



Lincoln Bulletin

January 13, 2017

Monday, January 16

**Martin Luther King Holiday
SCHOOL CLOSED**

Wednesday, January 18

**PTO Meeting
6:30 PM**

Friday, January 20

**Teacher Institute Day
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

January 23 – February 3

After School Enrichment

Wednesday, February 1

**2017-2018 Kindergarten Registration
9:30 AM – 2:30 PM Lincoln School**

Friday, February 3

**Smile Illinois Dental Program
(Details coming soon)**

Saturday, February 4

**Lincoln PTO Family Night at Chicago Wolves
7:00 PM**

Monday, February 6

Group Pictures for Yearbook

Wednesday, February 15

**Lincoln Reads Family Book Club
6:30 – 8:00 PM**



Monday, February 20

**President's Day
SCHOOL CLOSED**

From the Principal

D303 Music Programs

On Wednesday evening, I had the pleasure of attending the Beginners' Orchestra concert. It was a wonderful performance – the students have learned so much since the beginning of the school year! The music programs in D303 are something that I hold near and dear to my heart. Both of my girls participated in both band and orchestra (they even had Mrs. Wifler!), and my older daughter continued playing the cello in school through her high school graduation. We are so fortunate in our district that the performing arts are valued. Many districts in the area don't start their elementary music programs until 5th grade. For some students, this is the area that allows them to shine. How wonderful that our children have so many early opportunities to explore music!

Self Directed Learner Interviews

Right before Winter break, I visited classrooms and interviewed 5 students from each room. Students were selected randomly. The questions I asked were related to the traits of being a self-directed learner. I enjoyed talking with the students and getting to know them a little more as learners. Over the next few weeks, I'd like to share some of the general data collected from those conversations.

The first question I asked students was *"How do you feel about yourself as a learner?"*. Out of the 55 students interviewed, 53 students had a positive response, with "Good!" being the number one response. I asked the students to explain why they felt good about themselves as learners, and most were able to provide reasons. Some of those responses were; "I always want to learn", "I'm trying hard", "I understand things", "I work hard", "My teacher helps me understand things", and "I get to learn stuff that I wasn't able to do before". The two responses that weren't as positive were, "I don't know" and "In between – sometimes things are easy and sometimes they are hard.". Based on these responses, it seems like most students here at Lincoln enjoy learning – what a great celebration!

How are we using this information as educators? We are helping students understand that learning requires hard work and challenges. Even when they get "stuck" students should feel good about themselves if they persevere and try new things. Our brain grows through those challenges! If you get a chance, ask your own children how they feel about themselves as a learner and why. Hopefully their responses will put a smile on your face!

This week has been an interesting one in our district! I'd like to thank parents for keeping us informed of your child's symptoms when you keep him/her home. Mrs. Eageny and the health office track this information on a daily basis, so it's helpful when you let us know in your message.

Have a healthy three day weekend!

Mrs. Balaskovits

From the Secretary

Illnesses

Due to the recent outbreak of illness going on in our community, we want to share some helpful information directly from the CDC website. Please see:

<https://www.cdc.gov/norovirus/downloads/keyfacts.pdf>

While this information is specific to Norovirus, it also shares good practices for preventing spreading of other illnesses. If your child is ill, please call our attendance line and be as specific as possible with the symptoms your child is experiencing. Please call before 9:00 am each day that your child will not be attending school.

Parking

We are seeing more parents driving their children to and from school due to the weather. Please be patient as the north side of our school can get congested and be mindful of not blocking in parked cars that are trying to leave their spaces.

Lost and Found Items

Our Lost and Found storage container is almost overflowing! When at home, please do a quick inventory and see if your child has any items missing. You are also welcome to come and look for yourself. It is located in our front hallway.

Kindergarten Registration 2017-2018

If your child will be 5-years old on or before September 1, 2017 it's time to register for Kindergarten on Wednesday, February 1st. Please pass on this information to families in your neighborhood that don't have children currently enrolled at Lincoln. Please see the flyer attached to this bulletin.

From our Reading Specialist

Lincoln Reads Family Book Club

The Lincoln Reads Family Book Club will meet again on **Wednesday, February 15th from 6:30-8:00**. Our next book pick is a biography chronicling the entertainment genius of the world's greatest showman, P.T. Barnum. If your family is interested in participating in the upcoming Lincoln Reads Family Book Club, please return the RSVP slips by January 17th. If you have any questions about the event please contact Gina Di Palermo at [\(331\) 228-2296](tel:3312282296) or via email at gina.dipalermo@d303.org.

We hope to see all of you!



Kindergarten Enrollment February 1, 2017



If your child will be 5-years old on or before September 1, 2017
it's time to register for kindergarten.

DO NOT WAIT until summer to enroll your new kindergarten student. Kindergarten enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year will be at all Community Unit School District 303 elementary schools on **February 1**. Enroll at the elementary school where children in your area currently attend.

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.			
Bell-Graham Elementary	(331) 228-2100	Munhall Elementary	(331) 228-2600
Corron Elementary	(331) 228-6900	Norton Creek Elementary	(331) 228-2700
Ferson Creek Elementary	(331) 228-2300	Wasco Elementary	(331) 228-2900
Lincoln Elementary	(331) 228-2500	Wild Rose Elementary	(331) 228-3000
9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.			
	Fox Ridge Elementary	(331) 228-2400	
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.			
Anderson Elementary	(331) 228-3300	Davis Primary	(331) 228-2200

Community Unit School District 303 offers both Half Day and All Day Kindergarten programs. All Day Kindergarten is a tuition-based program for the additional 1/2 day of instruction. Information regarding All Day Kindergarten tuition can be found on the District website at d303.org/all-day-kindergarten.

The following information is **required** when enrolling for kindergarten*:

- Reliable proof of child's identity and age (*birth certificate+, passport, visa, etc.*)
- Verification of Parent/Guardian Identity
- Two documents as proof of residency
- Parcel Identification Number (PIN)

*New student residency and enrollment information, including links to required notices and kindergarten enrollment forms, can be found on the District 303 web site (district.d303.org/enrollment-and-registration).

+Required to comply with the Missing Children Records Act [325 ILCS 50/5]

Complete information about physical examinations, dental examinations and immunizations will be available at the February enrollment event. Students are expected to have all requirements completed by the first day of school. Student assignments will be available in August.

Enroll on February 1.

Your cooperation will enable the school to better serve your child.

2017-2018 CUSD 303 Community Preschool Program Lottery

General Information

For the 2017-2018 school year, District 303 will offer a five-day-a-week, ½ day, morning or afternoon preschool program. You will have the option to choose from the following locations: Fox Ridge, Ferson Creek or Norton Creek School.

The program will be open to 3-5 year old children who reside within the D303 school boundaries and who are 3 years old by September 1, 2017. Children who are 5 years old by September 1, 2017 will not be eligible for enrollment.

The tuition cost for the program is \$285 per month. A \$100 annual non-refundable registration and materials fee will also be required.*

*Tuition and registration and materials fee pending board approval

Tours

Come see our classrooms in action! Observational tours will be offered to all D303 community parents prior to registration.

Norton Creek tour: Monday, January 9, 2017 from 930-1030 AM
(2033 Smith Road, West Chicago)

Fox Ridge tour: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 from 1-2 PM
(1905 Tyler Road, St. Charles)

Ferson Creek tour: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 from 930-1030 AM
(38W160 Bolcum Road, St. Charles)

Enrollment Procedure

Since space is limited, an enrollment lottery for new preschool students will be held. The enrollment lottery will be offered online on the district website (www.D303.org) from Friday, January 13, 2017 through Monday, January 23, 2017.

Names will be drawn on Tuesday, January 24 and parents will be notified by email that day if their child was randomly selected. Registrants not chosen will be placed on a waiting list and will be notified when a space becomes available.



LINCOLN SCHOOL PTO
 FAMILY NIGHT
 SATURDAY, FEB. 4, AT 7 PM
 VS ROCKFORD ICEHOGS

RECEIVE A FREE WOLVES HAT WITH EACH TICKET
 PURCHASED THROUGH THIS OFFER.

ALL LINCOLN SCHOOL FAMILY AND FRIENDS WILL BE
 SEATED TOGETHER IN THE SAME SECTION.

BOOKING FORM

NUMBER OF TICKETS	
# _____ of tickets @ \$14.00 each	
# _____ of food vouchers at \$6 (hot dog and medium soda)	
Total Enclosed	\$ _____

HOW TO ORDER:

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM ALONG WITH PAYMENT VIA
 CASH OR CHECK TO THE OFFICE BY JANUARY 20TH.

PERSONAL DETAILS	
Parents Name:	
Students Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
Email:	

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LINCOLN PTO.

CONTACT LISA MOLINE AT STCLINCOLNPTO@GMAIL.COM
 FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS.

***THERE IS ALSO A CONCERT BY JULIANNA ZOBRIST
 SCHEDULED FOR THIS NIGHT***

PAYMENT DETAILS	
Check number:	
Cash Enclosed:	



After School Enrichment

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!

Please click the link below to register your student for After-School Enrichment. Slots are already filling up fast!

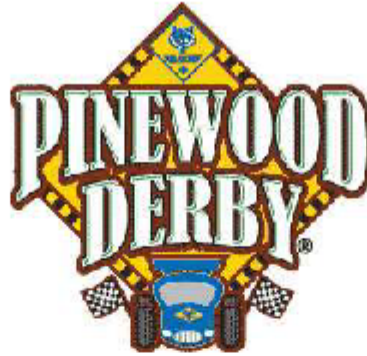
<https://register.communitypass.net/LincolnElementarySchoolPTO>

If you can be a classroom supervisor any day that your child is signed up, please register as a volunteer here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a48aba72ea6f94-volunteers>



This year Lincoln School will be participating in a district wide St. Baldrick's event which will be taking place on March 10 at Haines Middle School. Our Lincoln Kickoff date is February 3rd! There are many ways to support this great cause. More details will be sent home soon!



Cub Scout Pack 113 will be holding their annual Pinewood Derby on Friday, January 27th in the Lincoln School Gym. If you're interested in checking out cub Scouts, come check out one of our biggest events!!

Car check-in begins at 6pm. We will have extra cars if you want to come and join the race! Please RSVP to joinpack113@gmail.com by 1/20. We will also have snacks and treats to share!

2ND ANNUAL FOX VALLEY SUMMER ACTIVITIES FAIR

Proudly Hosted by Wredling Middle School PTO

*Monday, February 13
5:30 to 8:30 pm
Wredling Middle School
1200 Dunham Road, Saint Charles*



GET A JUMP START ON YOUR CHILD'S SUMMER PLANS!

THIS FREE EVENT IS THE ONLY ONE-STOP-SHOP TO LEARN ABOUT
SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS IN THE FOX VALLEY AREA & BEYOND

FOR STUDENTS IN PRESCHOOL THRU HIGH SCHOOL

Over 75 Local and Regional Organizations

Academic, Sports, Enrichment, Volunteering, Overnight Camps, and More

FUN ONSITE ACTIVITIES

Art Projects

Face and Arm Painting

Tuition Raffles

Give-Aways

Fun Physical Challenges

More at facebook.com/fvsaf and wredlingspto.membershiptoolkit.com
Questions? activitiesfair@wredlingpto.org

CHICK chat by HGNA

Attention 4th, 5th and 6th graders!

Spend a day learning about what makes you unique -- and learning how you can build positive friendships!

Chick Chat is a full-day workshop where fourth- through sixth-grade girls can explore their interests, address common challenges facing young girls today, build interpersonal skills, and have fun - all within a safe and nurturing environment.



Workshop Includes:

- Small group break-out Chat rooms
- Relaxing and invigorating yoga session
- Dynamic team-building exercises
- Healthy lunch and snacks
- 2016 event t-shirt
- Take-home tips and tools

Throughout the day, girls break into small groups — unique to each grade level — with professional facilitators to discuss topics such as understanding feelings, coping with stress, dealing with drama, cultivating inner beauty, and developing healthy family and peer relationships.

Workshop: Saturday, February 27, 2016

Place:

Geneva Middle School SOUTH
1415 Viking Drive, Geneva

Time:

8:30 AM to 3:15 PM
*Check-In from 8:30 to 9:00 AM

Mom & Dad Chat:

**“Are You & Your Child Ready for Social Media?!? ...
... What Every Parent Needs to Know!”**

Melissa Hemzacek, LSW, Internet Safety Specialist, Office of the Illinois Attorney General
Light Breakfast: 8:45-9:15 Presentation: 9:15 – 10:15 AM

REGISTER or Learn More: www.TriCityFamilyServices.org

Questions? Call Michelle Clark at TCFS: 630-232-1070 ext. 336

Chick Chat by HGNA is brought to you by:

TriCity Family Services and the Geneva Coalition for Youth

with the support of the Geneva, St. Charles, Batavia, Kaneland, and Central school districts.

Win a Prize!

Register by January 31st to
be entered in a raffle for
exciting prizes!

Registration CLOSSES
February 17th!

“Chick Chat by HGNA” was created by Helping Girls Navigate Adolescence a non-profit organization dedicated to creating change for adolescent girls by challenging the negative images and information bombarding girls today. For more information on HGNA go to hgna.org.