

## *Lincoln Bulletin*

The Lincoln School office hours are 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM daily. The office phone number is 331-228-2500. Messages can be left on voicemail 24 hours a day. The school day begins at 8:40 AM and ends at 3:00 PM for grades 1-5 Lincoln students. For AM Kindergarten the school day begins at 8:40 AM and ends at 11:15 AM. For PM Kindergarten the school day begins at 12:25 PM for and ends at 3:00 PM.

### *September 9, 2016* *Important Dates*

**Monday, September 12**

**Board of Education Meeting**  
**6:00 PM** at Corron Elementary  
*Please note time change*

**Friday, September 16**

**Color Portraits**  
Orders due

**Kick-a-Thon**  
6:00 PM at St. Charles North High School

If you would like to donate to our Lincoln Kick-A-Thon fund, please click on the link and select "Christine Balaskovits" <http://kick-a-thon.org/donate/>



**Thursday, September 22**

**PTO Meeting**  
6:30 PM at Lincoln

**Monday, September 26**

**Color Portraits – Re-Takes**  
Student Photographs and Classroom Pictures taken

**Friday, September 30**

**STCE Homecoming Parade (Grades 3-5 only)**  
12:45-2:00 PM

## *From the Principal*

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend our Curriculum Nights this week. I know how busy life can get, and we appreciate you making the time to be here and learn about your child's work for this year.

### **Number Talks**

At the presentations this week, I talked about the many learning structures that are happening in kindergarten through fifth grade classrooms. Number Talks are something that happen in each classroom multiple times a week. They look a little different at each grade level, but the intent is the same – to help build number sense for students, looking at relationships between numbers and operations, helping students develop the ability to “talk math” with each other, and to build a foundational understanding of numbers that supports later math work. The document attached to the bulletin provides some background information about the use of number talks. You can also Google “number talks” and find a wealth of information!

### **Introducing...Lincoln Elementary School Psychologist**

Hi! My name is Kati Smith, and I'm the School Psychologist here at Lincoln Elementary. This is my 9th year in the district but my first year at Lincoln. I currently support Munhall Elementary as well. As a School Psychologist, I provide academic and social emotional evaluation and intervention. I am a member of the school's problem solving team and support the process of Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), Section 504 Plans, and Individualized Education Program (IEP) evaluations. I am in the building on Tuesdays/Wednesdays and every other Monday. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at [331-228-5954](tel:331-228-5954) or [katherine.tumaneng-smith@d303.org](mailto:katherine.tumaneng-smith@d303.org). I'm looking forward to a great year!

### **Self-Directed Learners**

During our September 2<sup>nd</sup> Institute work, much of our morning was spent learning about our goals for the year, with a specific focus on self-directed learners and what they look like in the classroom. Over the next few months, I will share a definition of one of the ten traits of a self-directed learner. Our first trait is ***“Independent first and interdependent second”***. *Learners with this trait try to problem solve independently before asking for the help of others. They rely on themselves to complete tasks, using strategies that they have learned and taking learning risks without fear of making mistakes.* Many elementary students are in a habit of asking others to solve a problem for them (“can you tell me how to spell...?” “will you open this for me...?” “I'm stuck on this problem.”). Our job as adults is to help them build the skills and strategies they need to become independent learners. Think of ways at home that you can support your child in building these skills from day to day.

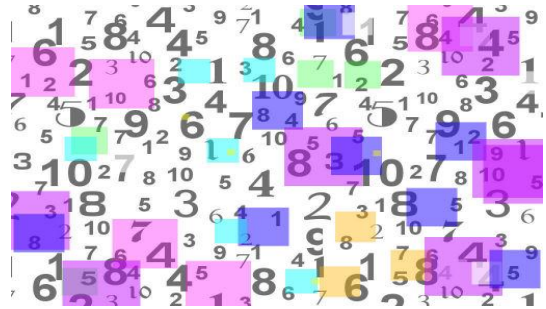
As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Mrs. Balaskovits, Principal

# Understanding Number Talks: A Guide for Parents

## What are Number Talks?

A Number Talk is a 10 to 15 minute whole group mental math activity where students find the answer to a math problem in their heads, then share aloud the strategies they used to find that answer. This strategy encourages students to explain their thinking, justify their reasoning, and make sense of each other's strategies.



Number Talks help students move from a reliance on memorization to truly understanding numbers and their relationships to each other. They provide students the opportunity to practice explaining their thinking and asking each other questions in order to develop a stronger mathematical self-confidence in students, since mistakes are treated as learning opportunities, and everyone's opinion contributes to group knowledge.

A Number Talk can be used to address gaps in student skills or understanding, to confront anticipated misconceptions, to surface multiple strategies, and/or as a way to introduce new concepts. Number Talks also build flexibility, accuracy and efficiency with numbers for all students. Teachers will be using different methods to assess how number talks are helping students to grow their number sense throughout the school year.

## Why are we using Number Talks as an instructional strategy?

This instructional strategy allows for all students to access mathematical problems at different entry points. It engages students in a predictable structure with clear guidelines for participation that make the environment safe and encouraging for all to participate. Scaffolds are built in for students to stretch their reasoning and articulation about their thinking.

“Students need to know that no matter the problem, people won't all see or solve it in the same way. And we want them to learn that when they listen to and build on one another's ideas, and look for relationships among our diverse ways of seeing, everyone learns more deeply and understands more clearly.” (Humphreys and Parker) If they have come to believe that there is one right way to solve a problem, they can be reluctant to try something new. Participation in conversations where genuine student contributions and interactions are integral has been shown to be important for all learners, especially English Language Learners.

### Goals & Benefits of Number Talks

- Builds Number Sense
- Increased need to have students discuss and verbally share math thinking and reasoning.
- Math Practice Standards
- Embrace multiple ways to solve problems
- Real-Life Application
- Strengthen mathematical/numerical relationships

### **How can you support your student's math understanding?**

- After solving a problem, ask, "How do you know that makes sense?"
- Ask if there are other strategies they could use to solve a problem
- Do a number talk together as a family to learn from each others' strategies
- Have your child lead you through a number talk in which they have already participated
- Ask your child to share some of the strategies he and his classmates are discovering



### **For More Information**

If you have any questions, you are welcome contact your child's classroom teacher, our ISC (Mrs. Amanda Wojcik), or Mrs. Balaskovits.

### ***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. 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*

- 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. 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.
- It is assumed all eligible bus riders will be riding the bus home UNLESS we are notified in writing. 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.
- *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.
- 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.



### *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.



# Nurturing Father/Daughter Bonds

Check out the YMCA's Adventure Princess program!



"My dad and I like the campouts the most because, well, we are actually in cabins, we can do all kinds of outdoor stuff together and we ride the horses and go canoeing."

**Maddie (age 8)**

"The part I like most about the program is that I block specific times to just be with my daughter. Life can be so busy, but my daughter looks so forward to doing these events with me..." **Eric (age 40...ish)**



**Join us for a fun day of food, swimming and games at our FREE "Get To Know Us" picnic on Sunday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Picnic Details:**

- 4-7pm at Taylor Family YMCA in Elgin
- Y facilities (including pool) will be open
- Food and drinks will be provided
- Cost: FREE!
- Whole family welcome!
- Learn about the exciting opportunities for more father/daughter bonding time!

**Program Overview:** The goal of this awesome program is simple: to provide fun and exciting opportunities for fathers to spend quality time with their daughters on a regular basis. Featured activities include fun-filled campouts (in cabins), pine derby car races, swimming, archery, bowling, canoeing, field trips, and lots of other exciting events.

To register for the picnic, visit [www.taylorymca.org](http://www.taylorymca.org) and find Adventure Princesses under Family Time programs



Have questions? Email [jens\\_el@yahoo.com](mailto:jens_el@yahoo.com)

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# Art Volunteers In the Classroom

Are you looking for a fun way to volunteer at school?

Do you have limited time, but still want to be involved?

**AVIC may be the answer!!!**

Each classroom can have six AVIC presentations a year. The framed prints hanging around school are our inspiration (they change each year). Each presentation is approximately 45 minutes and involves sharing information about the artist and an art project.

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.

The students love when we come in for our presentations. We are looking for 2-3 volunteers to share the responsibility for each classroom. Even if you are only able to commit to 2 or 3 presentations a year please contact us.

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

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**



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!**  
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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 ½ 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: \_\_\_\_\_



# 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](http://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**

# 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
- Teacher Cookie Exchange
- St. Baldrick's Foundation Fundraiser
- Fuel up to Play 60

## Upcoming Events

*September 16<sup>th</sup> – Run-a-thon Kickoff*

*September 22<sup>nd</sup> – General PTO Meeting*

Join us in the library at 8:30 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](mailto:lisa@modusmg.com)

## 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 [stelincolnpto@gmail.com](mailto:stelincolnpto@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.