

# LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**LINCOLN LINK**  
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### STUDENTS PUBLISHED IN ROCK RIVER ANTHOLOGY

Congratulations to the following Lincoln students whose original work has been published in the Rock River Anthology:

3<sup>rd</sup> grader Sydney Punzel for art, 4<sup>th</sup> graders Hannah Brown for art, Ellen Knutson for poetry, and Katie Conner for illustrated writing.

5<sup>th</sup> graders Alex Armstrong for poetry, Hye Yeong Kim for art, and Dakota Anderson, Anghelo Gangano, and Naomi Hofferber for prose.

The theme for the anthology was "Tomorrow." This opportunity was part of Talented and Gifted (TAG) Programming. The students worked with TAG Teacher Ms. Amacher. The booklet was published by TAG Coordinator Ruth Robinson and featured the prose, poetry, and artwork of numerous Janesville School District students.

### 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.

#### FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

New Parent Orientation  
(Grade 6 2009-2010)  
Thursday, June 4, 2009  
6:00 p.m.  
Auditorium

New Student Orientation  
(Grade 6 2009-2010)  
Friday, June 5, 2009  
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Students will be transported by bus from his/her elementary school to Franklin.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER REGARDING 2009-2010

Just a reminder that we will be having Ready, Set, Goal conferences on August 25th. You will be receiving more information later this spring regarding scheduling. We will return to our traditional first day for grades 1—5. Staggered Start will continue for Kindergarteners, which was explained at Kindergarten Orientation. We are making the change based on parent/staff feedback. We will be making changes to the Ready, Set, Goal Conferences, which should make this an even more positive experience. Please watch for information coming home in the final progress reports of the year. Please feel free to call with any questions.

#### READY, SET, GOAL!

**August 25, 2009:** Ready, Set Goal Conferences & School Pictures

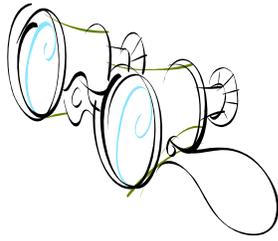
**September 1, 2009:** Students Grades 1— 5 will attend the first day of school. Half of Kindergarteners attend school.

**September 2, 2009:** Students grades 1-5 will attend school for the full day. Half of Kindergarteners attend school.

**September 3, 2009:** All students, K—5 attend school.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Ready, Set, Goal Conferences ..... Tuesday, August 25



# Looking Ahead with Mrs. Amiel

### 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

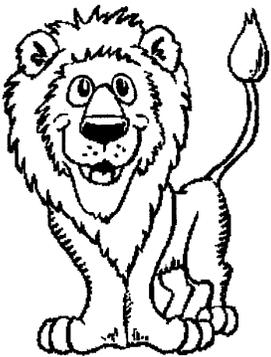
Be the best you can be

### 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

[janeyville.k12.wi.us/lin/](http://janeyville.k12.wi.us/lin/)

May brings our flowers and also the last quarter of the year. April was a busy month with our Kindergarten Orientation for our new students and our Grand Finale, the Portfolio Conference, Art Show and Band and Orchestra concerts topped off with Ice cream from our PTA. May will be a busy one for your children with many field trips to compliment curriculum. Thanks to you and our PTA for the support to make these trips more affordable for everyone.

2008-2009 has been an awesome year filled with wonderful learning opportunities for your students. The students will continue working hard to increase their skills up to the very end of school. As this

year ends, planning for the 2009-2010 is well underway as well. We hope you have found this to be a very positive and productive year for you and your child(ren). Often throughout the year we have enclosed a feedback sheet for you so we can continue to make Lincoln the best school it can be. This will be the last one for the year. Please take a few moments if you have time to give us feedback regarding your experiences here at Lincoln.

Although this is the last Link of the year there is a great deal of school remaining. Please watch for notes coming home with your child. Remind them how important it is for them to bring everything home so you can see it. Watch as

well in the final progress reports for the information regarding Ready, Set, Goal conferences on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendar! We usually have an awesome turn out so this year our PTA has scheduled our fall pictures at this time as well. It should be a great day to begin the year. Thanks so much to each of you for all you do to make the partnership between home and school a very powerful one. I would also like to extend my thanks to you all for the privilege of working with you and your children. I continue to feel blessed to be the principal here at Lincoln. Have a grand May/June and super summer.

### SAFETY UPDATE

The district is joining the community in implementing a SAFE SCHOOL grant. We met for the first time in the Middle of May. You will be receiving requests for feed back on surveys to provide the committee updated information regarding issues surrounding your child walking and/or riding their bike to school as well as other issues related to this topic. You may also be approached to participate in a safety audit around our school. We hope to get the assistance of several parents so we can do a comprehensive audit. If you have an interest please contact the school office at 743-6705. It is an exciting venture for our district and community and will be an important one for the future of safety issues in the area around our schools. Watch for more information.

### 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!

# LINCOLN PRIDE

*Time and experience are two of our greatest resources. The staff and students at Lincoln have been fortunate to learn from a multitude of wonderful educators. This year, Mr. Craig Belknap will be leaving the Lincoln Family to begin the next chapter of his life. Please join us in wishing him well in his departure.*

## Craig Belknap School Psychologist



Mr. Belknap began his career in the School District of Janesville in 1975. He has been a part of the staff at Monroe, Adams, Jefferson, Marshall, Franklin, Edison. For the last 20 years, he has split his time between Lincoln and Washington Elementary Schools.

There have been huge changes in the details of his job over the years. However, according to Mr. Belknap, “Children still have the same needs: personal relationships, safety, stimulation, discipline, and more personal relationships.”

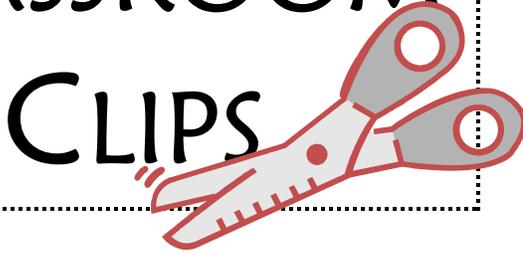
After retirement, Mr. Belknap has plans to spend more time with his grandchildren and travel to visit extended family. He looks forward to spending time with his hobbies, playing and making guitars.

The best memories of his career are the funny things kids do and say. Some of them he can even share! He knows he will miss the students, parents, and staff that he has worked with over the years. Trying to comprehend children with learning and behavior problems has been a stimulating challenge during his career.

We are very happy for Mr. Belknap as he starts this new part of his life, however, we will miss his warm smile, calming manner, and guidance, as well as his awesome music skills! Best of luck!

*A hundred years from now, it will not matter what your bank account balance was, the sort of house you lived in, or the kind of car you drove, but the world may be different because you were important in the life of a child.*

# CLASSROOM CLIPS



## KINDERGARTEN

April was filled with growing things, farming, night-time fun and bug surprises!! We had a blast at the Discover Center!

In May, we will be venturing into the ocean. We will be taking a field trip to Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport and Blackhawk Tech. After we explore water, we will be learning about the zoo. Our final field trip will be on Monday, June 8, to Henry Vilas Zoo in Madison, WI.

Our big Kindergarten Celebration will be on Tuesday, June 9 at 1:30 p.m.

The Kindergarten Beach Party will be on Wednesday, June 10 and the last day of school will be on Thursday, June 11 for all students.

FUN, FUN, FUN!!!

## FIRST GRADE

Remember it can still be cold in the morning, so please send me to school with my jacket.

Addition and subtraction are so easy!! Just ask me a few problems and I can tell you the answer.

In just a few months I will be a BIG second grader. I can't wait!

Now that I have tried my hardest on MAPS testing you will soon see how much I have learned in first grade.

The month of April started out with spring fever and thoughts of bunnies! We hope all of you enjoyed the Spring Break with your children. We have gotten back into the swing of things here at school. In Reading, we are focusing a lot on comprehension and fluency. In Math, our main emphasis is on "fact power"! Social Studies focuses nicely on the character words for the month—Determination and Perseverance. As you can see, we are very busy here in first grade!! We enjoy the time we get to spend with your children. They have come so far since September! Once again, we need to thank all the parents for the help and interest in your child's education.



## SECOND GRADE

This last month we attended the play, Madeline and the Bad Hat, which the children seemed to enjoy. We completed our second set of MAPS tests for second grade. The results will be sent home with the final progress reports. On Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>, second grade is planning on attending the Welty Environmental Center for activities related to plants and the outdoor environment. This compliments what we have been learning in science this year. This field trip begins at the beginning of the school day and we return around 2:00 p.m. This is advanced notice if any of the parents are interested in going on this field trip. Continue to turn in daily homework and study for upcoming tests.

The Second Grade Teachers

## THIRD GRADE

### Top Ten List of Third Grade

by

Mrs. Anderson's Students

10. Reading novels, chapter books
  9. Math, lattice multiplication, partial product
  8. Centers
  7. Gold Coin Hunt and Bunny Hunt
  6. Sharing on Monday's
  5. Autobiographies
  4. Extra Recess
  3. Celebration Party
  2. Building and using wagon trains
- and the top one for third grade.....

1. Science, triops, beetles, electricity, butterflies

Thanks to all of the third grade parents that helped us all out on field trips this year.

The Third Grade Teachers

## FOURTH GRADE

It's hard to believe we are near the end of the year. Many of your children have made significant gains academically, and you should be very proud of their efforts. Over the summer it's really important that the students continue to read daily. Take them to the public library and have the weekly visit become a fun outing for your family. The public library has many activities during the summer to encourage student participation. It's an inexpensive way for your family to learn and have quality time together.

Make sure you routinely review multiplication, division, addition and subtraction facts over the summer. This will help the students maintain their progress and come back to school prepared. They will have more confidence and a positive attitude knowing they have mastered these skills. Have a great summer and thank you for all the support you have given throughout the year.

Mrs. Maine, Mrs. Carter, & Ms. Grover

(See the next page for 5th Grade)

CLASSROOM CLIPS CONTINUED . . .

FIFTH GRADE

I can't believe that the end of the year is almost here! Where did the time go? We have been doing many things in fifth grade. We are very busy! We have many things coming up. On Tuesday, May 5, we will be going on a field trip to Rockford Midway Village for a Civil War reenactment. The 5th grade Track Meet is May 19. Please remember that you can take you student out to lunch that day as long as we have written permission from you. We will be having an end of the year 5th grade celebration. The date is still being determined. Keep your calendar open for all the wonderful things coming up!

We had a wonderful field trip to the University Of WI – Whitewater. We saw a tremendous play about Harriet Tubman and walked the campus to see what college life was about. It was FUN! We then went to the Milton House to see the Underground Railroad. We wish we would have had more time to spend there! All and all it was a wonderful day.

I hope you enjoyed the Portfolio Night. The students worked really hard to show you what they have been doing this year!

The time has come to wish all fifth graders a wonderful experience in Middle School. The team of fifth grade teachers will really miss all of you. Good Luck!!!!!!

LINCOLN K-KIDS DO GREAT THINGS FOR LINCOLN AND OUR COMMUNITY

Lincoln Elementary K-Kids had an exciting year. They donated 25 flashing stop signs for crossing guards to use in Janesville, Milton and Clinton. Helping them raise funds for this project were Edison Builders Club, Roosevelt K-Kids, Noon Kiwanis and Golden Kiwanis. Two grants from Wal-Mart and Sam's Club help tremendously as well. Their main goal was to increase the safety of children and their families going to and from school every day. Thanks again everyone!

Other projects the K-Kids were involved in were visiting residents at Cedar Crest in the fall, sponsoring a food drive for ECHO, helping with the Kindergarten bake sale, and cleaning up the playground and courtyard.

The K-Kids continue to cut Box Tops for Education. Your family should have received a flyer with a list of products that contain Box Tops. Please continue to send Box Tops in as each one is worth 10 cents. This year we earned approximately \$1200 from Box Tops. This money helps purchase needed items for our school, for example the courtyard garbage can, character and main office signs, bird feeders, etc.

K-Kids would like to thank their advisors Mrs. Maine and Mrs. Redieske, as well as their Golden Kiwanis advisors Mr. Bob Johnson and Mr. Richard Johnson for their time and support of the club and their activities.

Music Notes

4th & 5th Grade Musical:

Thanks to everyone who helped to make our program a success! It was one of our Very best (and I've done HUNDREDS!!)! Thanks to the Lincoln students, staff, and parents for helping, as well as Edison and their staff. What a wonderful joint effort it was!

5th Grade Music Class:

The 5th Grade students are learning how to play a 'Dulcimer' in Music Class. We have a dulcimer for each student in class to play, thanks to the Rock Prairie Dulcimer Society Group, who have loaned us the instruments. The instructors working with us are Mrs. Garrett and Mrs. Figy from the Rock Prairie Group.

3rd Grade Music Class:

The Third Grade students are learning to play the recorder in Music Class.

2nd Grade Music Class:

The Second Grade students just finished their instrument unit in Music Class and are now working on them in Art Class with Mr. Miller. We hope you were able stop by and see them during the Portfolio Celebration.

There's LOTS of Music Going On at Lincoln!

Mrs. Neitzel

**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.

**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.



Lose yourself in a good book this

**NEWS FROM THE LMC**

The end of the year is almost upon us! I have enjoyed working with your children.

The end of the year means that all books will soon need to be returned to their homes in the stacks. Our **last check out day will be Friday, May 22nd. ALL BOOKS CHECKED OUT BY STUDENTS NEED TO BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY, MAY 29TH.** After this date, fine notices will be sent out. This is not a fun part of our job any more than it is fun for you to receive them, but we do need to have all of the books returned or fines paid in order to replace these books. If you find the book, you will receive a refund. We cannot accept replacement books from you as we purchase these books from companies that put a special binding on the books so that they last longer.

We are finishing up the year with reading motivation programs for kindergarten (end of April-beginning May), second grade (beginning May) and fifth grade (mid May). Have a fantastic and safe summer and keep reading!!

Miss Forst

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

Spirit Days for May

- Fri., May 8: Twin Day
- Fri., May 22: Sparkling Blue and Gold Day
- Thur., June 11: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - Blue and Gold Day

**LINCOLN LION TATTOO SALE**

Thursday, May 14 and Friday, May 15 3:00 p.m.  
25¢ each

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!

**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.

# May / June

					<b>1</b> Mid terms sent home  CD to Pizza Hut & Police Station <u>11:00—2:00</u> 3rd to Vilas Zoo & Arboretum 8:20—2:30 <b>*Sack lunch needed</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 5th to Rockford Midway Village & 4th to Cave of the Mounds 8:20—3:00 <b>*Sack lunch needed</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <b>Teacher Appreciation Week</b> </div>						
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Mrs. Mau's class to Frances Willard 11:30—2:30	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> CD to Vilas Zoo <u>9:00—2:00</u> Dental Screening (Round 3)	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5th Grade Track Meet—a.m.  <b>PTA Meeting</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>20</b> 4th Grade Track Meet—a.m.	<b>21</b> Track Meet Rain Date  Dental Screening (Round 3)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Memorial Day No School	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> CD to Camden Park 11:00—2:00	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>June 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5th Grade Parent Meeting at Middle Schools (see front page) 6:00 p.m.	<b>5</b> 5th Graders—Tour of Edison <u>a.m.</u> CD to LaCocina Restaurant & Mini Golf 11:00—2:00	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Last day of school	<b>12</b> Last day for teachers	


**Coming up:**  
 Ready, Set, Goal Conferences & School Pictures August 25

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