



Lincoln Bulletin

September 16, 2016

Important Dates

Friday, September 16	Color Portraits Orders due
	Kick-a-Thon St. Charles North High School
Thursday, September 22	PTO Meeting 6:30 PM at Lincoln
Monday, September 26	Color Portraits – Re-Takes Student Photographs and Classroom Pictures taken
Tuesday, September 27	Beginner Orchestra Rehearsals Begin 7:30-8:30 AM Lincoln Gym
Wednesday, September 28	Advanced Orchestra Rehearsals Begin 7:30-8:30 AM Lincoln Gym
Thursday, September 29	Band Rehearsals Begin 7:30-8:30 AM Lincoln Gym
Friday, September 30	STCE Homecoming Parade (Grades 3-5 only) 12:45-2:00 PM
Tuesday, October 4	Walk to School Day
Wednesday, October 5	Run-A-Thon
Friday, October 7	School Improvement Day NO CLASS FOR STUDENTS
Monday, October 10	Columbus Day Holiday NO SCHOOL

From the Principal

We have officially made it through our first full week of the year! It was nice to have students here for five days this week. Routines are starting to flow and a lot of new learning is happening!

Homework for family vacations

At our curriculum nights, we talked about supporting our students as 21st Century Learners. So much of the learning that happens in our classrooms involves collaboration and learning from the feedback of other students. Teachers also use observations of students and their feedback to plan for next steps in instruction. This makes assigning homework for students before a vacation difficult, as most teachers reflect and adjust on a daily basis. If you have arranged for an absence for your child, please support their continued learning by encouraging them to read, write about their experiences, and have conversations about all that they see and do. Once they return, our staff will support them in the best way possible to get “caught up” on the learning they missed.

Introducing...Our new 5th grade teacher

Hi. My name is Adrienne Kelly. I am the new 5th grade teacher. I have been in District 303 for 18 years, and this is my first year at Lincoln and first year in 5th grade. I am very excited to be here and have felt very welcomed by the staff, students, and parents.

I live in Batavia with my daughter, son, husband, and two dogs. My hobbies are reading, walking, and trying to stay ahead of the game. I am busy working on my Masters to receive my certificate in reading, and cannot wait to bring my learning back into the classroom to share with my students.

I believe one great advantage we can provide our children is an open line of communication between school and home. Letting them know we are on the same page and are here to support them can do wonders for their self-esteem, perseverance, behavior, and all round character. Thank you for all the “hellos” from friendly faces. I look forward to a great year at Lincoln.

Self-Directed Learners

Last week, I introduced the trait of “Independent first, Interdependent Second”. This week’s self-directed trait is “**Confident**”. Confident learners become that way by learning to rely on themselves to problem-solve. When they find success solving problems on their own, they see themselves as learners. They view themselves as able to solve problems and grow as a person. One way to support this mindset at home is to watch your child in action. If they are tackling something that is challenging for them, point out some of the things within that challenge that they’re able to do on their own successfully. For example, if they’re working on reading a challenging book, listen to them read. When they’re done, point out the strategies that they were able to use on their own as they read. Focusing on the skills they have mastered will build the confidence they need to attempt new challenges.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Mrs. Balaskovits, Principal

New Student Welcoming Lunch

On either Tuesday, September 20 or Wednesday, September 21 new students will be enjoying a pizza lunch during their regular lunch period to welcome them to Lincoln Elementary. Invitations will go out by Friday September 16. Many thanks to the PTO for sponsoring this event! Please contact Kristin Gehrig with any questions [331-228-3394](tel:331-228-3394).

From the Nurse

As we are approaching cold and flu season please make sure that you let the school know what symptoms your child is experiencing when calling your child out for the day; i.e. fever over 100, sore throat and/or cough, etc. Please remember that your child should be fever free (without meds) for 24 hours before returning to school.



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.

Pre-Arranged Absence Forms

*Absences (other than sick days or doctor appointments) during the school year are considered **UNEXCUSED** unless a pre-arranged absence form is completed. This form allows students to make-up homework missed during the absence when they return.. Forms must be received at least two school days prior to the absence. Prearranged (Excused) absences shall be limited to five per year.*

Prearranged absence forms are available in the main lobby in the magazine rack and on the Lincoln School website. Thank you for your cooperation

From the Secretary

- **Please note:** It is assumed all eligible bus riders will be riding the bus home UNLESS we are notified in writing. *Many times children can get confused with dismissal plans and unless we have it in writing the children are to go home their usual way.* Please refrain from last minute changes (except in emergencies). The office can be extremely busy, and voicemail messages left may not be heard before dismissal.
- Students received their lunch cards at school. Parents will use PushCoin to make payments to lunch accounts. Please visit www.PushCoin.com to set-up a lunch account for your child. You will need your child's student ID number to add your child to your PushCoin account.
- All money sent to school must be put into an envelope, and clearly marked with your student's name, classroom, and purpose (i.e. Emily Smith, 2K, lunch money).
- Aramark Lunch Menus will be on the Lincoln School website. There are also some copies of the menu in the magazine rack in the main lobby.
- *If you still need school supplies,* I have one School Toolbox for each Grade K,1, 2 and 5 and 2 Toolboxes for Grade 3. Please call the office if you would like to purchase one by Monday, September 19.
- If you plan on volunteering in the school (i.e. Copy Cats, classroom parties, AVIC, etc.) you must complete a Volunteer Information and Waiver of Liability form. If you would like a copy sent home with your child, please call the office.

Art Volunteers In the Classroom

AVIC needs you!!!

We are short volunteers for a few of our classrooms.

If no one volunteers for your child's class, then your child will be missing out on these fun and educational experiences!!!!

We particularly need volunteers for **PM Kindergarten, 1st grade Boone, 2nd grade Klotz, 3rd grade Miller and 5th grade Kelly.**

You do not need to be an artist to help teach the children about art! For each print, there is a resource packet full of information and ideas for presentations and projects.

We will have an informational meeting in September and begin presentations in October.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about AVIC, please contact:

Jaime Andersen

8478090199/jaimeandersen76@sbcglobal.net

PTO NEWS

Committee Chairs Needed

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for the upcoming events for this school year! I was great to see so many new and familiar faces at the welcome back events. Below are the committees still in need of chairs. Grab a friend and sign up!

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- St. Baldrick's Foundation Fundraiser
- Fuel up to Play 60

Upcoming Events

September 16th – Run-a-thon Kickoff

September 22nd – General PTO Meeting

Join us in the library at 6:30 for our first PTO meeting of the year. Here about the fun events we have planned, how you can help and meet fellow parents. Childcare will be available if needed. Please RSVP for childcare to Lisa at lisa@modusmg.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES INTRODUCTION

Every year our PTO is able to accomplish many great things - things that wouldn't be possible without the time, talent, energy, and dedication of hard working individuals like you! In order to provide quality experiences for our children, families, and staff, most of our committees solely rely on the efforts and leadership of our amazing parent volunteers. In the words of Helen Keller, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much!"

As in years past, we are fortunate to have so many parents already committed to helping out in some capacity. On behalf of our PTO, we'd like to issue a huge thank you to everyone who is signed up to assist with one of our committees! This can be a hard decision to make. I remember what I felt like when my oldest child started kindergarten. I wanted to help with everything, but was afraid to sign up for anything! Two of the main questions I had were, would I be able to make the time commitment? And, how do I know what's expected of me?

If you are interested in learning more about our PTO and/or looking for ways to become involved at your child's school, please consider joining me for a brief information session before our upcoming PTO Board Meeting on September 22, at 6 pm in the Lincoln LRC. You will have a chance to find the committee that is right for you by asking questions and possibly even meeting with some of our 2016-17 committee chairs. We currently have volunteer opportunities available in all shapes and sizes; I promise, there's something for everyone, and I would love to help you find the right fit!

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like more information about volunteering, please reach out via email to larakristofer@yahoo.com.

October 5th – Run-a-thon

Signing up for Directory Spot

This year, our school directory will be housed on Directory Spot. This is an app that will allow you to have the information from the directory at your fingertips. No more searching for the little book! To receive access to the app, you will need to follow these steps:

1. Fill out the information form with as little or as much info as you want to share on [this form](#).
2. Once you fill out the form, you will receive an email from DirectorySpot to set your password.



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31st Annual St. Charles Scarecrow Fest Oct 7-9, 2016

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Scarecrow Contest Entry Form - FREE to enter!

Be a part of the "heart and soul" of the annual Scarecrow Fest...the Scarecrow Contest! With 100,000+ attendees, this nationally recognized, award-winning festival is **ALL about the Scarecrows!**

NEW! Pickup Procedures!

Entries received by September 15th will receive a pair of limited edition Scarecrow Fest puppets!

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE! Prize Money Donated By



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Mechanical Category

1st Place \$550 2nd Place \$400 3rd Place \$300

Mega Scarecrows Category

1st Place \$450 2nd Place \$300 3rd Place \$200

Clubs, Not-for-profit, Individual's Category

1st \$300 2nd \$225 3rd \$175 4th 125 5th \$100 6th 75 7th \$75

Family Category – ages 12 and under

1st \$200 2nd \$150 3rd \$100

Greater St. Charles Business Category

1st Place Free ½ page ad in Kane County Chronicle

2nd Place Free ¼ page ad in Kane County Chronicle

Lincoln Park Categories

1. Mechanical – limit 9 entries – Open to All*
2. MEGA Scarecrows – limit 12 entries - Open to All*
3. Clubs, Not-for-profits, Individuals – Open to All*
4. Family Category - entries to be created by children 12 and under with limited 13+ assistance*

James Martin Lot Business Category

Cedar & Third Streets

5. Greater St. Charles Business Category – Limit 50 entries – 6 x 6 spaces - Entries accepted ONLY from businesses located within the Greater St. Charles service area: City of St. Charles, Villages of Campton Hills & Elburn, Townships of Campton & St. Charles. All business scarecrows must be "free standing" as they will be displayed on black top – NOT staked into GRASS/GROUND!

*Categories 1-5 are open to all 2016 sponsors and vendors. Categories 1,2,5 are open to businesses in the Greater St. Charles CVB service area (St. Charles, Campton Hills, Elburn, St. Charles & Campton Townships). With the exception of entries from businesses OUTSIDE the Greater St. Charles service area, categories 1-4 are open to anyone from anywhere!

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

Business/Organization/Individual Name: _____ If a business, are you a sponsor? _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ (to send receipt notification & check-in information)

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

ENTRY SIZES: Mechanical and Mega Categories will receive an 8'x 8' space. All other categories – NO EXCEPTIONS – will receive a 4' WIDE X 6' DEEP SPACE.

IMPORTANT: For voting purposes & accuracy, please provide a name for your entry on this application or email it by Sept 30, 2016!

Category: _____ Name of scarecrow: _____

By signing this entry form, I hereby agree to the contest rules as listed on the back of this application. I release/hold harmless the Greater St. Charles CVB, its employees, officers & agents from any & all claims for loss, damage or injury incurred by Scarecrow Contest participation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ST. CHARLES BASKETBALL



REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 10TH BOYS - GIRLS BITTY AND IN-HOUSE PROGRAMS

Open registration runs through September 10th for ALL Bitty and In-House Programs. After September 10th, a \$25 late fee will apply.

STORM recently transitioned to a new website and registration system, Sports Illustrated Play. All families are required to set up a new account in Sports Illustrated play prior to registering players.

Visit our new website at www.stcstorm.com for detailed information on our programs, to create a new account and to register. On-line registration required.



WE NEED COACHES!

Interested in coaching in our program? Our coaches are passionate about the game of basketball, provide instruction and mentor their players.

**PLAYER AND COACH
REGISTRATION**

Greetings from our National Executive Director

Since our beginnings in 1959 in Waterbury, Connecticut, the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League has grown to become a recognized youth organization in over 300 communities across the country and in Japan. In 1965 the Young Marines were chartered by the Marine Corps League as a subsidiary, and so began the Young Marines as we know them today. Shortly thereafter, girls were included and our non-profit, 501(c)3 status was provided.



Drug Demand Reduction and Education is a focal point of Young Marines. In 2015 we continued that with our "Closing the Gate on Drugs" materials for training and education wherein the Young Marines teach each other and their peers about that importance. Our close relationship with the Drug Enforcement Administration helps in achieving that goal. Further, our work with and for American's veterans is unsurpassed by any other youth organization. Our goal is to preserve the legacy of our veterans through education and patriotic volunteerism. Structure and discipline are our foundation but our focus is preparing today's youth for the challenges of being tomorrow's leaders.

Semper Fidelis,

Col Bill Davis USMC (Ret)
National Executive Director/CEO

Vision

To earn and preserve a reputation as a leader in youth development and drug demand reduction.

supporters

Official Celebrity Spokesperson R. Lee Ermy

The Young Marines are honored to have actor R. Lee Ermy as its official celebrity spokesperson. Mr. Ermy garnered world-wide acclaim for his portrayal of Drill Instructor Gunnery Sergeant Hartman in Stanley Kubrik's film Full Metal Jacket (1987)



In 2014, the Young Marines formed a partnership with Madison Rising, America's most patriotic rock band. Both the Young Marines and Madison Rising are committed to honoring America's veterans.

Partners & Affiliates

We are proud of our affiliation with the following organizations:



Marine Corps League
Marine Corps Association & Foundation
Drug Enforcement Administration
American Legion, Child Welfare Foundation
American Veterans Association
Combined Federal Campaign
Navy Sea Cadets



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Mission

The mission of the Young Marines is to positively impact America's future by providing quality youth development programs for boys and girls that nurtures and develops its members into responsible citizens who enjoy and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

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