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# Lincoln Avenue School

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Greetings Lincoln Eagle Family,

Happy December! We hope everyone had a wonderful break. The Lincoln Staff thanks you for your attendance at our family events— Math Night, Trunk or Treat, Technology Night, Parent Teacher Conferences, Parent Advisory Meeting and our 1st Quarter Awards Assemblies. We are also grateful for your support with our Food Fundraisers, Coat, shoe and book giveaways and the National Junior Honor Society sponsored Bake Sale and Food Drive. This month we will have our Annual Toy Drive on Friday, December 8th—more information is forthcoming. Our boys' basketball and Cheerleading seasons have begun, we host our 4th and 7th grade Science Fairs this month and the majority of our afterschool programs have started. We also have the annual District-wide Winter Band and Choir Concerts this month. We continue to soar with our weekly Flying Classroom lessons, designed by Captain Barrington Irving. Capt. Irving is the youngest person and the first Black pilot to fly solo around the world—and in a single engine plane that his students built! There is so much for all of our scholars to be a part of here at Lincoln! This time of year gets busy, but we appreciate all the time you spend supporting your child and their education.

This month we are busy concluding lessons, units and preparing to ring in the new year next month. Our scholars have several field trips, as well as our annual Middle of the Year testing in English/Language Arts and Math. Please ensure they get a good nights' rest and is dressed appropriately as they walk to school.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, we are here to help! Please do not hesitate to contact us via ClassDojo, Band, email or through the main office (708) 201-2075.

We wish you and yours a remarkable winter season!

Educationally yours,

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

## MTSS Facilitators

Winter Break is just a few short weeks away. While students and teachers will get a break from the classroom, it does not mean scholars need to stop learning. Here are a few tips to keep scholar's minds sharp and challenged during their break, and it might just prevent cabin fever:

- Ask your scholar's teacher or search online for worksheets or projects.
- Use the winter break to strengthen your child's vocabulary. This is a perfect time to start a treasure chest of words, by having your child look up new words, then write the word and definition on 3x5 cards. Use the word in a sentence or have them write a story based on the word. This exercise will reinforce reading comprehension and writing skills.
- Give a book or educational gift that will keep on giving throughout the year.



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## Safety Facilitators

### How can I get my child to behave?

The PBIS model encourages adults to teach appropriate behaviors just like 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!

1. Divide the skill/behavior into 3 to 5 steps
2. Take pictures of the child completing each step of the behavior
3. 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.

## Support Programs

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Greetings Lincoln Eagle parents, families, and guardians! We can't believe we are almost halfway done with the school year! Our department has been working hard on making sure each child has the foundational and academic skills necessary for their future success.



Our instructional rooms are working in small groups and station rotations to work on essential skills. One of the best things you could do as a family is read together. The Dolton or Riverdale libraries are great places to spend a cold afternoon. Please continue to work on basic sight words and math facts, and read aloud for 30 minutes each day.

Please remember that if your child is in 4th or 7th grade the science fair on December 6th is a requirement. More information will be forthcoming. Please contact us if you have any questions.

## Kindergarten Team

In Math, please continue to practice counting to 50, counting objects to 10 and recognizing numbers to 20. In Reading, please practice your letters and letter sounds, sight words, blending and segmenting simple words.

We will also be reading, writing, counting and learning with the Gingerbread Man.

Thanks for all your support!

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## 1st Grade Team

Happy Holidays! We are continuing with our iReady Reading program focusing on consonant blends and digraphs.

In iReady Math, we will be working on teen numbers and strategies for adding/subtracting to 20. Please continue to work on math fact fluency at home. We are using Flying Classroom to become future engineers and scientists as we tackle various STEAM challenges weekly!

Please make sure your child has the necessary school supplies. 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

Happy Holiday's! In Reading scholars will continue to read to understand. We will continue to work on phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and reading comprehension. Scholars will gain skills in using word roots to help them figure out the meaning of new words. In Math scholars will work on addition and subtraction with 100 with regrouping. In science scholars will continue to work on the life science unit. In social studies students will work on different cultures from around the world.

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## 3rd Grade Team



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our third graders will continue to learn and apply the new and challenging concepts of this school year! Since December is a shorter school month, our students will be pushed a little harder to absorb what they can before the winter break.

In math, we will be working daily on multiplication and the skills needed to understand the concept fully (repeated addition, skip counting, etc.). Please see that your child is keeping up with daily assignments.

In I-Ready Reading, our students will advance to more lengthy and complex texts as the year progresses.

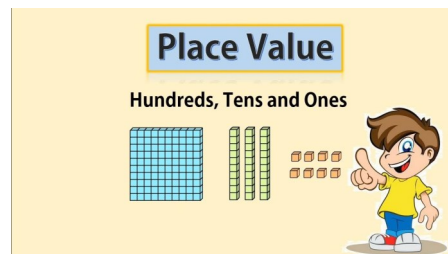
For science, we will continue to learn about animals, including their habitats and life cycles. Many of our science articles are very "heavy" with information. Our students need to utilize various texts regularly when asked to support their responses to questions/prompts.

Our social studies lessons will continue to focus on the U.S and world communities, as well as current events. Thank you, as always, for your support, Happy Holidays!

Mrs. Bourke and Ms. Dominski/Mrs. Guiton

## 4th Grade Team

Our fourth graders are doing a great job and have been working very hard! Please continue to work on basic fact fluency with your child at home. In math, we are continuing to review place value, 3 by 3 digit addition and subtraction with regrouping, rounding and trying to move on to multiplication here and there! In reading, students will be looking closely at young inventors and how they can become an inventor. We will be working on summarizing a text and making connections. Please make sure your child is reading for 30 minutes each night! Last but not least, students did an excellent job with the science fair and we are so proud of them! Thank you for all that you do, ~ Ms. Corsiatto & Ms. Jones-Brown



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## 5th Grade Team

Can you believe it's the last month of the year? Well, it is. Hello December! This month using our I-Ready reading curriculum as well as Social Studies, we will learn about key individuals who brought light to the migration, oppression, and opportunities allotted during The Great Migration and The Great Depression. Students will learn about the incredible artwork, music, and literature of this period. Our I-Ready math curriculum will include multiplication, division, place value, and decimals. Students will continue to complete fascinating lessons and activities with the Flying Classroom.



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## 6th Grade Team



Greetings families one of the most important things in December is the middle of the year assessment on iReady. The students have been preparing for both Math and reading iReady tests by completing a minimum of two lessons on each. Please encourage your scholars to do their best on the test days. In social studies the students will learn about ancient Egypt and other African civilizations. In science we continue to study the many forms of energy and will move on to learning about plant and animal cells. In Math they will start working with more Algebra, Dividing fractions and exponents.

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## 7th Grade Team

Happy Holidays to our scholars and their families! Enjoy this time. We can't wait to see you next year!!

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I hope everyone is having a great holiday season so far. The scholars and I have been preparing for the Constitution test by going over key factors and terms that are essential to their success. We will continue to dive in more over the coming weeks.

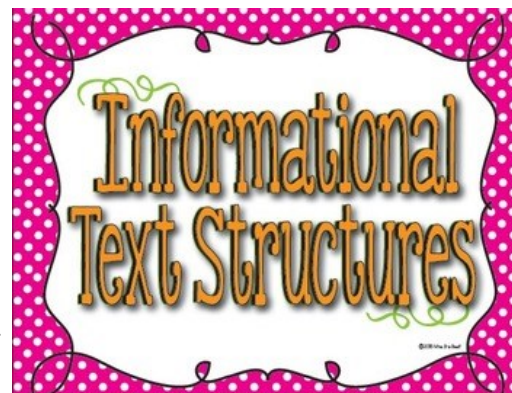
Sincerely,  
Mr. Blankenship - blankenshipn@district148.net

Hello parents, students have been working diligently on their science fair projects and research papers, and should now be preparing to participate in the LJH science fair that is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2023. The top projects will be chosen to represent the school this year. These students will receive permission slips to be completed by a parent, in order for them to participate in the state fair. Please have the students practice explaining the components of their science projects just in case they are selected to participate in the state fair. Thanks for all of your hard work!

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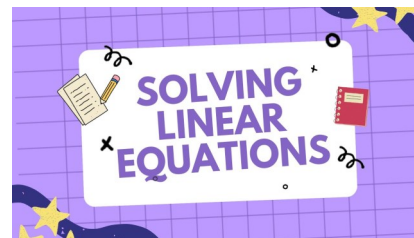
Greeting Parents and Stakeholders, HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY! Your scholars are working very hard moving through the required concepts and skills. We are completing Unit 3 (Craft & Structure in Informational Text) working on analyzing word meanings and text structure and determining point of view. We continue to delve into learning vocabulary acquisition and use, context use, Greek and Latin word parts, etc. Our writing is going very well, and we are working on explanatory writing. Just a reminder scholars should be in uniform daily (white shirt and blue slacks), it would be nice if they had a sweater for the change in temperature.

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## 8th Grade Team

**Math:** The 8th grade mathematicians are beginning Unit 3 - Expressions & Equations. They will understand and graph proportional relationships, identify and calculate slopes, graph lines represented by the equation  $y = mx + b$ , and solve systems of linear equations. Please have your students continue to work on their Personalized My Path lessons. Mr. Luster - [lusterm@district148.net](mailto:lusterm@district148.net)



**Social Studies:** The 8th grade Historians will be learning about the role of the United States in World War I, and what the causes and effects were of World War I. They will study how the events of the three decades after World War I affected Americans: the flourishing culture of the 1920s, the focus on domestic issues during the Great Depression, and the sacrifices people made and the unity they demonstrated during World War II. Mrs. Lampkin - [lampkinj@district148.net](mailto:lampkinj@district148.net)

**Language Arts:** ELA - 8th graders will begin working on key ideas and details in Literature. Taking a deep dive in citing evidence, analyzing dialogue and incidents, determining theme and summarizing literary text. Mrs. Moore - [moorem@district148.net](mailto:moorem@district148.net)

**Science:** The 8th grade scientists are continuing to explore the nature of science (scientific methods/engineering practices/scientific inquiry). Measurement will also continue to be explored and explained. Mr. Smith - [smithj@district148.net](mailto:smithj@district148.net)

## Art Class

Art class in December will use The books "Drawing from Life by George Bridgemen" and "The Mad Art of Caricature" by Tom Richmon. Both books will help students with the anatomical structure of the human face.

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## Computer Class

In computer class this month, students will learn how to use Microsoft Excel. Students 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 using the AutoSum function to calculate data. To learn more about Microsoft Office at home students can visit <https://edu.gcfglobal.org>

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## Music Class



Hello Lincoln Musicians and Families! We've been having a wonderful school year of music making that looks like it will continue into the next month. Kindergarten through second grade has started solo improvisations using a healthy singing tone. Third through sixth grade is composing using all known rhythms. Finally seventh and eighth graders are working on thinking like a composer for the movies. I can't wait to see what creativity comes from them!

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## Physical Education Department

The PE Department is excited to begin our next hand-eye coordination and cooperative games unit, which will focus on volleyball. The students will learn basic volleyball skills as well as offensive and defensive strategies. They will work together in teams and continue to demonstrate sportsmanship throughout the unit.

As the weather gets colder, please be sure to pack gym shoes with your child if they wear boots to school. Please contact us with any questions! (708) 201 - 2075 ext. 2109. We are also available on your child's Class Dojo.

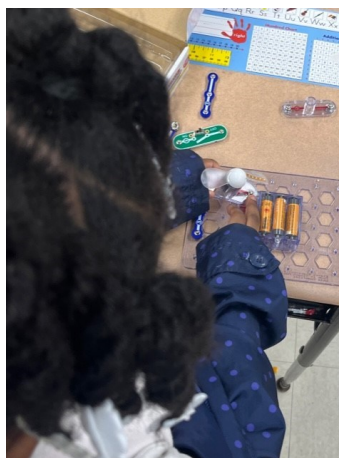


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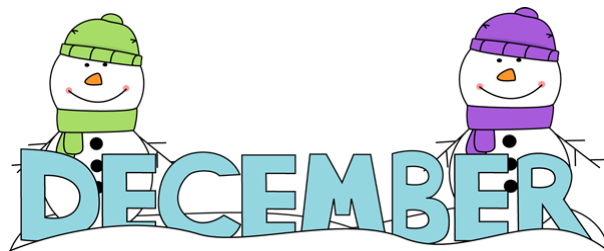
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## Clubs at Lincoln

Our KastleTek Club is building circuits!



## News From the CARE Room



The students are working hard to complete their Suite360 lessons every Monday. They are learning about how to process their feelings and deal with a variety of emotions. In the CARE room, we are busy working in circles to talk about problems that arise in school throughout the day. We are also working through interventions to teach about the changes we need to make in our behavior. Please take time to ask your child how the day went and what did they learned about in their classroom. It is important to connect with each other during the busy week! Make a dinner time question of the day or talk while driving in the car.

**PBIS Character Word: COMPASSION**  
**Restorative Justice Word: EMPATHY**  
**Capturing Kids' Hearts: XPLORE**

Suite360 Lessons  
Week 1: Relationship Skills- Cultural Awareness  
Week 2: Relationship Skills- Working Cooperatively  
Week 3: Decision-Making- Problem Solving

## The Nurse's Corner

**Flu Season signs and symptoms to look for:**

People who have flu often feel some or all of these symptoms:

- fever or feeling feverish/chills
- cough
- sore throat
- runny or stuffy nose
- muscle or body aches
- headaches
- fatigue (tiredness)
- some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults



Have a safe Christmas break!!!!

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**K-2 Walking Field Trip to the Village of Dolton Fire Department**





## October Lincoln Family Events

# Journey Girls Family Math Night



# Trunk or Treat



## Lincoln Office

### Questions?

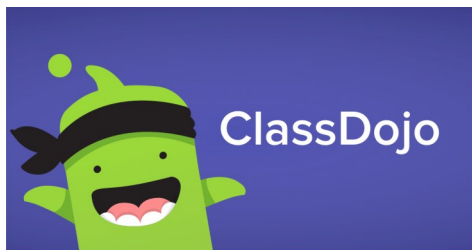
The main office is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to serve you. In both offices there are free book tables and copies of flyers, permission slips and other documents to keep you in the loop! If you have any questions regarding registration, classes or the instructional day, we will assist you as quickly and as best as we can! Feel free to call at 708-201-2075.



Thank you again for your continued support!

## Lincoln Communication

In continuing with our goal to be more green and help the environment, Lincoln School will work towards going paperless this school year! Teachers and staff will communicate through ClassDojo and other applications. When this information goes home, please opt in to receive notifications for your child's teachers as well as the main office. We have many events on a weekly basis and are trying to minimize the amount of paper, and in essence, trees we use. Please make sure the main office also has your email address and a current phone number.



## December and January Dates To Remember:

# December 2023

- Dec. 6– 4th grade Science Fair
- Dec. 6– Dental van visit
- Dec. 8– SIP & Spirit Day; 12pm dismissal
- Dec. 8– Toy Drive Give Away
- Dec. 12– Fall retake photos (K-8)
- Dec. 14– 7th Grade Science Fair
- Dec. 19– Board Meeting-6:00pm
- Dec. 25 - Jan. 05 NO SCHOOL;  
Winter Break
- January 8– CLASSES RESUME
- Jan. 15 - NO SCHOOL; Martin  
Luther King Day
- Jan. 19 - SIP & Spirit Day; 12pm  
dismissal

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## The Function of Education

"I have learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."~ Maya Angelou

