



# *Lincoln Bulletin*

*December 8, 2017*

<b>Monday, December 11</b>	<b>School Board Meeting 7:00 PM at Administration Building</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 13</b>	<b>D303 Parent Survey closes</b>
<b>Thursday, December 14</b>	<b>Student Council ringing the Salvation Army Bell 4:00 – 5:00 PM at Blue Goose Market</b>
<b>Friday, December 15</b>	<b>Last day to turn in PTO Holiday Pencil Gram orders</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 20</b>	<b>Holiday Band Concert at Anderson (optional) 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Friday, December 22</b>	<b>Holiday Sing/Classroom Parties 1:30 – 2:45 PM</b>
<b>December 25 – January 7</b>	<b>Winter Break – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>
<b>Monday, January 8</b>	<b>School Resumes</b>  <b>School Board Meeting 7:00 PM at Lincoln School</b>
<b>Thursday, January 11</b>	<b>Parent Coffee with Mrs. Balaskovits 2:00 – 3:00 PM</b>
<b>Monday, January 15</b>	<b>Martin Luther King Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Thursday, January 18</b>	<b>PTO Meeting 4:00 PM in LRC</b>
<b>Friday, January 19</b>	<b>Teacher's Institute Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>

## *From the Principal*

### **D303 Parent Survey**

The annual St. Charles Community Unit School District 303 Parent Satisfaction Survey will be available on the District website from December 4 through December 13. Parents of all District 303 students are strongly encouraged to participate. This constructive feedback is an important piece in continuing to improve our work so that we can serve students and their families successfully! Last year, we had 93 parents take the survey for Lincoln. **Right now we have only had 29 parents complete the survey for Lincoln. My goal is to get over 100 this year, so please take a few minutes to share your thoughts. Thank you!**

This anonymous survey takes 10-15 minutes to complete and will be available at [www.d303.org](http://www.d303.org) beginning on Monday, December 4. Parents can complete one survey for each of their children who attend a District 303 school by selecting "Take the Elementary, Middle, or High School Survey!" The survey is available in English and Spanish.

### **Meet Mrs. Rice-Conboy**

December greetings, Lincoln families and friends! This year I've had the privilege of joining the Lincoln learning community as the Learning Resource Center Assistant to join Mrs. Judy Dainko in the reading adventures and creative applied technology journeys of your kids. I'm a long-time library and literature enthusiast; most recently though, I'm coming from about 11 years in medical association project management and several years in direct social service work. I have a Master's of Science from NIU in Applied Family & Child Studies, and received my BA from Knox College in Galesburg, IL.

Improving the lives of children and families has always been at the forefront of my life whether it be in my own family, the community or at work. When I'm not at Lincoln I'm keeping up with my 1st grade son and 5th grade daughter, whom attend Munhall. Since my husband, Ryan, works in the science department at St Charles East, we are enjoying many hiking and camping trips on our shared school schedule. Just this past summer, we spent 5 weeks out west and visited over 14 National Parks or Monuments. Also, we'll be at Mammoth Cave in Kentucky for New Years.

*As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.*

*Enjoy your weekend!*

*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.

**SNOW!** Now that we have officially begun the snow season, please make sure of the following Lincoln recess rules:

- Snow boots need to be worn in order to *walk* in the snow.
- Snow pants and snow boots need to be worn in order to *play* in the snow.
- All winter items need to be worn that came with your child to school that day (hats, gloves, scarf, etc.).

**Please label your child's personal belongings.** Even initials are helpful in gloves and hats to help locate their owner! This extra step is so helpful for keeping items out of our Lost & Found.

## *From the Nurse*

With cold and flu season upon us, here are a few reminders when deciding whether to keep your child home from school.

Keep a child home from school when:

- Your child has had a fever of 100 degrees F or more within the past 24 hours
- Your child has had vomiting or diarrhea within the past 24 hours
- Your child has an unexplained rash, sore or pink eyes with a discharge
- Your child has a persistent, productive cough

\*\* Your child should be fever free (*without fever-reducing medicine*) for 24 hours before returning to school

\*\* If a bacterial infection has been diagnosed, your child **MUST** have 24 hours of antibiotics before returning to school

\*\* If your child has not fully recovered or remained home for the recommended length of time, parents may be contacted and asked to take the child home.

Extended absences of 5 or more days may require that the student present a doctor's statement of re-admittance to the school nurse.

Please report all absences to your child's school. Please provide reason for absences and whether or not your child has a communicable or contagious illness.

*Just a reminder... According to District policy, cough drops and any other over the counter medications need a doctor's note and parent permission. Please see the District policy in the student handbook.*

*PTO*  
**HOLIDAY**  
**PENCIL GRAMS !!**  
**\$ 1 per pencil Gram**

**Students, staff, and parents will have an opportunity to give  
back to friends, family, and staff by buying Pencil grams  
December 4 - December 15  
Holiday Pencil grams will be passed out the week of  
December 18 as we get ready to enjoy the Holidays!**

**Fill out pencil grams  
The Teacher space is for the child receiving the  
pencil gram!**

*Thank you for your support*

## Smile Programs ...the mobile dentists



Dear Parents,





Great News! Our school has partnered with Smile Programs to offer in-school dental care. Best of all, in most cases there is no cost to you if your child is insured with Medicaid or CHIP! Private insurance and affordable self-pay options are also available.

### Easy & Convenient

Having your child seen by the in-school dentist saves you valuable time. Top quality care is provided by local, licensed dentists right in the familiar surroundings of your child's school. Dental care includes a complete exam, x-rays, cleaning, fluoride and sealants when needed. Restorative care, such as fillings, may also be provided.

### Keep Your Child Healthy

By having your child see the in-school dentist, you can help reduce the risk of:

-  Early Tooth Loss caused by dental decay
-  Gum Disease
-  Heart Disease
-  Impaired speech development

***Taking care of your child's teeth is an important part of keeping them healthy***

Illinois School Health requires that all children in Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade have up to date dental exams. All students currently enrolled in 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade can use this exam to fulfill the requirement for dental exams next year.

Simply fill out the enrollment form and return it to the school By December 18th.



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