



# Lincoln Avenue School Newsletter

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## Big Blue

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Greetings Lincoln families!

We hope everyone is having a wonderful fall season. We have many things to be thankful for within the Lincoln community!

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Thank you for your commitment to staying involved in your child’s education. Many of you have signed your child(ren) up for our enrichment and afterschool programming options. We had a phenomenal turn out of volunteer chaperones for our K-3 field trip to the zoo last month. Our Parent Mentor program has begun and has several parents and guardians are working with our scholars daily. Our scholars are bright, motivated and engaged and they would not be the fine young scholars they are without your dedication.

We appreciate your attendance at our sporting events and participation in our monthly parent zoom meetings and our Family Night series of events. In the event you may have missed our Title I parent meeting, or our Technology Night, please know we have plenty more family events planned for the remainder of the year. All are welcome! This month we will have our first in-person Parent Teacher Conferences since Fall 2019! We are excited to welcome everyone back!



Parent-Teacher Conferences are Friday, November 4th from 11:30am-3:00pm and 4:00pm-6:00pm. Staff will be available in person to discuss your child’s academic and social-emotional progress. Homeroom teachers can also direct you to other service staff at Lincoln that may support our scholars. On this day we will also have Lincoln gear for sale, a bake sale sponsored by our National Junior Honor Society and our Affy Tapple fundraiser pick up. We look forward to communicating with you then!

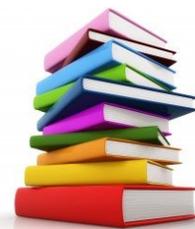
As always, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Williams or myself if you ever need anything. We are truly thankful for your support!

*Mr. Byron Stingily,*  
Principal

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

Students should be reading both in school and at home. The only way to build reading skills and stamina is to read more. Students are more likely to read when it's a book they can relate to. Ask your child about the new Scholastic Libraries in their classroom. Students are allowed to check in and out books, without going to the library. Have your child read to you and ask them questions about what they read. Together you both can go on an adventure!!



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## The Support Programs Department

### **Kudos to Ms. Melanie Stamps-Illinois School Social Worker of the Year 2022**

The Midwest School Social Work Council has selected Ms. Stamps to be the Illinois School Social Worker of the Year 2022. We, the Social Work Team at Lincoln, are very proud of our colleague. She will be honored at a dinner on Thursday, November 3, 2022. Ms. Stamps' selection as School Social Worker of the Year, brings attention to the important role social workers play in helping students and taking an active role in making the school climate positive and peaceful. Ms. Stamps is a 24-year employee with District 148. She has contributed much throughout her professional career as a social worker, and she continues to make a difference in the school and in the community. Hats Off! Commendations! Salutations!

Congratulations, Ms. Melanie Stamps!



## Kindergarten Team– Mrs. Reczkowicz and Mrs. Moore

IN KINDERGARTEN, WE ARE FALLING IN LOVE WITH LEARNING

FALL has arrived and we are Falling into LEARNING! We are working very hard in Kindergarten and learning many new things! In Math, we are learning to count to 50, counting objects to 10 and recognizing our numbers to 10. In Reading, we continue to practice our letters, letter sounds and are beginning to learn sight words. Thanks for all your support!



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Ms. Moore [mooreo@district148.net](mailto:mooreo@district148.net)



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

### Happy Harvest!

We continue with our 95% Phonics program where we are covering short vowels and sounding out CVC words. In i-Ready reading, we are learning about story elements and asking questions.

In i-Ready Math, we will continue to work on numbers/number words to 20, counting to 120, and addition/subtraction through 10. Please continue to work on math fact fluency at home.

Please send a navy blue or white school sweater-as the room can be chilly. Please make sure your child has the necessary school supplies each day and dresses for the changing weather since we go outdoors for recess. Please continue to monitor your child's homework throughout the week. Thank you for your cooperation as we work together!

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

In the month of November, for i-Ready Reading, second graders will continue to Read to Understand. Students will look for key details within the text to help with unknown words or phrases. i-Ready Math students will learn to organize and display data by sorting objects according to various attributes and creating tally mark charts, number charts, and picture graphs to display information. For Science, the students will continue the Life Science Unit, All about Animals and Plants. In Social Studies, we will learn about Veterans, Elections, and Friendship.

Ms. Gutierrez ([gutierrezm@district148.net](mailto:gutierrezm@district148.net)), Mrs. Fizer ([Fizers@district148.net](mailto:Fizers@district148.net))  
Mr. Kealey ([kealey@district148.net](mailto:kealey@district148.net))

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

November is here and our students are working harder than ever!! i-Ready Reading is our core reading program here at Lincoln. We will continue to practice and grow in reading comprehension, fluency, vocabulary development, and writing with each new story. Our math focus this month will be multi-digit addition and subtraction, while introducing multiplication (repeated addition). In social studies, we will carry on with lessons about different communities in the U.S. and around the world. Science lessons will cover animal habitats and ecosystems. Please check ClassDojo daily for homework announcements, flyers, and updates!

Enjoy the Thanksgiving/fall break!

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

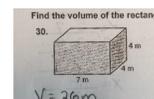
Our 4th graders have been working so hard since the school year started. Please continue to work on basic fact fluency with your child at home. In reading, we are starting the month reading three short stories that focus on the skill of making inferences. Students will take what the text states and what they already know to form inferences. Also, the students will be exposed to plenty of new vocabulary. Please make sure your child is reading for 30 minutes each night. We will update you on information about the science fair very soon. Look out for a message on ClassDojo about all the instructions. In math, we are learning lattice multiplication in order to help with 2 by 2 digit and 4 by 1 digit multiplication, along with review on place value and rounding, (ie:  $23 \times 45 =$ , and  $4,139 \times 3 =$ .)

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

November will be a busy month for our students, as we continue to learn many new skills and concepts! Reading: Students will continue to build fluency and comprehension skills through our i-Ready Reading program. Language Arts: We will continue to incorporate foundational skills through our i-Ready Reading program. Math: Lessons will consist of finding volume using formulas and multiplying multi-digit numbers. Science: Our new lessons will cover human body systems (circulatory, respiratory and digestive). Social Studies: We will begin our next unit, Colonial Life in North America. Thank you for your continued support!

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Mrs. Gallagher-[gallagherd@district148.net](mailto:gallagherd@district148.net)



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

Greetings Lincoln Family! Sixth grade will work on Key Ideas and Details in Literature for reading; Decimals and Fractions in math; learning about the Government in Social Studies and the Food Chain and Food web in Science. We are striving daily to meet goals in preparation of meeting our middle of the year goals. Just a gentle reminder, students aren't allowed to wear hoodies, crocs or slides to school. The required uniform is navy blue slacks, a white shirt and a navy-blue sweater (if the weather permits).

Mrs. Cade-cadec@district148.net and Mr. Neequaye—neequayee@district148.net

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

**Science**—Students have been learning the steps to the scientific method and have been working on scenarios where they have to identify the independent, the dependent, and controlled variables in an experiment. They have also been learning the components of a scientific research paper, how to conduct surveys, and how to construct graphs to put into their research papers, and science project boards. The science fair projects/boards and research papers are both due November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Mrs. Rahmah**-rahmahk@district148.net

**ELA**- Happy November! This month in 7th Grade ELA, students will learn how to understand a literary work by reading closely and using evidence, details directly, or by making inferences. Students will also learn to describe how a story's or play's plot unfolds and how aspects of the characters or setting affect what is happening in the plot. Finally, students will learn how to use all of that information to summarize the text. Prepare to watch some fascinating stories from the past, present, and around the world. Let the curtain rise and the show begin!

**Ms. Travis**—travism@district148.net

**Math**— Our mathematicians continue to study ratios and proportions. We are currently learning concepts related to scale and scale drawings. I wouldn't be surprised if a future architect or engineer is sitting in my class. Please have your student share with you what was covered during class. It's a quick way for you to assess their comprehension of the lesson. As a reminder, students should be in uniform as well as bring their math book, notebook, math folder, and plenty of pencils to class daily. If you have any questions, please feel free to send me an email at [chatmanm@district148.net](mailto:chatmanm@district148.net) or through the Band App. Wishing you and yours a wonderful Thanksgiving. **Mrs. Chatman**

**Social Studies**—In November, the students will take the U.S. Constitution Test and they will start to learn about the Illinois Constitution test; the students will take the Illinois Constitution Test in December. Hopefully, all our students will pass both Tests; the students who fail the test will have time to retake the test next semester. If they fail it again, the students will have to take it in 8th grade. **Mr. Hilal**-abuhilalb@district148.net

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

**Math**—The students have gained an understanding of square and cube roots. They will continue the unit with Irrational numbers and then begin Scientific Notation. We have been fortunate to have I-Ready Math curriculum. Each student has been working on their own pre-scribed math lessons in i-Ready-My Path.

—Mr. Luster lusterm@district148.net

**Social Studies**- We looked at how the compromises led us into the Civil War. Now, we will take a deeper dive into the Civil War. The 5 Ws and 1 H of the various battles, generals, and the outcome of the Civil War.

-Mrs. Jones-Brown jones-brownt@district148.net

**Language Arts**— Our scholars have been busy mastering Main Ideas and supporting details. We will continue to incorporate this skill, while taking a deeper dive into citing text with inferring. Continue to encourage your scholars to work on their reading my path.-Ms. Lampkin lampkinj@district148.net

**Science**—The 8<sup>th</sup> grade scientists have been getting acclimated with using technology for virtual learning. We began the year studying ecology and human impact on the planet. This quarter will begin with understanding the nature of science, scientific methods, and engineering practices.-Mr. Smith smithj@district148.net

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

The PE department just concluded a throwing and catching unit that focused on football skills. This month, students will begin manipulative skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting, and defensive strategies. Students will learn basic basketball skills as well as play cooperative games that focus on sportsmanship. The PE teachers look forward to a great second quarter. While the weather gets cooler, we ask that you please send your child to school with gym shoes. Per the District 148 handbook, students cannot participate in PE if they are wearing boots, cros, dress shoes, slides, etc. Junior High students should still be wearing their PE uniform every day. Thank you for your support!



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**Mr. Watkins—watkinso@district148.net**

**Mr. Zajcew—zajcewj@district148.net**

## **Music —Mrs. Purcell-Jackson**

Our Lincoln musicians are busy learning about and creating music this month! Kindergarten through second grade is reading sol, la, mi songs; third through sixth grade is working on note names and more advanced rhythms; our new quarter of seventh and eighth graders are starting the bucket drum unit. It's sure to be a musical month!

Support music at Lincoln:

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

**Mrs. Purcell-Jackson-purcellk@district148.net**

## **Art —Mrs. Givens**

**Hello Artists and Fans!**

**In our Art studio we highlight various artists each month for their creativity and designs. Each of the scholars has talent in their own form. Please ask your child when they have Art class, what they are working on and what they enjoy most about Art at school, and in the world around them. It will better prepare them for our District's Annual Fine Arts week and explaining artwork if they are selected to participate.**

**I look forward to discussing our scholars' Artwork and speaking with our budding artist's families during Parent Teacher conferences on Friday, November 4th. Please let your child accompany you to conferences so they can speak to how they're progressing in school.**

**Mrs. Givens**

## News from the CARE Room—Mrs. Rucinski

Our students at Lincoln have Suite360 lessons each week that they complete in their classrooms. The themes include lessons around self-awareness and social-awareness. The lessons help the students build relationship skills so that they can build positive relationships with themselves and others. Remember to complete a good deed every day to help someone else!

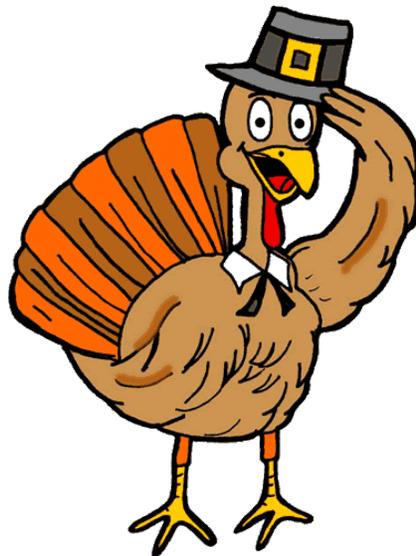
**PBIS Character Word: INTEGRITY**

**Restorative Justice Value Word: HONORABLE**

**Capturing Kids' Hearts: COMMUNICATE**

You are a Lincoln Eagle, remember to SOAR!

Thank you,  
Mrs. Andrea Rucinski  
CARE Facilitator



## **PBIS @ Home**

How can I get my child to behave?

The PBIS model encourages adults to teach appropriate behaviors just like we teach any other important skill.

Model the behavior in the location where you want to see it.

Give clear, specific directions.

Teach the wanted behavior one step at a time.

Show examples and non-examples of the behavior.

Give positive feedback.

### **Behavior Tip:**

Try making a visual task folder!

Divide the skill/behavior into 3 to 5 steps

Take pictures of the child completing each step of the behavior.

Place a 10 inch strip of Velcro with a sticky back across the lengthwise side of a file folder. Place 2 inch strips of the Velcro on the back of each picture. Create a DONE pocket on the bottom half of the folder where the child can put the pictures as he/she completes each step.

**Be Responsible**

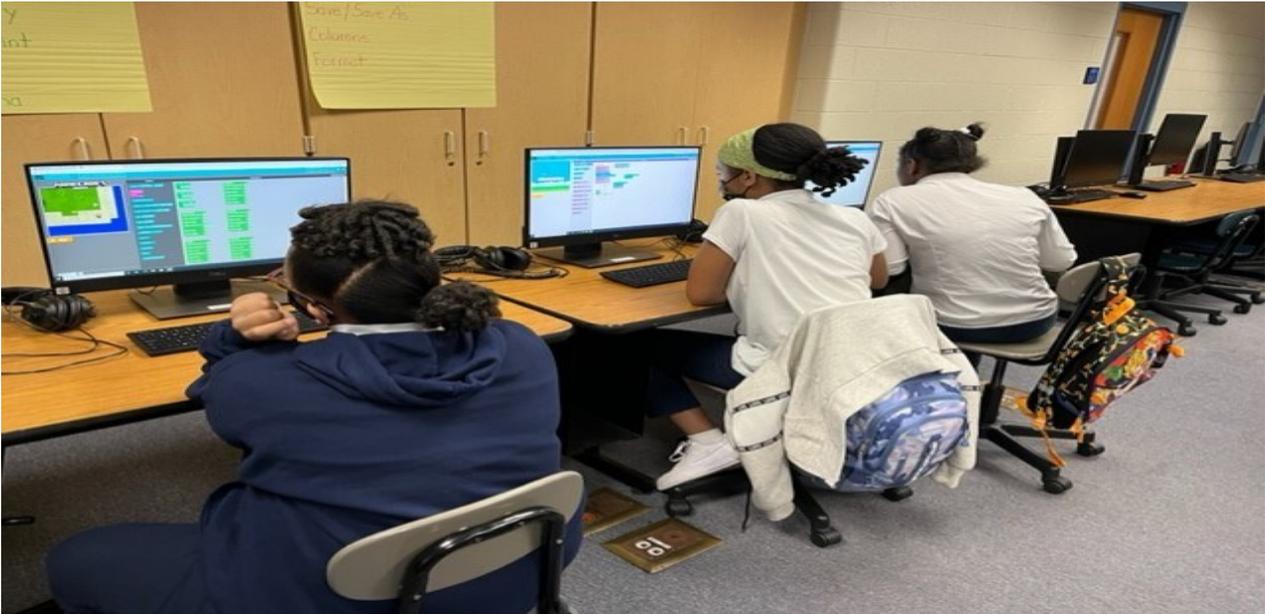
**Be Respectful**

**Be Safe**

Mrs. Silas-Armour—silas-armourl@district148.net

Ms. Crayton—craytonl@district148.net

## Enrichment Clubs at Lincoln



**We are offering several clubs, teams, enrichment and afterschool programming options! One club that has started is Mrs. Fanning's Computer Club! Here is a message from her:**

Come join the Lincoln Eagles Computer Club for scholars in grades 4th-6th! As a member of this club, scholars are introduced to coding, problem-solving, logic and creativity skills. We have fun and engage in learning activities that will not only allow students to use technology, but create it!

For more information, visit Mrs. Fanning in the computer lab in room 209 or email [fanningc@district148.net](mailto:fanningc@district148.net).