



# *Lincoln Bulletin*

*November 11, 2016*

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

**Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-Up**  
[www.pickatime.com](http://www.pickatime.com)

**Friday, November 11**

**End of First Trimester**

**CANCELLED: PTO Skate Night at Funway**

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

**Book Fair in LRC**



**Thursday, November 17**

**Family Night at the Book Fair**  
**6:00 – 8:30 PM**

**Friday, November 18**

**Read-In/PJ Day at School**

**November 21 – 25**

**No School for Students**

**Monday, November 21**

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

**Tuesday, November 22**

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

**Wednesday, November 23**

**Report Cards open up on HAC**

**Wednesday, November 30**

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



## *From the Principal*

### **Self-directed Learners**

Resilience is a trait that has gained attention over these past few years as we start to understand the impact of a growth mindset. Students who are resilient are able to recover from set-backs or unexpected changes. While they may be upset or disappointed, they are able to continue moving forward with their work. When my own daughters have set-backs in life (and they've had their share!), my conversations with them are always about picking themselves up, dusting off, and putting one foot in front of the other. That's not always easy, but it's always worth it! If you'd like to hear more about the importance of resilience and how to help your child develop this trait, consider attending the Parent University on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> in the Board Room. The topic is "*Fostering Resiliency and Promoting Emotional Growth in Children*".

### **Election**

This week was a busy one here at Lincoln. The election certainly gave students something to talk about. As educators, our political opinions are left at the door. Our job is to help students understand how a democracy works and what the job of our government is. We have had some students talking about some very politically-charged topics this week, to the point where it has caused distress for other students. Many of these topics are far beyond the realm of understanding for 5-11 year olds. As parents, our most important job is to help reassure our children that they are safe and to promote a message of unity. If your children ask questions about what they see and hear, please be sure to answer in kid-friendly terms. It is also important to remind them that one freedom of our country is the ability to have your own opinion, but with that comes the responsibility of honoring the opinions of others respectfully.

### **Conferences**

The deadline for signing up for conferences is this coming Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Please take a minute to log in and choose a conference time for your child. Currently, we only have about 60% of our parents signed up. The home-school connection is so important in each student's success. We would love to have time with each and every family during conferences!

### **Introducing...our new nurse!**

*I'm Julie Follman, the nurse here on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. I have been a nurse for the past 10 years. My previous experience has been at an elementary school in D300 and at a pediatric practice in St. Charles. It is a great privilege to be a part of your child's healthcare team. I am looking forward to getting to know all of the students and families here at Lincoln!*

Please call or email if you have any questions or concerns.

Enjoy your weekend!

Chris 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 24<sup>th</sup>. **You will have until midnight on November 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Certificate of Appreciation**

Lincoln Elementary School received a Certificate of Appreciation from School Tool Box and Feed My Starving Children. Over 319 children will be fed for a year thanks to our school's involvement with School Tool Box and Feed My Starving Children! Thank you to all who purchased a tool box and those that helped in the distribution of those boxes.

### **Student Council News**

Student Council is hosting a food drive. All items donated will be given to the Northern Illinois Food Bank and will help families this holiday season. The drive will run from October 28- November 22. All non-perishable items are needed, but please no glass bottles. See flyer for most needed food items.

Thank you for your support!!

-Student Council



# Attention Parents!

Next week the PTO will be bringing the annual Book Fair back to Lincoln! If you have been looking for ways to become more involved at your son and/or daughter's school, this might be just the opportunity!

The Book Fair runs from Monday 11/14 – Thursday 11/17. We still

need help for a variety of shifts including daytime (M-Th) and evening hours during our Family Night on Thursday. Helping students select books is a very rewarding experience! Please consider signing up for one of the time slots. The time commitment per shift is only around 1.5 hours.

If you would prefer to sign up to read to your child's class, we are still looking for people to assist in the following classrooms:

AM Kindergarten

Mrs. Gershon

Mr. Miller

Mr. Underhill

Ms. Kelly

Mrs. Ours

If you have any questions or for more information, please contact:

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or Sarah Clark - [clark520@comcast.net](mailto:clark520@comcast.net)

# MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

## Grains

- Whole Grain Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Whole Grain Pastas
- Brown Rice

## Fruits and Vegetables

- Canned Fruit in Juice
- Low Sodium Canned Vegetables

## Staples

- Instant Breakfast Drink Mix (No Sugar Added)
- Low Sodium Pasta Sauces
- Low Sodium Soups
- Spices and Seasonings

## Proteins

- Dry, Whole Beans
- Lentils
- Canned Chicken (In Water)
- Canned Tuna (In Water)
- All Natural Peanut Butter

**No glass containers, please.**

All donations help feed hungry neighbors in northern Illinois. Learn more about how the Food Bank feeds our hungry neighbors at [www.SolveHungerToday.org](http://www.SolveHungerToday.org).

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