



Lincoln Bulletin

December 16, 2016



December 19 – January 2

Winter Break – No School for Students



Tuesday, January 3

School Resumes

Monday, January 9

**Board of Education Meeting
7:00 PM at Thompson Middle School**

Thursday, January 12

Beginner Orchestra Concert

6:00 PM at Norris Center



Monday, January 16

**Martin Luther King Holiday
School Closed**

Thursday, January 19

**PTO Meeting
6:30 PM**

Friday, January 20

**Teacher Institute Day
No School for Students**

From the Principal

Happy Holidays!!

As we head into our Winter Break, I would like to wish every Lincoln family a wonderful holiday season. It is so hard to believe that it will be 2017 when we return! As a parent, there was nothing like Winter Break when my girls were in elementary school. We enjoyed sleeping in, staying in our pajamas and playing in the snow, amongst other things. There were times, though, when we all got a little stir-crazy if the weather was too cold to go out. It looks like we may be in the same situation this break, too. Here are some ideas for some fun family time this break:

- **Games** – Whether traditional board game or a card game, games are a great way to connect as a family. Most games also support the development of number sense and logic, so this is a great way to keep kids' brains active over break.
- **Read-alouds** – No matter how old your children are, there are always classic story books that everyone enjoys hearing. If your children are older, try pulling out some of their favorites from when they were little just for fun. Or take a trip to the book store to check out the newest picture books – there are so many amazing ones out there!
- **Baking** – most kids love to bake. Not only is it fun, but it helps children practice real-life math skills. They also love being able to see a project complete from beginning to end (make sure you have them help with clean-up!). If your house is like mine, there are typically a lot of goodies around already. Have your kids bake some treats to share with others if that's the case. Local shelters would probably love getting some homemade treats to share with their residents. This is a great way to give your child something productive to do while helping others.
- **Puzzles** – My family loves to start a jigsaw puzzle on the first day of break and continue to work on it throughout our time off. This is a great way to practice perseverance. I have learned over time that my girls are much more patient than I am when it comes to puzzles! Another benefit of puzzles is that when you work together, kids tend to chat a little more and open up because they are distracted by the puzzle. It can be a great bonding experience.
- **Family read-in** – hot cocoa, PJs, a fuzzy blanket, the fireplace and a good book – need I say more?!

Have a holiday season filled with adventure, relaxation, and plenty of quality family time!

Mrs. Balaskovits

From the Secretary

RECESS: Indoors or Outdoors??

Please have your child come to school with the appropriate outside gear for outdoor recess *every day*. The decision to have recess indoors or outdoors is usually decided at 11:30 am each day. Children will go outside each day that the wind chill is above 0 degrees.

2017-2018 CUSD 303 Community Preschool Program Lottery

General Information

For the 2017-2018 school year, District 303 will offer a five-day-a-week, ½ day, morning or afternoon preschool program. You will have the option to choose from the following locations: Fox Ridge, Ferson Creek or Norton Creek School.

The program will be open to 3-5 year old children who reside within the D303 school boundaries and who are 3 years old by September 1, 2017. Children who are 5 years old by September 1, 2017 will not be eligible for enrollment.

The tuition cost for the program is \$285 per month. A \$100 annual non-refundable registration and materials fee will also be required.*

*Tuition and registration and materials fee pending board approval

Tours

Come see our classrooms in action! Observational tours will be offered to all D303 community parents prior to registration.

Norton Creek tour: Monday, January 9, 2017 from 930-1030 AM
(2033 Smith Road, West Chicago)

Fox Ridge tour: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 from 1-2 PM
(1905 Tyler Road, St. Charles)

Ferson Creek tour: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 from 930-1030 AM
(38W160 Bolcum Road, St. Charles)

Enrollment Procedure

Since space is limited, an enrollment lottery for new preschool students will be held. The enrollment lottery will be offered online on the district website (www.D303.org) from Friday, January 13, 2017 through Monday, January 23, 2017.

Names will be drawn on Tuesday, January 24 and parents will be notified by email that day if their child was randomly selected. Registrants not chosen will be placed on a waiting list and will be notified when a space becomes available.