



Lincoln Avenue School Newsletter

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Greetings Lincoln Families!

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We are the Lincoln Eagles, but this month we are *busy bees*! The school has been buzzing from our 8th grade boys' basketball team reaching the Final Four and representing us well downstate in competition. Our 7th grade Science fair finalists were recognized by Dr. Nohelty and Representative Will Davis at our district's annual luncheon. We continue to learn about our history with Black History Month projects, trivia and our all-school programming. Scholars and parents painted canvases for our Art Exploration Family Night. As we spring ahead to March, we will continue to engage and involve parents, community members and of course our scholars in various events.

Our Illinois Assessment for Readiness will be administered this month. Scholars in grades 3-8 will have to show what they know for several days of Reading, Math and Science testing. Our scholars will participate in an IAR pep rally to get them motivated and energized before we "show what we know"!

Please share the following test taking tips with our scholars:

- Get a good night's REST
- EAT a healthy breakfast
- Follow ALL the directions
- Read each question ALL THE WAY
- Answer what the question ASKS
- Answer EACH question
- PACE yourself
- Do your BEST

We are confident that our scholars will rise to the challenge of excelling this year!

Our third quarter also ends this month. We invite you to attend our parent/teacher conferences that will be held on Tuesday, April 4th from 11:30-3:00 and 4:00-6:15. Please save the date! Have a wonderful month!

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MTSS-Mrs. Haas (K-5) and Ms. Giggelman (6-8)



We Are Smart Cookies!!



March is the month we show the state how **SMART** we are by taking the Illinois Assessment of Readiness test in Math, Reading and Science. Below are some tips you can remind your child about before taking the tests.

Test Taking Tips for Students

- * Relax... take slow, deep breaths
 - * Read directions carefully
 - * Read each question
- * Read all the answers before you choose one
- * Eliminate answers you know are wrong
- * Look back at the story to help you
- * Check to make sure you've answered every question

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The Support Programs Department



Dear 5th Grade Families,

As we've passed the half-way point of the school year, it's time to start obtaining what is required by the Illinois State Board of Education for 6th graders. All students entering 6th grade will be required to have a physical exam, Tdap vaccine, Meningococcal vaccine, and 3 doses of Hepatitis B before the start of the next school year. Please make an appointment any time after your child turns 10 years old to schedule the physical and immunizations with your medical provider. Should your family hold religious beliefs that prevent the administration of vaccines, your child is still required to have a physical but in place of the vaccines, you need to ask your doctor to fill out a Religious Exemption. In Illinois, the only vaccine exemption accepted is the Religious Exemption.

*Currently, the COVID vaccine is NOT required for school admission.

In addition to the physical and immunizations, students entering 6th grade are also required to see the dentist and submit a school form which can be obtained from your dentist.

If the physical exam form, immunizations, and dental visit are completed before the end of this school year, please turn them into the school nurse. Thank you for your assistance!

Thank You,
District 148 Nurses

Kindergarten Team– Mrs. Reczkowicz and Mrs. Moore

In Kindergarten, we are celebrating March Gladness! We are glad to be learning many new things! This is a happy time as we are learning more sight words and beginning to put them together to form sentences! We are also counting to 75! We will soon be reading great books by Dr. Seuss as we celebrate his birthday!

Thanks for your Support!

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1st Grade Team– Mrs. Lindholm and Ms. Michalczyk

Happy Spring ! We continue with our 95% Phonics program where we are covering blends and digraphs. We will begin silent e at the end of a word ! In i-Ready reading, we are learning about main idea/supporting details in nonfiction texts. Please continue to work on weekly sight words that are sent home as well as reading for fluency.

In i-Ready Math, we continue to work on addition/subtraction to 20 using various strategies along with word problems. Please continue to work on math fact fluency at home.

Please continue to monitor your child's homework throughout the week and check DOJO for information. Thank you for your cooperation as we work together!



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2nd Grade Team– Mrs. Gutierrez, Mrs. Fizer, and Mr. Kealey

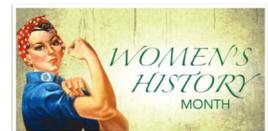
In Reading, second graders will continue to read to understand. Students will learn how characters in a story respond to major changes and events. Students will use key details to describe characters and use context clues to help determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and phrases.

In Writing, we will practice writing sentences using dictation from the teachers. We'll continue to work on using proper capitalization and punctuation.

In Math, the students will solve word problems with money, telling and writing time, and understanding (ie, place values)/reading/writing three-digit numbers.

In Science, the students will learn all about the weather and the four seasons.

In Social Studies, students will expand their knowledge of famous women in history. They will read passages about African women, heroes, important people, videos with activities, etc.



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3rd Grade Team— Mrs. Bourke and Ms. Dominski

March is here and our third graders continue to prepare for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) during class time. Please watch for more information and details in ClassDojo before the start date. We will read two fiction stories this month. Our focus will be to remind students to ask the Essential Questions: How do photographs, illustrations and details help us to better understand? How do writers compare and contrast information? Our math lessons will focus on measurement, elapsed time and data. Please see that your child completes practice homework assignments. In science, we continue to learn about major types of ecosystems (forests, grasslands, deserts and freshwater). Our social studies lessons will focus on current events and locating places on a map.

Thank you for your support!

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4th Grade Team— Ms. Angel and Ms. Corsiatto

In math, we are wrapping up multiples, factors, and division and are moving to fractions and angles for the remainder of the year. Please encourage your student to work on math facts at home. Students should be completing 20 pathways minutes a day in order to reach their goal. In reading, we continue to build stamina and are working on theme, main idea and supporting details, and ordering events. Students should continue to read 30-45 minutes a night. We encourage students to start reading chapter books to begin preparing them for 5th grade!

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5th Grade Team— Ms. Gallagher, Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Gallagher

March winds are moving our scholars right along through the 3rd Quarter. This month, our focus will be on informational text. Scholars will identify and explain the reasons and evidence that support the author's points in a text. Did you know that Elizabeth Blackwell was the first woman in America to receive a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) when she graduated from New York's Geneva Medical College? In the month of March, we will focus our instruction on influential women in honor of National Women's History Month. Please continue working at home with our scholars on the memorization of their timetables as we work on i-Ready lessons: adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing decimals and fractions.

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6th Grade Team– Mrs. Cade and Mr. Neequaye

Happy Women's History Month!

6th Grade Family; for the month of March will analyze text structures in Reading, Adding, Subtracting, Multiplying Multi-Digit Decimals in Math; in lieu of Women's History we will learn about the awesome contributions of women world-wide . For Social Studies and Science, we will study and analyze the Solar System with a focus on planet Earth. Although the month of March brings about Spring, scholars might still need their sweaters (please make certain that they have one). Also, as a reminder crocs and slides, along with ripped jeans, are not permitted.

Happy Spring!!

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7th Grade Team– Mrs. Rahmah, Mrs. Chatman, Ms. Travis & Mr. Hilal

Science- Hello parents, I hope that everyone will have a fantastic St. Patrick's Day! Students have been learning about matter and its interactions, and are now learning about how organisms live, grow, respond to their environment, and reproduce. Parents, please check in with your children daily to assure that they are studying and completing assignments successfully. Thank you for all of your support! **Mrs. Rahmah-rahmahk@district148.net**

ELA-In Unit 4, our scholars will learn how poets and writers of stories and plays make deliberate choices about the language they use to create tone and meaning. They will also learn how to choose a form and structure that can best suit their purpose and express their point of view. Writers are artists, so our students will look for the pictures they have painted with their words, and read a variety of poems, stories, and dramas! At the end of this unit, students will be able to explain the meanings of words and phrases in a text, including figurative meanings and connotations. They will be able to analyze how the author's use of rhyme or other repetitions of sound affect a poem, play, or story. In addition, they will know how to analyze different poetic forms or structures and explain how a play's structure contributes to the meaning. **Ms. Travis—travism@district148.net**

Math—March is here!!! I'm hoping that the snow is gone for good. We continue to work hard like busy beavers, constantly devouring new concepts. Please continue to check in on the students to get a glimpse of what they are learning.

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Social Studies-For the month of March, we are going to study successful black entrepreneurs, leaders, and educators. From that point, we will shift to personal finance that will empower our students to be successful business people and important assets to their communities.

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8th Grade Team– Mr. Luster, Mr. Smith, Ms. Lampkin and Mrs. Jones-Brown

Math-Students will give a general description and describe the effect of rotations, translations, and reflections. They will also engage and explore the IAR Digital Library, in preparation for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness. Please encourage your student to complete three i-Ready My Path lessons each week. **-Mr. Luster lusterm@district148.net**

Social Studies-Students will learn about women that have made significant contributions to history. **-Mrs. Jones-Brown jones-brownt@district148.net**

ELA- Make sure our scholars get plenty of rest because we will test our ELA skills on the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR). **-Ms. Lampkin lampkinj@district148.net**

Science—The 8th grade scientists will delve further into scientific measurements. They will also recognize Women's History Month, learning about the various contributions of women that lead to advancements in science and technology. **-Mr. Smith smithj@district148.net**

Physical Education— Mrs. Clemons, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Zajcew

This month, our PE classes will participate in a wide range of activities. The classes will first finish the racquet unit they started in February. The racquet unit consists of tennis, badminton, and pickle ball.

During IAR testing, our students will take part in engaging cardiovascular fitness games to elevate their heart rate and increase blood flow. Students will play high-energy games that focus on teamwork and high levels of physical activity. As always, please remember to send your child to school with gym shoes. Junior high students should also be wearing the district required PE shirt and shorts.

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Music —Mrs. Purscell-Jackson

Happy March, Lincoln musicians and families! As March is both Women's History Month AND Music in Our Schools Month, we have a lot to study and celebrate! Kindergarten, first, and second grades are studying female composers while also making rhythmic compositions of their own. Third and fourth grades are perfecting their sight-singing skills while learning about amazing women musicians from the past. Sixth, seventh, and eighth grades are developing improvisation and listening skills through traditional drum circle practices. Ask your student about the music they are making in school!

Support music at Lincoln:

<https://www.donorschoose.org/PurscellJackson>

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Rhythm at 0:36 as sounded



Art —Mrs. Givens

For the month of March, Lincoln School will celebrate Edmonia Lewis, known as one of the first black sculptors and Jacob Lawrence, the first African American artist to gain broad recognition within the segregated art world of the 1940s. There were so many who influenced American culture at a pivotal time in history. These artists covers abolitionism, the Great Migration, World War I and II, the Civil Rights movement, and modern themes of Black Lives Matter. Lincoln School art class is excited about exploring more into the art history world and looking forward to sharing what was discovered with you.

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Computers-Ms. Fanning

In computer class this month, students will learn how to use Microsoft Excel. They will learn how to organize data in a spreadsheet using columns and rows. One of the spreadsheet projects assigned will allow students to focus on making good financial decisions while researching and comparing cost and spending while budgeting for a trip. To learn more about Microsoft Office at home, students can visit <https://edu.gcfglobal.org/en/>.

Mrs. Fanning

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News from the CARE Room—Mrs. Rucinski



News from the CARE Room with Mrs. Rucinski

The students are working hard to learn new skills, complete their assignments, and follow the Social Contracts in their classrooms. Ask your child what some of the values of the Social Contract in their classroom are!

Family Activity Ideas

- Visit a museum in Chicago
- Hike at Starved Rock (Utica, Illinois)
- Read a chapter book as a family each night
- Board Games
- Make homemade pizzas and watch a movie together

Words of the Month

PBIS Character Word: Self-Control
Restorative Justice Value: Cooperation
Capturing Kids' Hearts: Communicate

Remember to SOAR like an EAGLE!

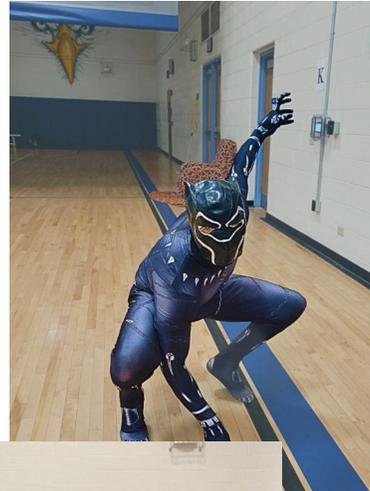
Capturing Kids' Hearts

Flip Flippen once said, "If you have a child's heart, you have a child's mind." Mr. Flippen is the creator of a program known as Capturing Kid's Hearts, also known as CKH. The foundation of CKH is letting our students - your child - know that we care about them. Not only do we care about them, but we also want them to care about themselves.

PBIS REFRESHER!



Family Literacy Night Black Panther!



Wakanda Forever!

