

Dec. 18, 2017



Lincoln News Briefs

Principally Speaking

On behalf of the Lincoln Elementary Staff, I want to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that you enjoy the next couple of weeks with your children and other family members.

We have had a fantastic first semester and are looking forward to an even better spring semester.

Winter Sing a Success

The Holiday Sing was beautiful. A big thank you goes out to the **students, Mrs. Cunningham and Ms. Hinton** for putting this program together!! We know it takes a lot of preparation on their part.

Report Cards

The end of the 2nd nine weeks of school is December 21st. Report cards will be sent home with the students on **Friday, January 5th**.

Master Teacher

Congratulations to Jody Dinkel, 1st grade teacher, who was voted **Lincoln Elementary School's Master Teacher**.

Lincoln Fundraisers

Lincoln raised \$146.88 during the Freddy's Frozen Custard Lincoln Night Oct. 24th! McDonald's also hosted a Lincoln McTeacher Night Nov. 6th. Lincoln raised \$316 in cookie sales, that's 640 chocolate chip cookies sold!!! Plus an additional \$432 in food/drink sales for a grand total of \$748.00!!! Thanks for your support Lincoln family. If you missed out, then join us for our next McTeacher Night at the North McDonalds Tues. Jan. 9th from 5:00-8:00pm.



No School

Dec. 21st - Jan. 3rd, 2018 – Winter Break

School resumes on Thurs., Jan. 4th

Mon., Jan. 15th – Teacher In-service



May you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year!!!

Lincoln Health Services

USD 489 will be providing a free dental screening to all students enrolled in K-5 at Lincoln provided by Cedar Lodge Dental. Dr. Jarrod Jones and Dr. Paul Jones and their staff will be conducting the screenings on Friday, January 12th. All students will be screened unless the parent/guardian does not want their child to participate. Oral health is an important part of children's overall health, and is a critical component in the child's ability to learn and succeed in school. If you wish to opt out of the screening, please contact the school at 623-2500 or send a note with your child before the screening date. If your child does participate, a copy of the results of the screening will be sent home.

Orchestra Lock-In

5th Grade Orchestra students will have their Lock-In event Fri., Jan. 26th from 5:00-7:30 at Hays Middle School. This will be their first opportunity to play with their peers from across the district in 5th grade orchestra.



Midwest Energy Grant Awards!

Three teachers were awarded grants from Midwest Energy to enhance learning environments at Lincoln. Gay Flax, PE Teacher received \$1,000, Tessa Brandenburg, SpEd 4th-5th Gr. Teacher received \$487 and Jenny Prine, 1st Gr. Teacher received \$300. Mrs. Brandenburg will purchase low-level high interest books and storage crates for her SpEd classroom. Many of her readers are multiple levels below their grade, these books will help students find books that they enjoy and that are at their reading level. With the winter months coming students will have more inside recess time. To encourage students to work together in a constructive activity, Mrs. Prine will utilize the funds to purchase indoor recess tubs for the Kdg-1st grade classrooms. The items in the tubs will include a variety of building tools including soft blocks, geo stix, and pipe builders. The kits will also include STEM activities to practice engineering skills. Each tub will allow 2-3 students to work together during recess. They will be shared and rotated among the students, so that all students will have the opportunity to use them. Mrs. Flax will utilize the funds in combination with other grant funds from Midwest PGA Golf Association and donations from Auto World \$100 and RANS \$50 to purchase SNAG-in-School Golf kit. This kit contains enough clubs, balls and targets to teach students the basics of golf. Mrs. Flax wanted to introduce students to a sport that they can participate in throughout their life. Mrs. Flax and Mr. Quimby will be teaching

Kdg-5th grade how to golf this year and so far the students have enjoyed learning how to golf! Thanks to all three teachers for going above and beyond to improve learning environments for our students!

District Custodial Changes

As of Dec. 21st, Randy Pfannenstiel and Joel Davis will be transferred to Wilson Elementary School and we will be getting 2 new custodians - Steve Engel, Head Custodian and Kathy Rack, Assistant. Randy has been the custodian at Lincoln for the past 18 years and Joel has been here since August. We want to take this time to say "Thanks" for all they have done for Lincoln School in keeping it in great shape and looking nice. We wish them luck in their new positions at Wilson and want to welcome Steve and Kathy to Lincoln. They will be an awesome addition to Lincoln Elementary.

Tardies

We have had a growing issue with tardies this school year and we need your help to ensure that children arrive to school on time. The first bell rings at 7:54am and the tardy bell rings at 7:59am. Any student arriving to their classroom after the second bell is considered tardy. Additionally, there are several students that eat breakfast daily and are not getting to their classrooms prior to the tardy bell ringing. Arriving on time is important for students so they can have a smooth start to their day, supported by the morning routines of their classroom teachers. Every minute of missed instruction and interaction has a negative effect on learning and peer relationships. Students miss out on shared experiences, and can feel less involved in the class. Here are some ideas to help you get your child to school on time.



- Make sure your children keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before
- Let your child know the importance of getting to school on time

If you are having trouble with getting your child to school for any reason, please contact your child's teacher, the school counselor, the school psychologist, or the principal so we can work with you to get your child to school every day, on time.

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USD 489 Alerts

With the winter weather upon us, be sure that you have signed up to receive weather info and emergency notifications. To “Opt-In” to receive texts from School Connects Notify, please follow these instructions: Text the word “Join” to 56360. If your number is already listed in PowerSchool, you should get a confirmation text telling you it was successful. If you receive a text back telling you that your number is not in the system, please email Amy Arnhold at aarnhold@usd489.com. Include the phone number you want in the email to be set up with the service. Text message rates will apply.

