



# *Lincoln Bulletin*

*September 30, 2016*

**Wednesday, October 5**

**Walk to School Day**



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**Run-A-Thon**



**Friday, October 7**

**School Improvement Day  
NO CLASS FOR STUDENTS**

**Monday, October 10**

**Columbus Day Holiday  
NO SCHOOL**



**Columbus Day**

## *From the Principal*

### **Walk to school/Run-a-thon**

Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> is our county-wide “Walk to School” day. PTO will have a banner for students to sign as they arrive that morning. We will also be holding our annual Run-A-Thon fundraiser that day. Your child will be coming home with their grade-level t-shirt either Monday or Tuesday next week. Please have them wear their shirt on that day. Thank you to the PTO for their generosity in purchasing shirts for all of the students! Please remember to have your child turn in his or her pledge envelope next week.

### **Family Book Club**

Earlier this week you should have received information about our “Lincoln Reads Family Book Club”. Please be sure to return the RSVP form if your family is interested in participating.

### **Arrival and Dismissal**

I wanted to include a few reminders about dropping off and picking up students in our bulletin this week. We have had quite a few cars drive past buses that are unloading before and after school. It is illegal to pass a bus that has its Stop sign out. St. Charles Police has been notified that this is an issue and will be present whenever possible. It is also illegal to park in a handicap spot without a permit. We have several families that need this spot throughout the day, so please be considerate and leave the space open if you do not have a permit.

### **Introducing...Our new Music teacher**

*Hello Lincoln families! My name is Mrs. Hammons and I am excited to be teaching music to the afternoon kindergarteners and 5th grade students at Lincoln this year! I am enjoying teaching some familiar 5th grade faces, who I had as kindergartners for music at Munhall where I also teach general music. This is my 14th year teaching music and my 7th year teaching in District 303. I hold a Bachelor of Music degree in education from Millikin Univeristy and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from North Park University. My husband and I have a 5 year old son and a 2 year old daughter and are now proud Saint Charles residents, having built our home here nearly a year ago. I love to sing, to go on outings and vacations with my family, and have recently begun running, completing my first duathlon this past summer!*

## Self-Directed Learners

Our 4<sup>th</sup> self-directed learner trait is “engaged”. When students are engaged, they are doing the work not for the teacher or someone else, but for themselves. They can work for extended periods of time because what they are doing maintains their interest and is purposeful to them. Teachers continuously monitor student engagement and adjust to make the work students do meaningful for them. Engaged learners know that sometimes the work is hard, but they stick with it because they know that is part of the learning process. Engaging work occupies students’ time, energy, and minds. You can support this trait at home by pointing out the times you notice your child engrossed in a learning experience – whether it is school-related or not. Tell them what you’ve observed as they work so that they have a clear picture of what learning looks like when they are engaged. With this ongoing feedback, students will understand what it looks like to be an engaged learner and will be able to transfer it to other learning experiences.

*Enjoy your weekend!*

*Mrs. Balaskovits*

## *From the Secretary*

- **Please note:** The office hours are from 7:30 am – 4:00 pm. *Please do not ring the bell any time beyond those hours.* If you are picking your child up from an event, either the door will be open or the event coordinator will bring your child back out to you as soon as it is finished. Thank you!
- 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](http://www.PushCoin.com) to set-up a lunch account for your child.
- 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 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.

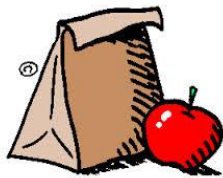
## *From the Nurse*

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.

Also, please dress your child appropriately for the changing weather.

## *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.***



## *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

## Walk to School Day



October 5<sup>th</sup> is Walk/Ride to School Day! This is also the day of the Run-a-thon! Come to school on your bike and walking. Join us on the South Lawn for some music, a visit from the Lincoln Leopard and to sign our poster!

## Run-a-thon

A big thank you to Jay Mkrtshjan and his volunteers! The kids are gearing up for a fun day of fitness and raising money for Lincoln School! Don't forget to turn in your pledges!

## 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.
3. Download the app from the [Google Play Store](#) or the [App Store](#)
4. Enter your email and password as your log in.
5. Done!

Please email us at [stclincolnoto@gmail.com](mailto:stclincolnoto@gmail.com) if you have any questions or issues. Access won't be instant, but we will get your account set up as soon as possible.

If you already filled out the information form at the end of last school year or sent it in with your registration forms, you are already entered. You will be receiving a Directory Spot email shortly. If any of your information is inaccurate, please let us know.

If you have filled out directory information and do NOT wish to use the app, please email us to request a paper copy sent home.



www.scarecrowfest.com

**31<sup>st</sup> Annual St. Charles Scarecrow Fest Oct 7-9, 2016**  
Proudly produced by the Greater St. Charles Convention & Visitors Bureau  
[www.scarecrowfest.com](http://www.scarecrowfest.com)

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 125 5<sup>th</sup> \$100 6<sup>th</sup> 75 7<sup>th</sup> \$75

**Family Category – ages 12 and under**

1<sup>st</sup> \$200 2<sup>nd</sup> \$150 3<sup>rd</sup> \$100

**Greater St. Charles Business Category**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Free ¼ page ad in Kane County Chronicle

2<sup>nd</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_