childhood DPT/DTap vaccinations, which usually occurs at entrance to kindergarten.

You can also meet these new immunization requirements by claiming a medical, religious, or personal waiver. Waivers can be obtained at school office your child attends, from the Educational Service Center (527 S. Franklin St), or from the district website under Health Services

If you have any questions about the changes in vaccines, where to go to receive vaccinations, or waivers, please call the Manager of Health Services at 743-5097.

When your child receives additional vaccines, please share this information with the office staff at the school your child attends so that the dates can be added to your child's school immunization record. Thanks.

February

1	2  Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6 Progress Reports sent home	7
8	9 1st Grade to Beloit Memorial Hospital 8:45—11:45	10	11	12  Lincoln's 200th Birthday & PTA Family Fun Night 6:00—7:30 p.m.	13	14
15	16	17 PTA Meeting 6:00 p.m.	18 3rd Grade to Rockford ("Freedom Train") 8:45—12:15	19	20	21
Kindergarten Registration for 2009—2010 at the E.S.C.						
22	23	24	25 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00—7:00 p.m.	26 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00—7:00 p.m.	27 NO SCHOOL Parent-Teacher Conferences 8:00—3:30	28



Coming Up:
End of 3rd Quarter

March 27

Please note: Due to Snow Day makeup, there will be school on April 13.

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