



# *Lincoln Bulletin*

*December 2, 2016*

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| <b>Through Friday, December 9</b> | <b>Student Council &amp; Salvation Army<br/>Toys for Kids Toy box in Office</b>      |
| <b>December 5 – 14</b>            | <b>Parent Satisfaction Survey online</b>   |
| <b>Thursday, December 8</b>       | <b>Student Council ringing the Salvation Army Bell<br/>6:00 – 7:00 PM Blue Goose</b> |
| <b>Monday, December 12</b>        | <b>Board of Education Meeting<br/>Administration Building</b>                        |
| <b>Wednesday, December 14</b>     | <b>Holiday Band Concert (optional)<br/>7:00 PM at Anderson Elementary</b>            |
| <b>Friday, December 16</b>        | <b>Holiday Sing/Classroom Parties<br/>1:30 – 2:45 PM</b>                             |
| <b>December 19 – January 2</b>    | <b>Winter Break – No School for Students</b>   |



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| <b>Tuesday, January 3</b>   | <b>School Resumes</b>  |
| <b>Thursday, January 12</b> | <b>Beginner Orchestra Concert<br/>6:00 PM at Norris Center</b> |

## *From the Principal*

### **D303 Parent Survey Opens on December 5**

The 2016 St. Charles Community Unit School District 303 Parent Satisfaction Survey will take place from December 5 through December 14. Parents of all District 303 students are strongly encouraged to participate. Starting December 5, just click on the appropriate link below to take the survey

[Take the Elementary School Survey!](#)

[Take the Middle School Survey!](#)

[Take the High School Survey!](#)

This anonymous survey takes 10-15 minutes to complete and will be available at [www.d303.org](http://www.d303.org) by selecting "Take the Elementary, Middle, or High School Survey!" beginning on Monday, December 5. Parents can complete one survey for each of their children who attend a District 303 school. The survey is available in English and Spanish.

### **Introducing...Linda Nauertz**

"This is a great school!", says Linda Nauertz (pronounced Norts), a new staff member at Lincoln Elementary. In September, I began working in Mr. Underhill's classroom as a teaching assistant every morning. I am learning math and writing with the 4th graders! I am also a lunchroom supervisor. Prior to moving to Lincoln, I was a teaching assistant at Fox Ridge for 17 years. I have a special place in my heart for elementary students. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, crafting, making jewelry, and spending time with my family - especially my 10-month-old grandson. I am grateful to be a part of the Lincoln community. Thank you for welcoming me to your school.

### **Third and Fifth Grade Families:**

Performance Series and CogAt results are a component of the AT identification process. This assessment information is also reviewed by teachers to provide an additional insight into student learning. We recognize the interest you take in your child's performance on these measures and will be providing them to you in one mailing. Please look for your child's Performance Series and CogAt assessment results the week of January 2, 2017. Information on further assessments for AT identification will be mailed home the week of January 23, 2017. Please contact me with any specific questions you may have.

### **Self-Directed Learners**

Resourceful learners use many types of support systems when they are working. They know that when they get stuck, they have options to figure out how to move forward in their learning. While sometimes they look to the teacher for support, most often resourceful learners use the resources surrounding them to work through their learning. In the classroom, these resources come in many forms. There are anchor charts, Quickword books, mentor texts and examples of similar concepts. Teachers intentionally set up the classroom environment so that students have many resources to work from before they feel the need to ask for help. At home, consider having your child set up some resources with the tools they know will help them as they do their homework or complete chores. What are the things that might help them problem solve and work through different situations?

*Enjoy your weekend!*

*Mrs. Balaskovits*

## *From the Secretary*

Please remember to keep our Handicap Parking spot available for our families that need it. It is tempting to use it for a quick drop-off, but it is illegal to be parked there. The police have been issuing tickets around our school for various reasons, so please follow the rules of the road.

### **Student Council News**

***Celebration:*** Student Council is pleased to report that over 200 pounds of food was collected for the Northern Illinois Food Bank! Thank you to everyone who donated!

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



**Art Request:**

Hello Families,

Our Construction Center in the Art Studio is in need of a few items that you might have at home:

Here is a list of ideas:

- Cardboard
- Buttons
- Corks
- Spools
- Wood scraps
- Paper towel, toilet paper tubes
- Bottle caps (plastic)
- Beads

Thank you for your help!

Mrs. Joyce Simkus

# PTO NEWS

## **THANK YOU!!!**

The PTO would like to thank Mylane Bryant, Sarah Clark, and all of our Book Fair volunteers for organizing and assisting with the Book Fair and teacher breakfast last week! The event was a great success and wouldn't have been possible without the help of these individuals. Many thanks!

## **After-school Enrichment Vendors still needed**

We are looking for vendors to teach/facilitate our after-school enrichment programs in January/February. If you have a skill, fun activity or hobby that you would like to share with the students of Lincoln, please email Eric Achtien ([eachtien@gmail.com](mailto:eachtien@gmail.com)).

In addition if you know a business, or work at a business that would like to be a part of the program, please pass the word along and have them contact Lisa ([lisa@modusmg.com](mailto:lisa@modusmg.com)) or Eric ([eachtien@gmail.com](mailto:eachtien@gmail.com)).

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Lincoln PTO will be organizing a Lincoln School Night Out at the Chicago Wolves game. February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. They have a lot of fun things scheduled for that night including:

- A postgame concert by Julianna Zobrist
- Adopt-A-Dog Night
- Every ticket bought with our rate (\$14 for balcony behind the goals) will receive a Chicago Wolves hat!!

Look for details to come home soon!!