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# LINCOLN NEWS

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## Early Dismissal

Wednesday, Nov. 14th, is our next early dismissal day. Please pick up your children promptly at 1:00 pm as our teachers need to report for their meetings soon after dismissal.

## Important Dates:

Nov. 1 - 2, 2018 – No School

Nov. 21, 22, & 23 -- Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 22 – Jan. 6 -- Winter Break

School resumes on Mon., Jan. 7, 2019.

## Upcoming School Fundraising Opportunities

Lincoln has two really easy fundraising opportunities scheduled to help raise additional funds for students and school activities. Lincoln Sonic night is Thurs. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00-8:00pm. and Lincoln Freddy's night is Wed. Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00-8:00pm. Drive thru or dine out while enjoying some great food and a percentage of all food/drink sales will go to Lincoln. Thanks for your support!!



## Lincoln's Best of the Best

Ms. Reynolds nominated Lucy Tippy, 5<sup>th</sup> Grader for the USD489 district student "Best of the Best" award and she was presented with her award during the Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> USD489 Board of Education meeting. Lucy is a very bright student who goes above and beyond to help other students around her. She is constantly asking the classroom teacher if she can assist other students who do not understand something. She spends all of her free time making sure that her peers understand the assignment. She is always smiling and has a bright and happy energy about her that makes her light up the room! Way to go Lucy, everyone at Lincoln is super proud of you!!



## Veteran's Day Lunch

Lincoln would like to extend an invitation to any relative of a Lincoln student who is a veteran or presently serving in the military, to come and have lunch with your child on **Monday, Nov. 12th**, to celebrate **Veteran's Day**. Please call the office by 9:00 am to make a reservation 623-2500.

## Orchestra Parent Days

Fifth grade orchestra students will be hosting the fifth annual **Parent Day**. We invite parents and guardians to come **Monday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>** to find out what your kids have been learning this year in orchestra. Parent Day will take place during regular class time **Mon. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:25 – 7:54 am**. We hope that you will be able to join us then!



## Cafeteria Notice

Our annual student Thanksgiving Dinner will be served on **Thurs. Nov. 15th**. Due to the limited amount of turkey available, parents/guests **CANNOT** eat lunch with their children on this day. You are welcome to have lunch with your child any other time but we ask that you please **call the office before 9:00 am on the morning you want to eat**. Thank you for understanding.

## Winter Sing & KMEA Choir

Our Winter Sing is scheduled for **Thurs., Dec. 6th, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the 12<sup>th</sup> St. Auditorium, 323 W. 12<sup>th</sup> St.** Because of our increased enrollment **only KDG-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and Special Choir will perform at the Winter Sing**. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade & Special Choir will perform at the Spring Sing in April.

Five students have been selected to be in the District KMEA Choir. They are: **Addison Neuberger, Mariella Dreiling, Ella Schumacher, Audrey Gutierrez and MacKenzie Holmes**. The choir will perform on **Sat. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>** at the annual KMEA District convention at FHSU with a concert including students in grades 5 & 6 from the northwest district. These students will practice every Thursday morning from 7:30 – 7:54 a.m. and some Wednesday's from 3:02-3:30 p.m. from now until Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> to get ready for their performance.



## Regular Attendance & Being on Time Daily Makes a Difference

With the 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks underway, we feel it is important to address excessive absences and tardiness. Every day, important learning activities are occurring in each of our classrooms. When a student misses classes, several of those learning opportunities are hard to make up. Even if a student completes the homework assignments that are sent home on days absent, that does not replace all of the learning that happens during the discussions and direct instruction that occurs in the classroom.

We see school as preparing a student for the future. A child who practices frequent absences/tardiness is not learning good life skills for the future. We want the student to realize the importance of being at school each day and on time so that his/her future as an employee at a job will be successful. Consistent absences/tardiness is not well tolerated in the world of work, so it is important for the student to learn this lesson now.

- **If your child is going to miss school please contact the school office by 8:30am indicating the reason for their absence (i.e. fever, vomiting, strep, dr. apt., etc.).**
- **If a student misses more than 3 consecutive days of school due to illness we ask that a Dr.'s note be brought to school once the child returns.**
- **Ensure your children go to school every day unless they are truly sick.**
- **Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.**
- **Make sure your child keeps a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.**
- **Try setting your alarm 10-15 minutes earlier to ensure your child is at school on time and in the classroom by 7:59am.**
- **Let your child know the important of getting to school on time and attending school daily.**

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

## STUCO Activities

STUCO members met regularly every other week to plan activities for Lincoln and the student body. In October to celebrate Red Ribbon Week STUCO sponsored daily activities to celebrate and encourage being drug free. STUCO will also have fun scavenger hunt activities scheduled for November and December for all students to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mrs. Eva Junk, School Counselor is the STUCO Sponsor. Thanks for your planning and coordination STUCO members!!!

## Spelling Bee



The annual Lincoln spelling bee will take place on Fri. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> in the gym. 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are eligible to participate and parents are welcome to attend. The students that place 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and an alternate will be invited to participate in the Ellis County Spelling Bee January 29<sup>th</sup>. Good luck Lincoln students!!

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mystery Writer



In September, we went to Body Venture at Fort Hays State University. We learned about how much sugar certain foods have. One Pop-Tart has about 20 grams of sugar! That means if you eat a package of Pop-Tarts, you have eaten 40 grams of sugar! Children between the ages of 2 and 18 should eat fewer than 25 grams of sugar per day. "Eat Smart, Play Hard" was the slogan they taught us at Body Venture. In book clubs, we read "Bunnicula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery". "Howliday Inn" is the next book in the series. I wonder what will happen to the characters? In social studies, 5<sup>th</sup> graders are designing tribes. We will determine the name of the tribe, where they live, what foods they eat, what clothing they wear, and what tools they use. In science, we are learning about the scientific method and how to calculate the speed of an object.

Science Fast Facts of the Month:

1. Scientists have revealed that **plants communicate**. Plants communicate through the air, by releasing chemicals called volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and through the soil, by secreting soluble chemicals into the rhizosphere and transporting them along thread-like networks formed by soil fungi.
2. One porcupine has about 30,000 quills.
3. Camels can survive for up to 17 days between drinks of water.

Be back soon!

Sincerely,

Your 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mystery Writer

## \$500 Walmart STEM Grant

Mrs. Dreiling, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher received a Walmart Foundation Community Grant in the amount of \$500 to purchase STEM activities to take to Cedar View Assisted Living in Hays. 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will do the STEM activities with the residents. Last year's 5<sup>th</sup> grade students started working with the residents and it was a huge success for all involved; therefore, the project is being continued and Mrs. Dreiling is always searching for new STEM activities to add to the project. Congratulations Mrs. Dreiling!!

