



Lincoln Avenue School

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Greetings Lincoln Eagle Family,

Happy February!

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We want to thank you, parents and families, for continuing to support our work and successes at Lincoln. We came back to a new year last month and despite the cold weather, we easily transitioned to e-learning days and educative work while we were at home. Scholars joined us remotely, and continued to learn and work.

2 Our scholar-athletes have much to be proud of! Our boy's basketball teams continue the season with regional tournaments and represented us well. Thank you to our cheerleaders for supporting and cheering them on! Our girls' volleyball season is underway and track will begin in the next few weeks with indoor practices. If anyone is interested, please contact athletic director Crayton for additional information on our athletics department.

6 We are more than just athletes! Last month we had our quarterly awards assemblies. Our 7th grade scholars are continuing regional work in the state level Science competition! They meet daily to work on their presentation skills. This month, we have scholars competing in our district wide Spelling Bee. We also have scholars that will perform based on historical knowledge for our Black History month celebration. We also have our annual National Junior Honor Society induction in the next few weeks.

12 Again, we are truly proud of all the achievements Lincoln scholars are earning and know that none of it can happen without the support and encouragement from their families.

13 We appreciate your partnership and look forward to continuing our collaborative work with you this school year!

Educationally yours,

Mr. Byron Stingily, Principal

Mrs. Jennifer Williams, Assistant Principal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



MTSS Facilitators

The SMART Goal Setting Method

- **SPECIFIC:** DEFINE YOUR GOAL. To reach your goal, it needs to be specific and well-defined. ...
- **MEASURABLE:** HOW WILL YOU MEASURE SUCCESS? ...
- **ATTAINABLE:** CAN YOU ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL? ...
- **RELEVANT:** IS YOUR GOAL CONSTRUCTIVE? ...
- **TIME-BOUND:** WHEN WILL YOU ACCOMPLISH YOUR GOAL?

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Safety Facilitators

Looking to try out some Positive Behavior Interventions & Support (PBIS) Strategies?

- Give clear, short, and specific directions.
- Have patience...It takes younger children at least 5 seconds to mentally process directions.
- Be consistent. It helps a child learn and feel confident in what you want.
- Stay calm & use a calm voice.
- Focus on logical consequences when a problem arises.
- Reward positive effort - this sets the stage for success.
- Set and enforce reasonable limits.
- Try to give 5 positive responses for every 1 negative response.
- Set the example - actions speak louder than words.
- Try to anticipate where your child might have trouble and prepare them for the situation by coaching them on the behavior you want to see.

In a PBIS school, staff members teach kids academics along with how to act/react in different settings. Rather than expecting kids to arrive at a school knowing how to behave, schools teach correct behaviors. PBIS schools focus on teaching what TO do by giving clear directions, being calm and patient, modeling expected behaviors, setting a good example, using positive recognition and reinforcement, and setting consistent and reasonable limits. PBIS school staffs know that adults get more of what they focus on. If adults place all the focus on kids fighting instead of cooperating, that's what they'll see more of. If adults focus on teaching and reinforcing cooperation, they'll end up seeing more of those types of behaviors. While this shift in focus doesn't remove the necessity of responding to and taking action when kids behave inappropriately, it does substantially reduce many misbehaviors.

How might these ideas apply to more peaceful relationships in your family?

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Support Programs

Thank you to parents and families for consistently attending scheduled meetings with us! We appreciate your feedback and collaboration to ensure all our scholars are successful in the classroom. Please note that you can contact us anytime if you feel we need a check in meeting on a scholar's progress, whether it is socially or academic.

Thank you for all that you do!

The Support Programs Team

Kindergarten Team

Happy February!

In Math, please continue to practice counting to 75, counting objects to 15 and recognizing numbers to 20. In Reading, please practice your sight words as well as blending, segmenting and decoding simple words. We will celebrate Black History Month, Groundhog's Day and Friendship Day.

Thanks for all your support!

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1st Grade Team

First Graders are continuing with our iReady Reading program focusing on consonant blends. Please practice sight words that are sent home weekly and practice reading aloud at home.

In i Ready Math, we will work on 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

In the month of February, for iReady Reading, second graders will continue to Read to Understand (text features, sequencing, main idea, etc.). Scholars will look for key details within the text to help with unknown words or phrases.

In iReady Math, scholars will learn to determine fractions (numerators and denominators), coins, and identify 2D and 3D shapes. We will continue to review addition and subtraction with regrouping, as well as place value.

For Science our scholars will continue the Life Science Unit, All about Animals and Plants. In Social Studies we will learn about maps, famous African Americans, and building/maintaining friendships.

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3rd Grade Team

Dear Parents,

February is here, and our third graders are working hard to prepare for our standardized test, The Illinois Assessment for Readiness. We will cover the following skills/concepts this month:

Reading: Our students will read nonfiction selections, focus on benchmark vocabulary, close reading, text analysis, and informative writing.

Math: This month's math lessons will include the equivalence and comparison of fractions as well as continuing to cover multiplication and division skills.

Social Studies: Since February is Black History Month, our lessons will center around those individuals who were instrumental in orchestrating change in our country.

Science: Our focus this month will be extreme weather.

Please contact us with any questions/concerns! Thanks for all you do!

Mrs. Bourke and Ms.Dominski / Mrs. Guiton



4th Grade Team

Happy February! Please continue to work on basic fact fluency with your child at home and be sure that students are completing their pathways minutes. In reading, we are ending our unit on young inventors. We read short stories about young students who came up with some pretty cool inventions. Scholars will learn how to write their own narrative for their PBA but have written shorter ones in the past. We will work on comparing/contrasting, theme, and sequence. Please make sure your child is reading for 30 minutes each night. In math, we are digging deeper into fractions by learning how to simplify, add, and subtract them. We are studying various African American heroes for social studies as well.

Thank you for all that you do!

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5th Grade Team

Dear Parents,

February is here and our fifth graders will be working hard to prepare for The Illinois Assessment for Readiness (IAR). We will cover the following skills/concepts this month:

Reading: Our scholars will read several nonfiction selections, focus on benchmark vocabulary, close reading, text analysis, and informative writing.

Math: This month's math lessons will cover the introduction and reinforcement of decimals and fractions (place value, addition, and subtraction).

Language Arts: Foundational skills will include adverbs, conjunctions, plural regular and irregular verbs, past-tense regular and irregular verbs, and phonics skills.

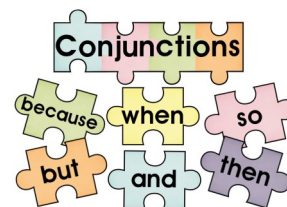
Social Studies: Since February is Black History Month, our lessons will center around those individuals who were instrumental in orchestrating change in our country.

Science: Lessons will cover interactions and changes in ecosystems. Please contact us with any questions/concerns!

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6th Grade Team

Dear parents,

February will be very a very exciting month in Social Studies class. The scholars will learn about the African-American History. The Civil Rights Movement is a very important topic to study. We will also spend more time studying African-Americans scientists, scholars, politicians, and artistic achievements, and how all improve our world.



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This month in Science, scholars will identify and describe different types of ecosystems and the adaptations the animals and plants have to make to survive.

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For 6th grade math, we are preparing for the Illinois Assessment for Readiness assessment.

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7th Grade Team

Hello Parents/Guardians,

February is the month for love, and WE LOVE MATH not only in February but all year long. We have revisited/modified our goals for 2023. We will continue to learn new content and concepts as we look ahead toward becoming 8th graders. Please remind our scholars to come to class prepared for learning and to be an active participant during instruction.

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Welcome Back Everyone,

I hope that you all have had a fantastic break to refresh and spend time with loved ones. The scholars will put in some major work in the coming months as the Constitution is fast approaching. I am confident that everyone will pass with the right amount of focus and determination.

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Hello parents, scholars are adjusting well to returning back to school from the Winter break, have been learning about atoms and the relationship between elements and the periodic table, and the properties of matter. Please check in with your child daily to assure that they are completing homework successfully. Thanks again for all of your support!

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Greeting Parents and Stakeholders, we are completing Unit 3 (Craft & Structure in Informational Text) specifically and taking a deep dive with analyzing word meanings, text structure and determining point of view. We are learning Greek and Latin roots and multisyllabic words to increase our vocabulary, thus making us better readers. We continue to hone our writing skills and are covering informational writing with a focus on social studies, as well as a book report for Black History Month. 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 within the building.

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8th Grade Team

Math: The eighth-grade scholars have been focused on Geometric Figures this quarter. They are finishing Dilations and beginning to study Angle Relationships. The iReady Math is an integral part of their success. Please monitor your scholar's progress on the iReady site. The My Path lessons are individualized based upon the Diagnostic test that each student took. The requirement this quarter is that three My Path lessons need to be passed each week.

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Social Studies: February is Black History Month. Throughout the month, we working on an HBCU research project that they will present to their classmates. We will also take a deeper dive into the Civil Rights Movement and how it impacted African American culture.

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ELA: We are still sharpening our skills: inferencing, citing textual evidence, and word meaning within literary and informational text. We are continuing to rep for the up-and-coming IAR test.

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Science: The 8th grade scientists have begun investigating their place in space regarding position, composition and relationships. This unit is an introduction to matter, beginning with the states of matter, advancing into matter and its structure (atoms), culminating with matter and how it interacts.

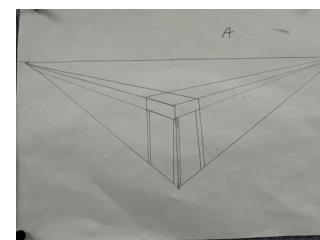
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Art Class

Our scholars are studying one and two point perspective. In addition to that we will study line, form and anatomy of the human head.

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Computer Class



This month, in computer class scholars will learn how to create print media design from scratch using Canva. Scholars will learn quick tips on how to make their designs look good, choose the dimensions, create a background, and how to add text, images and more. To learn more about this program you can visit canva.com.

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Music Class



Welcome to February, Lincoln families! We're celebrating Black History all month with the study of Motown! Scholars will study the history of Motown's origins and learning all about the most amazing Motown musicians. Older scholars will read rhythms to play percussion instruments with classic Motown songs while younger students will dive deeper into individual musicians. It's sure to be an exciting month in the Music Room!

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Physical Education Department

Lincoln PE classes just completed their soccer unit where they focused on skills, teambuilding, and endurance. This month, classes are starting racquet sports. This will include tennis, badminton, and pickleball. Classes will also be participating in fitness days, where the teachers will pick a high-intensity cardiovascular activity. The students will have to be in their target heart rate zone for 10 minutes of the class.

While the weather gets cold, please remember to send your child to school with gym shoes.

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Sports at Lincoln



News From the CARE Room



Time is moving along for the Lincoln Eagles this winter! Remember to complete the Suite360 lessons about Social Emotional Learning topics every week. It is important to keep busy during the winter months. I have included a few ideas for your family to keep active during the cold days!

Read a book	Play a board game	Paint a room in the house	Clean closets
Family movie	Yoga	Workout videos	Exercise Challenges
Cook a meal	Bake desserts	Research a trip idea	Go sledding

Monthly Words

PBIS Character Word: **PERSERVERANCE**

Restorative Justice Value: **TOLERANCE**

Capturing Kids' Hearts: **XPLORE**

Affirmations Verbal & Written

Remember to **SOAR** like a Lincoln Eagle!

The Nurse's Corner

Mark your Calendars - February 12, 2024 for Land of Smiles

The National Theatre for Children will be at Lincon for an assembly. Land of smiles is a show for K-5 scholars with super heroes. We look forward to learning through entertainment!

Reminder for Parent of 5th grade scholars:

Parents, this is a reminder if you have a scholar in 5th grade, they will require a 6th grade physical. Take your child to see their pediatrician on or around their birthday this year to keep their immunizations up to date. These are state requirements: TDAP, MCV4, and physical. If your child has an Asthena action plan, any allergies (food, or seasonal) or any other medical conditions, please make sure you speak with one of the school nurses (Gray, or Gasby). Please have a doctor fill out the following forms you can get these forms from the nurse:

1. Asthma Form
2. School Medication Form
3. Authorization Exchange Information

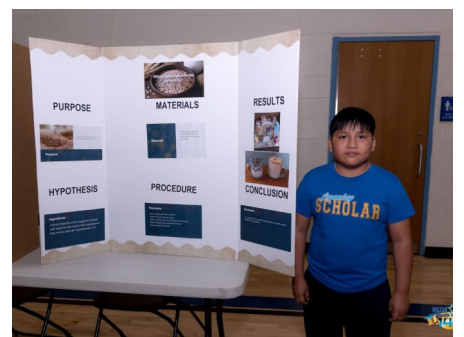
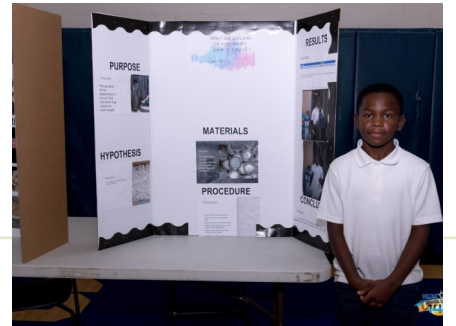
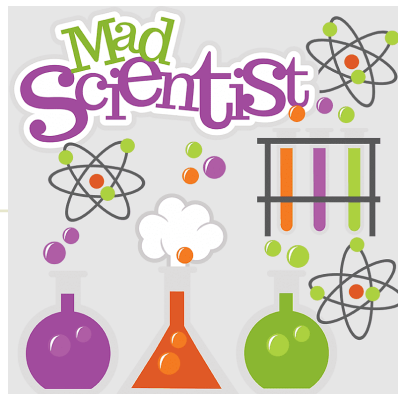
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Lincoln 4th Grade Science Fair

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Lincoln Holiday Toy Drive

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Lincoln Office

Questions?

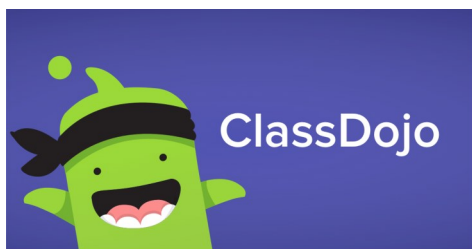
The main office is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to serve you. In both offices there are free book tables and copies of flyers, permission slips and other documents to keep you in the loop! If you have any questions regarding registration, classes or the instructional day, we will assist you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



Dates To Remember:

February 2024

- Feb. 02 - SIP & Spirit Day; 12pm dismissal
- Feb. 16 - SIP & Spirit Day; 12pm dismissal
- Feb. 19 - NO SCHOOL; President's Day
- March TBD- Illinois Assessment for Readiness
- March 15- End of the Third Quarter
- March 29- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- March 30-April 6- Spring Break

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The Function of Education



"Don't be afraid to ask questions. Don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it. I do that every day. Asking for help isn't a sign of weakness, it's a sign of strength. It shows you have the courage to admit when you don't know something, and to learn something new." ~ Barack Obama

Happy President's Day!