



Lincoln Bulletin

October 28, 2016

**Monday, October 24 -
Wednesday, November 16**

Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-Up
www.pickatime.com

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

Friday, November 11

End of First Trimester

PTO Skate Night at Funway
4:30 – 6:30 PM



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

Book Fair in LRC

Thursday, November 17

Family Night at the Book Fair
6:00 – 8:30 PM (time change)

Monday, November 21

Parent/Teacher Conferences
8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Tuesday, November 22

Parent/Teacher Conferences
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

From the Principal

Parent-Teacher conferences

Parents are now able to access Pick-A-Time, our online conference sign-up site. Parent-Teacher conferences are an important time to discuss your child's academic and social/emotional progress. As a classroom teacher, I found that connecting with parents at conference time helped me better meet the needs of each individual child and gave me a clearer perspective on who they were as learners. Please sign up to meet with your child's teacher during this important time.

CoGat testing – A message from Dr. Melissa Byrne, Assistant Director of Curriculum:

Between November 7 and November 18, 2016, 3rd and 5th graders will be taking the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). The test consists of three short sections, 40-45 minutes each. The CogAT is not an achievement test. Instead, it measures a student's reasoning abilities which can facilitate his/her learning and problem-solving. CogAT scores report an individual's verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal reasoning abilities. The test scores may be used to adapt instruction and programs to the needs and abilities of students. Parents will also receive a report with their child's performance on these tests in January and will be contacted if their child qualifies for further testing. We appreciate your support of our academic program and your partnership in facilitating your child's learning.

Introducing...Our new resource teacher

Hello! My name is Kate Phillips and I am the current full time Special Education Resource Teacher here at Lincoln School. Although this is my first year at Lincoln, this is my twelfth year working as an elementary resource teacher in District #303. I can't tell you how thrilled I was when I learned I would be working at Lincoln School. It has a wonderful reputation across the district and I had always heard excellent things from current and prior teachers. Since starting to work with the teams this summer, I can firmly state that all of the fantastic things I've heard are certainly true! As for me, I currently live in Crystal Lake with my adorable little dog, Chippie. We love going hiking, growing a garden, and eating ice cream. My classroom is upstairs in the old Library. Stop by if you have a chance....and I'll introduce you to the infamous Hello Kitty shrine!

A Celebration from Mrs. Ours in 5th Grade!

50 has been working on personal memoirs for the past 6 weeks and were excited to have the opportunity to have a publishing party on Tuesday, October 21. This publishing party was especially unique, because we were able to share with 5th graders across town without leaving our classrooms. We were able to face time with a 5th grade class from Bell Graham. Both classes have been working really hard on what makes a good memoir. The 5th graders learned that memoirs have a reflective component. The students shared their memoir and what they were most proud of. Bell Graham students then were able to provide feedback to 50 students. Students then reversed roles. This was such a wonderful experience that wouldn't have happened without the support of Mrs. Dainko. It was awesome to watch the students get excited about their writing!

As always, please call or email me if you have questions or concerns

Mrs. Balaskovits

From the Secretary

Parent Teacher Conferences

CUSD 303 has chosen an online system for parents to sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences. It is called ***Pick A Time***. Parents will sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences through a link in Home Access Center starting on October 24th. You will have until midnight on November 16th to sign-up.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, November 21st 8:00 am - 8:00 pm, and Tuesday, November 22nd 8:00 am - noon. Conferences are scheduled at 20 minute intervals.

We are hopeful parents will find this a convenient and helpful system. If you do not have internet capability, I can schedule a conference for you over the telephone. Please don't hesitate to call the office at 331-228-2500 if you have any questions.

Instructions on how to schedule a conference are attached to this email.

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.

PTO NEWS

Upcoming Events

November 8th – PTO General Assembly Meeting

November 11th – Roller Skating Party at Funway

November 14 – 17 – Book Fair

November 17th – Family Night at the Book Fair

Next PTO Meeting November 8th

Our next general meeting will be on Tuesday, November 8th in the Lincoln LRC. We will be provided with pizza from Papa John's starting at 6pm. The meeting will start at 6:30pm and end promptly at 8:30 pm. Main topics of discussion will include the upcoming book fair, roller skating night and after school enrichment.

CALLING ALL TALENTED LINCOLN PARENTS!!

As we plan after school enrichment this year, we would love to be able to utilize the resources of our parent community to provide more affordable and interesting classes for the students. If you have a talent that you would like to share as a class, please contact us at stclincolnpto@gmail.com

BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you would like to sign up for the book fair as a volunteer, please check out our sign up genius link for more information about the opportunities available. <http://www.signupoenius.com/go/10c0a44aba92ca2fc1-lincoln>



Friday, November 11th from 4:30 -6:30pm.

Join your Lincoln friends for a roller skating party at

Funway in Batavia

1335 S River St · (630) 879-8730!!

Cost is \$7/person. Children 3 and under are free. The cost of admission includes rink and skate rental.

Please [click here](#) to purchase admission on our Community Pass website. If you do not have a Community pass account, you will need to sign up for one.