
LINCOLN NEWS

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Principally Speaking

It's hard to believe we only have 6 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!!!

25th Annual

Family Fun Night Returns

Lincoln's Home and School Association will be hosting the 25th annual Family Fun Night on Friday, May 3rd from 5:00-7:00pm on the playground. More information to come in the next couple weeks. Come for an evening of carnival style games, pizza and lots of prizes including Beanie Buddies!

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 25th 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. It should be a great night of music!



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 klacy@usd489.com.



Library Books

All library books are due back in the library on **Friday, May 3rd**. 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.

McTeacher Night



Join us for our next McTeacher Night at the North McDonald's on **Thursday, April 4th from 5:00-8:00pm**. A percentage of all food/drink sales during this time will go to Lincoln. Additionally, you can purchase two chocolate chip cookies for \$1.00 and Lincoln keeps all cookie sales!! Hope to see you there, some of your favorite Lincoln teachers and staff will be on hand selling cookies so come and enjoy an evening of good food, good company for a good cause!

Thanks for your support!



Early Dismissal

Our last Early Dismissal Day for this school year is **Wednesday, April 10th**. We will dismiss at **1:00 p.m.** Please pick up your child promptly at 1:00 p.m. as teachers and staff have to attend meetings shortly after dismissal.

Spring Concert

The annual spring vocal concert will be held on **Thursday, April 11th, at 6:00 p.m. at the 12th Street Auditorium**. Lincoln students in grades 3rd-5th grade, plus Special Choir will be performing. Hopefully, everyone leaves with a smile from ear to ear. You're in for a real treat!

No School

School will not be in session **Friday, April 19th** and **Monday, April 22nd** due to Recess and **Friday, April 26th** due to teacher in-service.

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 that occurs each semester 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.

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 3rd** at Fort Hays State University. The Lincoln completion will be Wed. April 17th 8:15-10am in the gym. 5th gr. parents are welcome to attend.

5th Grade Robotics Team Competition

The 5th Grade Robotics team which consists of about 11 members will be attending the Lego Robotics competition at FHSU on Mon. April 8th. These students have been preparing for this competition throughout the year and are ready to show their STEM skills off, good luck!!



Annual Field Day

Field Day is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 8th**. This day is designed for students to participate in a variety of enjoyable outdoor activities. We will be sending a letter out regarding the day's events soon. If you plan on attending with your child's class please let their teacher know. You can also contact Mrs. Tramel or Mr. Quimby, Field Day coordinators by e-mail at tramel@usd489.com or rquimby@usd489.com if you would like to volunteer for the day. **Kdg. through 2nd grade will have Field Day from 8:45-10:45am and 3rd through 5th grade from 12:30-2:30pm. If you would like to have lunch at school this day please call 623-2500 to RSVP by May 6th.**

Last Day of School

Friday, May 17th is the last day of school. **Fifth grade awards and promotion** is scheduled for **10:00am** in the Lincoln Gym. Parents and other relatives are invited to attend. **Dismissal is at 11:14am** 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 enrollment fees for next school year. Please consider making payments now to avoid a larger payment later.

Lincoln's Best of the Best

Abrienne Pince, third grader was nominated by her teacher Ms. Whitney for USD 489 Best of the Best Student Award and was presented her award during the Feb. 25th BOD meeting. Abry is someone who has stood out since August for her selflessness and her "How can I help?" attitude. An example of this that sticks out is from the beginning of the year when Mrs. Mohi (3A) asked me to point out who Abry is on the playground. She did a "Getting to Know You" activity with her class and one of the prompts was to list close friends. Her name came up repeatedly. She's a natural leader and loves others so well. We need more Abrienne's in our world.

Not only do I nominate Abry as Best of the Best but I also nominate her family as Best of the Best. Bill, Abry's dad, called after he left from our reading celebration and said he would like to buy pizza for Abrienne's class. It was the first time a parent has thrown my class a pizza party! Sara, Abry's mom, has bought all the supplies for adorable Halloween snacks AND led our class in two make and take crafts for Christmas and Valentine's Day...Our classroom has been blessed by this family and I am proud to introduce Abry AND her family as Best of the Best. Congratulations Abry, all of us at Lincoln are very proud of you for being one of the BEST!! ☺



5th Grade Mystery Writer

Thank you to everyone who supported 5A's Beanie Babies and Furbies Store! We made \$859!

\$90 will be donated to Historic Fort Hays to buy a brass memorial lantern. Historic Fort Hays is trying to replace the paper candle lanterns that are currently used to light pathways during the Christmas Past celebration. Next time you attend the Christmas Past celebration, see if you can spot the lantern with Lincoln Elementary School's name engraved on it! \$300 will be donated to the Community Assistance Center Food Pantry. The remaining amount, \$469, will be donated to the USD 489 Hope Pantry. The USD 489 Hope Pantry provides food, clothing, and hygiene products to families.

Trails, pioneers, the railroad, and the Gold Rush! In Reading and Writing Workshop, 5th graders have been learning about Westward Expansion. In science class we designed submersibles that had to connect to various sizes of packages on the bottom of a tank filled with water. The submersible had to retrieve the package and bring it to the surface of the water. We have also been learning about ecosystems. Learning about the Revolutionary War by having mock trials was a lot of fun. Now we are learning about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Science Fast Facts of the Month:

1. There is enough DNA in the average person's body to stretch from the sun to Pluto and back — 17 times.
2. Grasshoppers have ears in their bellies.
3. Octopuses have three hearts, nine brains, and blue blood.
4. The known universe is made up of 50,000,000,000 galaxies.

Beanie Buddies will be coming soon! Beanie Buddies are 12-16 inches long and are the supersized version of Beanie Babies! 5A will be having one last store during Family Fun Night. Beanie Buddies will be sold for \$2 each. Proceeds will be donated to the USD 489 Hope Pantry. See you at Family Fun Night on Friday, May 3rd from 5-7 p.m.!



Sincerely, Your 5th Grade Mystery Writer

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. We will let you know when the Backpack distribution day has been set.

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.