
LINCOLN NEWS

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Principally Speaking

Wow! It's hard to believe we only have 7 weeks of school left until the end of the year and it will fly by. The next few weeks are filled with lots of activities and opportunities for parental involvement. We truly had a wonderful year thanks to all of your support!!!

Camp Read-A-Lot Family Literacy Night



A new program to take place at Lincoln this year, instead of the Family Fun Night will be the Camp Read-A-Lot Family Literacy Night which will be held **Tuesday, April 24th from 6:00-7:30pm.** Several programs will be held during this time including: Internet Safety presentations presented by Nex-Tech and Read-Aloud presentation presented by Kay Shippy. In addition there will be several family oriented activities including: Read Around the Campfire, Camping Photo Booth/Frame, Campfire Songs and S'mores Snack, and Camping Bingo for Books. We are excited to have the Family Literacy Program at Lincoln and know it will be fun for all who attend!!!

Kansas Assessment Update

Third, fourth, and fifth grade students will continue their Kansas State Assessments through the month of April. Each class has been working very hard getting ready for the testing. We are unsure when the results will be finalized, but as soon as the test scores are finalized by the state, you will receive a letter sharing your child's results

Orchestra Notes

All 5th Gr. Orchestra students will perform at the All City Strings Concert on **Thursday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m. at Hays Middle School.** Students need to arrive by 6:00 p.m. and dress nice. All orchestra students will go to HMS that afternoon and practice with students their own age from other schools in the district.

Traffic Concerns

We continue to be concerned about the early morning drop-off and after school pick-up congestion that we experience every day. It is extremely important that every parent follows the traffic rules concerning parking, pulling up to the curb, obeying the traffic signs, and using the crosswalks. We invite any suggestions that you may have to improve this situation. Please feel free to email me at erohleder@usd489.com.

No School

School will not be in session **Friday, March 30th** and **Monday, April 2nd** due to Recess and **Friday, April 20th** due to teacher in-service.

Early Dismissal

Our last Early Dismissal Day for this school year is **Wednesday, April 11th.** We will dismiss at **1:00 p.m.** Please pick up your child promptly at 1:00 p.m. The teachers have to attend meetings shortly after dismissal.

Spring Concert

The annual spring vocal concert will be held on **Thursday, April 12th, at 6:00 p.m. at the 12th Street Auditorium.** Lincoln students in grades K-2, plus Special Choir will be performing. The theme is "When I Grow Up, I want to Be...". Hopefully, everyone leaves with a smile from ear to ear. You're in for a real treat!

Famous Figures

Fifth graders are preparing for the **Famous Figures** competition in April. Two winners from Lincoln School will participate in the county-wide **Famous Figures** competition on **Friday, May 4th** at Fort Hays State University.

Dental Screenings

First Care Clinic will be onsite at Lincoln **April 23rd, 24th and 25th** providing dental checkups and screenings. This is a free service and parents would have signed up for this service during enrollment. A screening form will be sent home with your child once complete so that you are aware of any issues or concerns.

Annual Field Day

Field Day is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 9th.** This day is designed for our students to participate in a variety of enjoyable outdoor activities. We will be sending a complete agenda of events for the day toward the end of April. You can volunteer to help by clicking on the link we will provide in an e-mail very soon. You also can contact Mrs. Flax or Mr. Quimby, Field Day coordinators by e-mail to volunteer to help at glax@usd489.com or rquimby@usd489.com.

3rd through 5th grade will have Field Day from 8:45-10:45am and Kdg. through 2nd grade will have Field Day from 12:30-2:30pm. If you would like to have lunch at school this day please call 623-2500 to RSVP by May 7th.

Library Books

All library books are due back in the library on **Friday, May 4th**. Please help your child locate all of his/her library books and return them. If you have lost a book, you will receive a bill and will need to pay for the lost items.

Last Day of School

Friday, May 18th is the last day of school. **Fifth grade awards and promotion** is scheduled for **9:30 a.m.** in the Lincoln Gym. Parents and other relatives are invited to attend. **Dismissal is at 11:14 a.m.** for all students. Please pick up your children promptly on this day

Lunch Refunds & Other Fees

Lincoln School will be making lunch refunds only for students who are leaving the district. All other accounts will have their account balances carried over until next year. If you are moving out of town, please contact the district office and they will issue a refund if there is money left in the account.

If you have an outstanding balance on any other fees (workbook/enrollment fees, lost or damaged library books, LINKS after-school care fees, etc.) the amount of the outstanding balance will be added to your fees for next school year. Please consider making payments now to avoid a larger payment later.

New Home and School President

We are happy to announce that Kaleigh Wentworth will be Lincoln's Home and School President for the 2018-2019 school year. Kaleigh has a son in 1st Gr. and 2 stepchildren in 3rd Gr. Welcome aboard Kaleigh, we look forward to your leadership and insight!!!

Mrs. Rohleder Named National Distinguished Principal

Congratulations to Principal Elaine Rohleder for being recognized as the Kansas Association of Elementary School Principals' District 5 Distinguished Principal. Winners of this award are chosen based on their lifelong efforts to ensure children have a positive outlook about learning, providing support for teachers and parents, and exemplifying dedication and enthusiasm to the profession. KAESP board members Stacey Green from Stockton, Shawn Roberts from Scott City, and John Befort from Ellis, presented the award to Mrs. Rohleder during an all-school assembly on March 28th. USD489 and Lincoln are proud of Mrs. Rohleder's lifelong dedication to the students, parents and staff of Lincoln Elementary School.



Lincoln Best of the Best

Kadalen Unrein-3A was awarded the "Best of the Best" student award at the March 26th Board meeting. Kadalen was nominated by her teacher Mrs. Mohi. Mrs. Mohi said, "Kadalen is not only a bright student, but she is also a very hard worker. She takes learning seriously and puts in the extra effort to get the job done, and done well! Kadalen displays many qualities of a leader. She listens to others, demonstrates by example, is open to suggestions, and focuses on the task that needs to be done while thinking outside the box to surpass the end goal. She is someone that could be partnered with any other student and makes them feel included and special. Kadalen's hard work, determination and personality are essential to our classroom environment and we are lucky to have her in 3A and as a Lincoln Leopard Leader!" **Congratulations Kadalen, we are all proud of you!!!**



Saying Goodbye

Lincoln has two long standing staff members that will be retiring at the end of this school year that have dedicated many years of service at Lincoln and who will be greatly missed.

Elaine Rohleder, Principal- After 31 years in education, with 24 of them being at Lincoln, I have decided to retire at the end of the school year. I have been so fortunate to have been the Principal at Lincoln Elementary School. I have thoroughly enjoyed each one of my students and their families. It is so rewarding to hear of the successes of my previous students and to watch the growth of my current students. Each of them has a gift to share with the world, and I expect great things from them in the future. Both of my boys, Samuel and Thomas, are Lincoln Elementary School Graduates; I can say their success is a credit to the Lincoln Elementary School Teachers and Staff. To this day, they continue to have contact with their former teachers and still speak of the great things that happened to them while in elementary school. I firmly believe that the entire Lincoln Staff is the best in the district! They care about the children and go above and beyond to ensure that they are learning and succeeding. They are dedicated! You are very lucky to have your children attending Lincoln Elementary School. Once I leave the field of education, I will be working at my family's business, Rohleder Veterinary Service. My husband, James, and son, Sam, are both Veterinarians, and I will become their Veterinary Assistant and Bookkeeper. My husband and I have been married for 31 ½ years and thoroughly enjoy working side by side, whether it be in on the family farm or at the clinic. We are looking forward to spending more time together with family. And, I am hoping that grandchildren are not too far off in the future. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your children's lives over the years. Please know that each of them is unique and special, and they have enriched my life more than you will ever know. It has been a blessing to have been a part of the Lincoln Elementary School Family; I will truly miss each one of you! We will have an **all school assembly celebration to honor Mrs. Rohleder on Thurs. May 3rd from 12:30pm-1:00pm for Kdg – 5th Gr.**

Brenda Hinton, Title I/Reading Recovery-

I began my teaching career here in Hays in the building that is now Holy Family Elementary. It was called Jefferson Elementary back then and was leased by USD 489 from the Catholic Church. When it was decided to move the private parochial school into that building, Jefferson closed and I was transferred to Lincoln, where I've been a reading teacher for the past 20 years. (You might also know me as the lady in the middle of the street with the stop sign every day after school, or the lady playing the piano at various student concerts!) I will be retiring at the end of this school year, and although I will miss teaching, I'm looking forward to spending more time with my three grandkids - ages seven, five, and nineteen months, being available to help my parents out when they need me, joining the retired teachers' coffee group, and doing some volunteer work. I'm proud to have been an educator on the 489 teaching team for 32 years, and am excited to discover what comes next. Keep on reading, Lincoln students!

Hello from Lincoln's New Principal Mrs. Lacy

Hello Lincoln families! Although I have some REALLY big shoes to fill, I am super excited to be announced as your new principal. I began my teaching career straight out of college at Kennedy Middle School here in Hays. Many of my students at Kennedy are now Lincoln parents (that makes me feel young!) I taught at Kennedy for 13 years before moving to Solomon in 2004. We moved our family to Solomon so I could become the principal at the elementary school there. My first 2 years there I was the K-6 principal and then we moved the 6th grade students to the middle school so I was then the K-5 principal. After 3 years I then took over as the middle school principal also. I had students from K-8th grade until I completed my 9th year and my husband took a job back here in Hays. When we moved back I returned to the classroom, one year at Hays Middle School and then my last 5 years have been in the 5th grade classroom at Lincoln. I am so blessed to be able to continue being part of the Lincoln family as the principal. My husband Brian and I have two daughters. Kelsey, who attended Lincoln School until we moved after her 4th grade year. Kelsey just completed her Bachelors and her Master's Degree at Northwest Mo. State University where she was also a member of the Volleyball and Track teams. She has recently taken a job in Kansas City and we will be moving her there in the next couple of weeks. Our youngest daughter Bailey is a Senior this year at TMP. She will be continuing her education and her softball career at Highland Community College next fall. After 24 years of having kids in our house Brian and I are soon to be empty nesters! Although I will be the new principal at Lincoln, I will not be new to being a school leader. I am so excited for Mrs. Rohleder as she begins the next chapter of her life with retirement. I am sure she will be a huge support as I take over in July. I can only pray that I am half as successful at Lincoln as she has been. I look forward to meeting all of you and continuing spending my days with your children.

Lincoln Funding Awards

Several teachers have been awarded Midwest Energy Grants in order to purchase materials for additional educational opportunities for students. Mrs. Vitztum, Kdg Teacher was awarded \$325.00, Mrs. Dreiling 5th, Gr. Teacher was awarded \$400.00 and Mrs. Hammerschmidt, Tech Teacher was awarded \$500.00. Thank you to our teachers for always looking out for additional funding streams to implement further educational activities for our students.

Additionally, Lincoln received \$427.50 from the Reading for Education fundraiser that took place back in January! Thank you Lincoln parents for your support with the fundraiser.

Backpacks for Kids

Once again **First Call for Help** will be providing a valuable service to the families and children of Ellis County through the **Backpacks for Kids Program**. **First Call for Help** will supply backpacks, school supplies, and personal hygiene items before the beginning of school to those who are not able to have these items without enduring hardships. We will send flyers home as soon as we get them or you can call 785-623-2800 for more information. Backpack distribution day will be **Thursday, August 2nd from 7:00am – 6:00pm**.

Pre-School

If you are looking for a quality 5 day-a-week preschool for your 3, 4, or 5 year old, please consider USD 489 Preschool. The program is Monday through Friday and coincides with the USD 489 calendar. USD 489 Preschool is currently taking enrollment for the 2018-19 school year. The curriculum is based on enhancing developmental milestones that will prepare those entering Kindergarten. If you want to find out how to hold your spot for the upcoming school year, please contact Tina Albers at 650-7141 or 650-0561.