



# *Lincoln Bulletin*

*November 18, 2016*



<b>November 21 – 25</b>	<b>No School for Students</b>
<b>Monday, November 21</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday, November 22</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 23</b>	<b>Report Cards open up on HAC</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 30</b>	<b>Lincoln Reads Family Book Club 6:30 – 8:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 14</b>	<b>Holiday Band Concert (optional) 7:00 PM at Anderson Elementary</b>
<b>Friday, December 16</b>	<b>Holiday Sing/Classroom Parties</b>
<b>December 19 – January 2</b>	<b>Winter Break – No School for Students</b>
<b>Tuesday, January 3</b>	<b>School Resumes</b>

## *From the Principal*

### **Thanksgiving**

As we head into the holiday season, our Lincoln staff has so much to be thankful for. We are grateful for the wonderful children that we get to spend our time with and learn from. They make every day a joyful one! We appreciate all of our Lincoln families and the many ways that they support the staff and students. Our parent volunteers were quite busy this past week preparing, organizing and running the Book Fair in our LRC. Students and families enjoyed the opportunity to shop for books during the day and at our Family Night on Thursday. We are thankful for opportunities like this that can only happen with the time and energy that our parent volunteers give to our Lincoln community.

### **Conferences**

Thank you to all of the families that signed up for conferences next week. Teachers will be spending their weekends preparing for their conversations with parents. This is such a great time to come together and connect with the common purpose of supporting each student. We look forward to these two days! If you have some time and want to stop by to chat with me, please feel free to do that. If you want to ensure that I am available, you can call Mrs. Eageny and she can schedule a time for us to talk.

### **Self-Directed Learners**

Students who are *self-starting* tend to go above and beyond what adults might expect of them, not to be over-achievers, but because they find things to learn about and to do that are intriguing to them. They go beyond expectations because they have a desire to learn more about something or to improve their skills in an area. They seek out ways to become better at what they are doing. These past few weeks, I have had the opportunity to talk with many students about how they view themselves as learners. One of the things I asked them about was a time they might have chosen to learn something on their own, unprompted by a teacher or a parent. A majority of the students struggled to come up with an example. One even stated, "I would never do that." Those that did have an example got very excited to talk about the learning they pursued. Some of the topics or skills they talked about were soccer skills, learning about dinosaurs, getting better at multiplication, building things, and getting better at riding a BMX bike. Students talked about watching videos, looking up information on the internet, and checking out books from the library to learn more about their chosen topic. These are great skills that will surely come in handy as they make their way into adulthood!

We will continue to have conversations about what it means to be a self-starter, and hope to build a passion for learning in all of our students throughout the school year.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with your friends and families. If you are headed somewhere, safe travels. If you are staying in the area, enjoy the more relaxing pace and time with loved ones. We look forward to seeing our smiling student faces on November 28<sup>th</sup>!

*Mrs. Balaskovits*

## *From the Secretary*

### **Attendance/Late Arrival**

If your child will not be coming to school or you know they will be arriving late, please call the office by 9:00 am. The office is very busy in the morning, however, you can leave your information on the attendance line to verify your child's absence in the morning.

*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.

### **Student Council News**

Student Council is collecting toys to support the Tri-Cities Salvation Army. They are asking for unwrapped, new toys for all ages – babies to teenagers. Gift Cards and Monetary donations, made out to the Salvation Army, can also be used. The new unwrapped toys can be placed in the Salvation Army Toys for Kids Toy Box located in the office by Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### THE SALVATION ARMY WISH LIST:

Board games (i.e. Battleship, Monopoly, Candyland, Rummikub, Sorry, Mastermind)

Remote control cars/helicopters

Monster jam cars or Hot Wheels

Lego sets, Mega Blocks, Lincoln Logs

Art kits (i.e. jewelry making, paint sets, Crayola kits, weaving looms)

Bratz dolls/Monster High Dolls

Disney Play sets/Doc McStuffin Toys

Kitchen Play sets/American Girl Dolls

FROZEN Play sets, games, and clothing

STAR WARS play sets, games, and clothing

My Little Pony sets

Thomas the Train items/Dora the Explorer items

Barbie items/Hello Kitty items

Melissa and Doug Items/Peppa Pig Items

Books and Educational toys

Jewelry and Jewelry boxes

Radios, iPods, Vivo Fit, Videos

Wallets, Purses, Grooming Items (i.e. hairdryers, curling irons)

Gift Cards

Thank you for supporting the Salvation Army Tri-City Corps!

-Student Council

## Lincoln Reads Family Book Club

This is a Big Friendly reminder that the Lincoln Reads Family Book Club will meet soon. Our first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30th at 6:30.

We hope you and your family are having a fantabulous time reading Roald Dahl's BFG. If you aren't as far along as you would like, Thanksgiving Break is the perfect time to catch up on your reading. A read aloud makes long car rides fun!

