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Lincoln News Briefs

Principally Speaking

What a great start to the school year! We have 256 students, so we have a full house. The kids have settled in and are back in the routine. It is so exciting to have activity in the building all day, every day. Please take some time to drop by your child's classroom to see him/her in action or even come to breakfast or lunch. You are always welcome at Lincoln School!!

Cookie Dough/Gifts/Magazine Sale

The annual Lincoln Home & School Association's Cookie Dough/Gifts/Magazine Sale was a huge success. We collected about **\$20,102** in sales and our profit is **\$8,000**. That doesn't include the online sales. The money is all spent on students and Home and School also provides each teacher with \$100 to purchase items for the classrooms. Accelerated Reader medals and awards and playground improvements are all purchased with Home & School dollars. **Top Sellers include:** Mariella Dreiling: \$983 with 60 items, Keiston Evans: \$677 with 49 items and Shaylee Norton: \$611 with 39 items. **Top Selling Classes include:** Mrs. Kruse 4th grade-\$2,790, Mrs. Dinkel 1st grade-\$2,604, and Mrs. Lacy 5th grade-\$2,259. Mrs. Kruse's class has won a pizza party!

The cookie dough/gifts will be delivered on Wednesday, October 18th, around noon. Pickup will be from 1:30-5:30. All items will be pre-packaged with your child's name. This will make distribution much easier. If you can volunteer to help on Oct. 18th please call the office. Thank you for your continued support.

****NO SCHOOL on Mon., Oct. 9
**Early Dismissal Wed., Oct. 11-1:00
NO SCHOOL Thurs. and Fri. Oct. 26 and Oct. 27.

Box Top Turn-in date for the 1st 9 weeks is October 20th. Start sending box tops anytime. We appreciate it!!!

Picture re-takes

School pictures were taken in September. If your child was absent or you want to have your child's picture re-taken, those will be done on **Wednesday, October 11th**. Please return the unwanted picture packet to school.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, Oct. 19th and Monday, Oct. 23rd, from 3:05 – 8:35 p.m. **Please return the sign-up forms by Fri., Sept. 29th.**

"Best of the Best" Awardee

5th Grader Wyatt Kirkpatrick received the USD 489 Student "Best of the Best" award at the Sept. 25th USD 489 Board meeting. Wyatt was nominated by his teacher Mrs. Dreiling. "Wyatt Kirkpatrick comes to school each day with a cheerful attitude and is always willing to learn. He is respectful to adults and peers, listens and follows directions, and is honest. Wyatt actively participates in class and is a self-motivated learner. He sets high goals for himself and is willing to ask for help when he needs it. He frequently assists other students in the classroom and gives them encouragement. I am excited to have Wyatt in my classroom this year! I know he will be a role model for his peers this school year and in the future". Congratulation's Wyatt, Lincoln is very Proud of You!!!

Congratulation's Mrs. Dreiling!

Lincoln 5th grade teacher Monica Dreiling was awarded a \$3,000 Westar Energy Grant to purchase items for the STEM Pals: An Intergenerational Learning Partnership. Dreiling said the students will be learning about famous inventors and recreating and building items such as the telephone. We are all excited to see the results!!

Attendance Matters!

Help your children be at school every day and on time ready to learn so that they can excel. If you have questions about how to help your child's attendance or getting to school on time, contact their teacher.

New Faces at Lincoln

We have many new faces at Lincoln this school year. Join us in welcoming the following staff:

Deaira LeSage – Kdg. teacher
Katelyn Hecker – 2nd gr. teacher
Julie Mohi – 3rd gr. teacher
Jaymi Gabel – School Nurse
Stacie Dumler – School Psychologist
Kaley Schnack – SpEd Teacher
Jordan Patterson – Speech Clinician
Amy Sterling – Speech Para
Erika Schmidt – Para-Educator
Darrah Steffen - Para-Educator
Luz Sanchez – Classroom Aid
Kim Pfanenstiel – Art Teacher
Sue Pallister – Librarian
Valeri Colip – ELL Para
Daisey Herrera – ELL Para
Shawndra Albers – Nutrition Assistant
Steven Roberts – Brkf. Sup./LINKS Asst.
Amairani Ceron-Lopez-ELL Para
BreAbb Leiker – Classroom Aid
Kylie Jo Watson-LINKS Asst.
Israel Luna Gonzalez-Migrant Liaison
Lyndsey Crisenbery-Social Work Intern
Joel Davis - Custodian

Playground After School

We ask that all students are picked up promptly at the end of the school day when the bell rings at 3:02pm. Students should not stop to play on the playground equipment while they are waiting on their rides because we do not have adequate supervision. As a reminder any accidents that occur on school property after school hours is the responsibility of the guardian.

Halloween Parade

The annual Lincoln Halloween Parade will be on Tues., Oct. 31st, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Classroom parties will be held immediately

after the parade. All are invited to the parade. As you begin thinking about your child's Halloween costume, please remember to make sure the costume is appropriate and NO toy weapons are allowed to be brought to school. This includes: knives, guns, light sabers, swords, hatchets, etc. and any other item that can be considered a weapon.

Lincoln Home & School Association

Did you know that you are a member of the Lincoln Home & School Association? As soon as you enrolled your child at Lincoln School, you automatically became a member. We are very excited about the new school year and want to see more parents involved in the Association. You are always welcome to drop in to any or all of the meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thurs., Oct. 12 at 3:15** in the Library. We always discuss upcoming events and activities for the year and invite you to share your ideas. Our Home & School co-presidents are **Nick and Jessica Schwien**. They will email a newsletter each month if you provided an email address during enrollment. If you didn't provide us with your e-mail address during enrollment let us know, and we'll get you on the list.

Student Council Members

The following students were chosen to be in Student Council for this school year:

Third Grade

Michael Watson	Torrin Birch
Cyran Randle	Rylan Dinkel
Kamryn Kuhn	Emma Creamer
Mia Baltodano	Monserath Rivera

Fourth Grade

Kaleb Jerome	Karsen Flaska
Erik Cisneros	Kooper Sherlock
Callie Betts	Lily Butler
Delia Dixon	Elizabeth Gerstner

Fifth Grade

Alek Yaseen	Ryder Wertz
Fernando Cano-Olivas	Katie May
Bailee Herrmann	Lillian Wellbrock
Roshelle Martinez	

Dental Clinic

First Care Clinic will be at Lincoln Oct. 17th-19th to clean and check student's

teeth. Parents would have signed up for this service during enrollment.

Lincoln School Spirit Shirts for Sale

We have Lincoln school shirts for sale in the office for \$7.00. Show your school spirit for Lincoln and be sure to get your t-shirt if you have not yet. Call or stop by the office if you are interested in a Lincoln t-shirt. Sizes available include: YS, YM, AS, AM, XL, 2XL – first come, first serve.

Lincoln Night at Freddy's

Eat at Freddy's Frozen Custard Oct. 24th from 5-9pm and a percentage of sales will go to Lincoln!

Lincoln Website and Monthly Calendar

Do you ever wonder what is happening on a daily basis at Lincoln or what is being served for breakfast or lunch? The quick and easy way to find out is to visit the Lincoln School Website. The website contains everything you ever wanted to know about the school. There are information tabs for parents, students, and staff. The Lincoln calendar is updated on a regular basis. As soon as we hear of an event, we add it to the calendar. We have activities for the entire year already posted. Check out any month you have a question about and you'll find what's posted for that month. The menus are on this site too, under the "**Resources**" tab. Newsletters are also posted on-line. Please take time to visit and navigate around the website. The address is: <http://lincoln.usd489.com/> Make this your computer's homepage and you'll always be in the know about Lincoln Elementary School!!

Notes from the School Nurse

1. As students spend a good deal of time together in close contact, communicable diseases are more easily spread. Please report to the school should your child have a contagious condition such as strep throat, chicken pox, pink eye or the flu. Students whose temperature elevates to 100 degrees will be sent home and are to remain out of school until he/she has been fever free for 24

hours. Please do not give medication to reduce the fever and then send your child to school. The child is still contagious and will pass the illness to others.

2. Also, do not send your child to school if:
 - They have vomited within the last 24 hours.
 - They've had several episodes of diarrhea and stomach cramps in the past 24 hours.
 - One or both eyes are red with discharge.
 - They have a severe persistent cough as this is very exhausting for the child.
 - They have breathing difficulties with a cold or the flu.

Security Notice

For security reasons, all Lincoln Elementary visitors must check in at the office. You will sign in & receive a visitor's pass to wear while you are in the building. You will need to check out and return the pass to the office when you leave. Only the front door located on Ash Street is unlocked during school hours. All other doors are locked. The North door is unlocked after 3:30 for after-school care pick-up. The front door is locked around 3:30.

Peanut/Tree Nut Aware Schools and Birthday Treats

As a reminder, this year we will **NOT** be allowing Birthday Treats to be brought to school to celebrate your child's birthday in his/her classroom. We have several students that have severe food allergies and to prevent a reaction that would require emergency medical attention, we have decided to eliminate the birthday treats in the classroom. Students will receive a Birthday Pencil from the Office and a Birthday Cookie at lunch, provided by Nutrition Services.

Lincoln is a Peanut Aware/Tree Nut Aware school, so if your child brings a cold lunch to school, please be sure to double check that you do not send any items with peanuts/tree nuts in the food, this includes peanut butter. There are many substitutes for peanut butter at the grocery store, such as Sun Butter, WOW Butter, etc. If you send a Lunchable, please be

sure that the candy bar that is in the Lunchable does not contain peanuts or peanut butter. If by accident, a student brings food with peanuts/tree nuts, they will be asked to not open it and place it back in their lunch bag. The food will be returned home with your child.

We will continue to have the Classroom Halloween and Valentine Parties. Classroom teachers will provide you with snack ideas and options for the parties. Thank you for understanding the change with the Birthday Treats. Our goal is to keep all our students safe while they are in our care. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call Principal Rohleder at 623-2500.

School Policies and Focus Areas

There are several Lincoln staff members that make up the S.P.O.T. Team: Seeking, Positive, Outcomes, Together who are working diligently to implement school policies to ensure Lincoln is a safe place to learn. The first three areas identified include: hallways, restrooms and morning assembly prior to the first bell. Videos have been created and shared with students about expectations while walking in the hallway, utilizing the restrooms and gathering during morning assembly. Teachers have spent time practicing with students to ensure that expectations of the school policies are being followed. The S.P.O.T. Team will review the progress of these first three areas after six weeks and make changes as necessary. Please have a discussion with your children at home about the importance of following school policies, rules and expectations.

Supervision at Hays High Events

We in Hays Public Schools do whatever we possibly can to assure your children's safety while they are in school. We are proud that we offer safe, comfortable learning environments for all children and that you feel good about leaving your child in our care during the day. We are also pleased that you feel comfortable leaving your child in our care during activities and athletic events held outside of school hours. However, you may have a false sense of security in these situations. The school district cannot provide organized supervision for elementary and middle school students during high school athletic events. Because of this fact, we are not comfortable with your child attending these events without you. We ask all parents to attend events with their children and to keep their children with them during the events. We care about your child's safety.