



Lincoln Bulletin

October 14, 2016

Friday, October 21

Picture Proof payments due



**All School Movie Night
6:30 – 8:30 PM Gym**

Monday, October 31

**Halloween Parade followed by classroom parties
1:30 – 2:50 PM**



Thursday, November 3

**Bike Safety Program
Grades 1 & 5**

Tuesday, November 8

**PTO Meeting at Lincoln
6:30 – 7:30 PM**



**Tuesday – Thursday,
November 15 – 17**

Book Fair in LRC

Thursday, November 17

**Family Night at the Book Fair
6:00 – 8:00 PM**

From the Principal

SIP day learning

Last Friday, teachers across the district participated in professional learning opportunities related to the roles. At Lincoln, we spent the morning working together on topics related to our School Improvement goals, specifically Word Study, Shared Writing, and how to professionally collaborate in order to improve student learning. This learning was led by our own dedicated Lincoln staff, and teachers walked away with ideas for immediate implementation in their classrooms.

In the afternoon, teachers attended sessions specific to their roles. Our classroom teachers spent time learning about our new Project Lead the Way science curriculum with other teachers from their grade level across the district. Our reading specialists and other support and resource teachers met with their colleagues to learn about topics specific to their own roles. Even our teaching assistants participated in professional learning that day. Typically, these days are invigorating and exhausting all at once, so a three day weekend gives our staff some much needed time off!

Introducing...our “new” Kindergarten teacher

Hello again, Lincoln families! My name is Laura McConkey, and I am excited to be back at Lincoln this year teaching kindergarten! Many of you know me as a music teacher, but my first love has always been in the classroom. I have taught in many different grades and settings, from preschool to high school, public schools to private, including five D303 buildings: Wasco (3rd grade), Thompson (music and speech communications), Richmond/Lincoln/Ferson Creek (music), and Ferson Creek (4th grade). My unique experiences have given me an insight and flexibility for which I am very grateful. I live in Elburn with my husband and two children; my daughter, Paige, is working on her master’s degree in Adult and Higher Education at NIU, and my son Ethan will graduate from Bradley University this December with a degree in Sports Communication. Colleagues joke that I sleep at school, but I love to travel and be involved in theater and my church’s worship team when I’m not at Lincoln!

Self Directed Learners

We all want our child to be **excited** about the learning that they do in school. An excited learner views the work they do as an adventure of sorts. Even when the going gets tough, they are eager to push through and continue the work, because it is more than just an assignment to them. Teachers consider the way they organize and manage their classrooms, the way they plan their units, and the language they use with students in order to build that excitement. One way you can support this at home is to show genuine interest in what your child is working on in school. Ask them questions, give them your undivided attention during the conversation, and follow up with them later on. Your interest will help them understand the importance of what they do each day here at school.

Fire Safety visit

Students in kindergarten through second grade participated in a Fire Safety visit from the St. Charles Fire Department on Thursday. They talked about fire safety and practicing safety drills at home. Students were engaged and receptive to the information our St. Charles firefighters shared. They ended the event with a visit outside to see the fire truck. The photo below was of all of our K-2 students from the top of the fire truck ladder. They also got to meet Sparky the Dog at the assembly!



One quick reminder...

Please remember to leave the handicap parking spot open for those that need it and can legally use it. We have a student that is dropped off and picked up each day that needs this spot. On multiple occasions he has been unable to due to people parking there.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please send me an email or call.

Mrs. Balaskovits

From the Secretary

- This week Color Portraits proof order forms went home with those students who had picture retakes. The order forms are due Friday, October 21st. Late orders will only be accepted online. You may visit the Color Portraits website at www.orders.colorportraits.com . If you have any questions, please feel free to call Color Portraits at 847-382-7505.
- Parents are only required to sign-out their child from school. If your child is arriving late or returning from an appointment that you had signed them out for, you do not need to accompany them into the building. With Lincoln's limited parking, this should make dropping off your child a quicker experience. However, if there is a conversation that you need to have with the office, please park in a legal spot and accompany your child into the building.
- Effective Monday, October 17th, Aramark will be offering a chicken patty sandwich to their daily choices. On October's menu, if the chicken patty sandwich isn't already listed, it will now be a 5th choice to that day. November's menu will be reflecting this daily offering.

Halloween Parade and Party Information

On Monday, October 31st, Lincoln will once again host the annual Halloween Costume Parade at 1:30 PM for grades 1-5 (the AM Kindergarten class will parade through school during the morning). Only Kindergarten students will arrive to school in their costumes. All other students will bring their costumes to school and change into them before the parade. In the event of rain, the parade will be held indoors.

For those parents who wish to have their children participate in the parade, please follow the guidelines below:



- Students must be able to put their own costume/make-up on without assistance.
- No masks may be worn by students.
- No costumes and/or make-up may be worn that depicts blood and violence.
- Students are not to bring anything that resembles a weapon of any fashion, even if it part of a costume.
- No bare midriffs or scant clothing.
- Costumes must be appropriate for school and not distract students from the learning environment.
- Due to recent events, we are asking that students NOT dress in clown costumes.
- Students will be asked to remove any parts of the costume that are not within the guidelines.

If you do not wish for your child to participate in the costume parade, please contact your child's teacher or the main office. Lincoln will offer an alternative activity to those students which may include watching a movie or playing games.

Classroom parties will begin following the costume parade for grades 1-5. The AM Kindergarten party will start at 10:15 AM. For parents dressing in a costume, please make sure that you also follow the above guidelines. As always, we appreciate your continued support.



Lincoln Lunchroom Supervisors

Lunch/Recess Supervisors are needed. Students have lunch/recess starting at 11:35 am until 12:30 pm. Applications are in the main office. If you have any further questions, please call either Nicole Grosh at 331-228-5028 or Patricia Burton at 331-228-5242.