



Lincoln Bulletin

November 4, 2016

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

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

Tuesday, November 8

**PTO Meeting at Lincoln (with pizza at 6:00 PM)
6:30 – 8:30 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**

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



From the Principal

Special Activities at Lincoln

This week was quite a busy one at Lincoln! Along with Monday's festivities, first graders participated in a Bike Safety program sponsored by Northwestern Medicine. They will be receiving free bike helmets from the program later this year. Fifth grade also participated in a separate bike safety program Thursday morning. Thursday afternoon the first graders had an "in-house" field trip with the St. Charles Park District, learning about animal habitats and adaptations. This supported the learning that they have been doing in class.

End of 1st trimester

Next Friday, November 11th is the end of our first trimester. I encourage parents to take some time to reflect with their children about the learning that has happened over these past few months. Framing your conversation using the questions about the 3 C's to guide you is a great way to help students see the connection between home and school.

1. Ask your child shown how he or she has shown care for learning. What areas of learning have shown growth? What areas will be a focus for next trimester?
2. What progress will your child commit to? What will that look like? (Try to break these goals down into smaller accomplishments if possible.)
3. In what ways has your child carried out common courtesies and respect? What are some specific examples that he or she can provide? What is one goal to focus on for second trimester?

Introducing...our new first grade teaching assistant...

Hi. My name is Maureen Karis, and this is my first year as a Teacher's Aide at Lincoln Elementary. I previously was a Teacher's Aide for a special education preschool. I have definitely found my calling. I have never had a career before that has fulfilled me as much as working with children. I grew up in Chicago, have lived in South Elgin for 17 years, have been married for 20 years and have 3 kids. I love chocolate, pizza, and all Chicago teams. Thanks to all the Lincoln staff for being so friendly, welcoming, and helpful.

2M Science Celebration

Our Science Lab classroom has been busy helping 2nd grade scientists establish the necessary mindsets needed to persevere through challenging engineering design tasks. This early work paired Growth Mindset with STEM challenges to help students learn sufficient collaborative skills and helped teachers construct a sound flow for instruction through the engineering design process. Evidence from observation and student work showed partnerships to be more effective

than triads in tackling these challenges. As a result of this early work with STEM challenges, students have learned to anticipate struggle, just as they do in math, and are prepared to think critically and creatively using provided materials to seek answers to questions, design, build, test solutions, and reflect on the effectiveness of their design. Most recently, we updated the 2nd grade weather unit to reflect a STEM approach, designing a new path through the unit and leading to a deeper application of unit concepts by helping the PLTW characters solve a design problem related to the unit content.

As quoted from a 2nd grade student, after being presented with our 3rd design problem of the trimester: “There is always, ALWAYS, a way!”

Enjoy your weekend!

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.

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



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.signupegenius.com/oo/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.

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.

630.443.6910 ext. 190

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