
LINCOLN NEWS

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Principally Speaking

It's hard to believe we are already well into the 3rd nine weeks of school. It is amazing to me how quickly time flies. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students are busy getting ready to take the annual Kansas Assessment Tests. They have been preparing for these since the beginning of the school year and they are ready!

If you want to plan ahead and would like to know what is going to be happening at Lincoln School in the upcoming months, you can log onto the Lincoln website or USD 489 website and look at the monthly calendar. The calendar is updated daily and the remaining months of the school year are already posted. The Lincoln website has information about classroom and school-wide activities, lunch menus, and calendars. You can reach the Lincoln website directly by using the web address at the top of this page or go through the district site at www.usd489.com.

Kindergarten Round-up

There will be only ONE District-wide Kindergarten round-up for the 2019-2020 school year. It is scheduled for **Thursday, March 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Hays High School cafeteria.** If you have a Kindergarten student starting school in the fall, please call Sarah Wasinger at the USD 489 Board Office 623-2400 and let her know so that your child can be accounted for and placed in your school of choice. Kindergarten pre-enrollment forms are due to the USD489 office by March 22nd.

Spring Casual Pictures

Casual Collection Pictures will be taken **Wednesday, March 20th.** Students will have their picture taken in front of two backdrops. A couple of weeks later, you will receive *proofs* of these pictures and an order form. You may then choose to return the proofs to school or order pictures from several package options and price ranges.

No School

Monday, February 18th– February Recess
March 11th to March 15th- SPRING BREAK

Upcoming Early Dismissal Days

Wed. Feb. 13th and Wed. Mar. 20th –
school dismisses at 1:00pm

2019-2020 Pre-Enrollment

You should have received a 19-20' Pre-Enrollment form though email and hard copy brought home by your student. Forms are due back at school **Friday, Feb. 1st.** It is imperative that you return this form indicating whether or not you will be attending school at Lincoln for the 2019-2020 school year. Class sizes will be considered full at Kindergarten through 2nd grade with 23 students and 3rd through 5th grade at 25 students. We will be making grade level lists based on the forms returned to us. If you do not return the form and the class fills up, you will be asked to move to another school. Any teacher requests are due to Mrs. Lacey by April 15th.

Kansas Assessment Testing

Students in grades 3rd-5th will participate in Kansas Assessment Testing in March-April. Each class will take tests in the area of Reading and Math, and 5th grade will also take a Science test. Students will also complete a Performance Task. Once we have developed the test schedule, a letter will be sent home to parents with all of the testing dates listed. We ask that you encourage your child to do his/her best when taking the Kansas Assessment Tests



Reading for Education Fundraiser

Lincoln will be participating in the Reading for Education fundraiser the week of Jan. 28th-Feb. 1st. Students will come home with a coupon book that simply needs to be filled out and returned to school in order to receive a small prize and be entered into the larger drawing. Thanks for your support!!



Valentine Parties

Individual classrooms will have their Valentine parties on **Thursday, Feb. 14th.** Each classroom is responsible for hosting its own party with room parents and teachers working together to plan and supervise students.

Health News



Winter Health Reminders from the School Nurse:

Illnesses are inevitable this time of year during the cold and flu season. We see an increase in the incidence of strep throat, respiratory and gastrointestinal illnesses. A healthy school environment requires the cooperation of all of us working together. Follow the *Habits for Good Health* listed below recommended by the Center for Disease Control.

Habits for Good Health

- **Cover your nose and mouth** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze – throw the tissue away after you use it. If you do not have a tissue, cover your mouth and nose with the inside of your elbow.
- **Wash your hands often with soap and water** especially after you cough or sneeze. If you are not near water, use an alcohol based hand cleaner.
- **Stay away as much as you can from people who are sick.**
- **If you or your child gets the flu, stay home from work or school!**
- **Try not to touch your eyes, nose, or mouth.** Germs often spread this way.
- **Dress for the weather.** Come to school dressed for the winter. Wear a heavy coat, mittens or gloves and a hat.

Also, do not send your child to school if they have fever, have been vomiting or having diarrhea, have a discharge from the eyes or have a severe persistent cough as this is very exhaustive for the child. If your child has a fever, they must be fever free (without the use of analgesics) for 24 hours before returning to school.

Keeping a sick child home prevents the spread of illness in the school and allows the child an opportunity to rest and recover completely from their illness.

Free Dental Screenings

USD 489 will be providing free dental screenings to all students enrolled in K-5 at Lincoln provided by EyeSmile. 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.



Calendar of Events

Mark your calendar for the following exciting upcoming events:

- Feb. 13th – Early Release Day @ 1:00pm
- Feb. 18th – February Recess – No School
- March 7th – District KDG Round Up mtg at HHS in cafeteria at 6:30pm
- March 8th – End of 3rd Nine Weeks
- March 11th –15th – Spring Break – No School
- March 20th - Spring Casual Pictures and Early Release Day @ 1:00pm
- March 22nd – KDG enrollment forms due to USD489 Office
- April 10th – Early Release Day @ 1:00pm
- April 11th - K-2 Spring Sing 12th St. Auditorium @ 6:00pm
- April 19th –22nd – April Recess No School
- April 25th – All City Strings Concert at HMS
- April 26th – Teacher In-service – No School
- May 3rd – Ellis Co. Famous Figures competition at FHSU 8:10am-12:30pm
- May 8th – Field Day Kdg-2nd 8:45-10:45am; 3rd-5th 12:30-2:30pm
- May 17th – 5th Gr. Promotion @ 10:00am/Report Cards go Home/Last Day of School – Dismiss @ 11:14am



Kids Heart Challenge

The 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade PE classes will be participating in the annual **Kids Heart Challenge** program beginning Jan. 29th. 4th-5th gr. will finalize their participation by Feb. 15th but 3rd gr. will participate throughout the month of February. Participation will be during PE class time. They will learn about causes for heart disease and how to help prevent it. If students choose, they may also raise money for the American Heart Association to assist in the fight to prevent heart disease which is the leading cause of death in the United States.

Lincoln Night at Freddy's

Freddy's Frozen Custard hosted a Lincoln night on Wed. Jan. 23rd and we were able to raise \$167.31 by you dining out for the evening. What a great donation for simply eating out! These funds help support student enrichment activities. Thanks for your support in making this possible for Lincoln.



Box Tops for Education

We were also able to raise \$136.20 from Box Tops turned in for the 1st semester. Please continue to collect your Box Tops and turn them into Lincoln. Our next Box Top turn in date is Feb. 15th. Thanks for your ongoing support!



Used Ink Cartridges

Lincoln also collects and recycles used printer ink cartridges. If you have any empty ink cartridges lying around send them our way, we'll take care of them for you, thanks!

Dillons Community Rewards Program

The Kroger Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local communities. Sign up at www.dillons.com/communityrewards and a percentage of your Dillons purchases go towards Lincoln. We recently received \$277.86 in donations from Kroger for the fall semester. What a simple way to help support Lincoln, thank you!!!

5th Gr. Mystery Writer

In reading, 5th graders are doing Novel Engineering. We are reading the novel "Island of the Blue Dolphins" by Scott O'Dell and are engineering items to help Karana live on the island. First, we designed a catapult. I wonder what we will be engineering next for the main character? Adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators in math has been a new challenge! 5th graders are creating a colony in social studies and have drawn detailed maps. In science, we are learning about matter and energy. Did you know that the Statue of Liberty was not always green? The copper underwent a chemical change!

Science Fast Facts of the Month:

1. If all the ice covering the Antarctic and Greenland suddenly melted, oceans all over the world would rise about 215 feet, enough to cover a 21-story building.
2. Humpback whales sing the most during their mating season. The songs can be heard by other whales from 100 miles away.
3. A person whose body burned energy like a hummingbird's would have to eat about 155,000 calories a day. That's the same as eating 1,550 bananas!

Sincerely,

Your 5th Grade Mystery Writer