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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 12/2 – Rudolph's Holiday Shop
- ◆ 12/3 - Home for the Holidays – Lincoln School Craft Fair and Wreath Sale
- ◆ 12/5 – Giving Tree Kickoff
- ◆ 12/6 & 7 – Book Fair
- ◆ 12/9 – Robotics Program – 5th Grade
- ◆ 12/9 – Wordmasters #1 competition comp. Gr. 3-5
- ◆ 12/14 – New England Percussion Enrichment Program K-2 & 3-5
- ◆ 12/15 – Report Cards go home
- ◆ 12/20 – K-2 Winter Concert 1:30 – Lincoln Café
- ◆ 12/20 – PTO Meeting 7PM
- ◆ 12/21 – 3-5 Winter Concert 1:30 – Lincoln Café
- ◆ 12/24-1/2 – Winter Vacation – No School
- ◆ 1/3 – School resumes
- ◆ 1/16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No School

For ongoing calendar & event updates, click on Lincoln Google Calendar on our website. You can even subscribe to it with your smartphone.

Principal's News

Brent Conway, Principal

Following Thanksgiving weekend I would like give thanks to the local Elks Lodge, BPOE #1031, who came by last week to give out personal dictionaries to all 3rd and 4th Graders. These dictionaries are theirs to keep and I saw them in use right away by the students, especially with our first Wordmasters challenge underway for 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders.

Last week our Kindergarten and 1st Grade students had their feasts and the first graders performed their sign language song "The Land of the Silver Birch."

Students in grades 4 & 5 have started their Continental Math League challenges. Completed their first one in November and have the second competition in early December. Results from the first meet can be seen on page 2 of this newsletter.

Our students have also started attending grade level assemblies that introduce them to the Melrose Science Fair. This is a voluntary activity for students but an event is being held at each elementary school. There is more on this also on page 2.

December is a busy month for the performing arts. Third and fourth grade students will be attending the Nutcracker at Memorial Hall on Friday, December 2nd. The students will be walking down Main St. so they should be dressed appropriately, but in the event of inclement weather (which seems to happen every year), we have made transportation arrangements.

We also have our winter concerts during the last week of school in December. Our K-2 performance starts at 1:30 on Wednesday, December 21st and our

3rd-5th Grade performance will also start at 1:30 on Thursday, December 22nd. A special VIP prize package will be available during the Home for the Holidays Craft Fair this weekend. You could win 4 front row seats to one of the concerts and my very own coveted parking spot!

During the school day, our students will also be treated to the New England Percussion Ensemble for a holiday enrichment program sponsored by our PTO on December 14th.

December is also a month for giving. We have kicked off our annual Coats for Kids Drive. There are several drop boxes in the main foyer. In the past 4 years we have donated over 500 coats.

We will be moving our Giving Tree to a location closer to the front of the foyer. A form went home before Thanksgiving encouraging families who need some support to simply ask using the confidential form. On Tuesday, December 6th, families wishing to help families can come and pull a "helping hand" off the giving tree. If you don't have time to come in, you can always provide a gift card to Target or a grocery store. We have several volunteer "Elves" who will take the cards and go shopping for any unfulfilled items.

We know times can be tough but as a community we come together time and time again to support those in need. If you have any questions about ways you can help, please always feel free to contact me.

Looking forward to a great finish to 2011.

PE & Wellness Students of the Month

November

These students have shown exemplary sportsmanship and cooperation and have received a Lincoln Pride T-Shirt.

K - Fatima Alatwani
1 – Logan Li
2 - Alex Holloran
3 – Alexander Lock
4 – Nathaniel Dowell
5 – Peter Jupp

K – Alex Menjivar
1 – Maria Ramsey
2 – Meaghan O'Brien
3 – Anna McCluskey
4 – Youness Houmani
5 – Mikayla Sampson

Science Fair

Students at each Melrose elementary school will learn about the Science Fair at kick-off assemblies held throughout November and December. During the kick-off assemblies, students will learn how to participate in 2012 Melrose Science Fair. They will also learn about the scientific method and see examples of possible projects. After the assemblies, students will bring home a Science Fair information sheet and Registration & Permission Slip. All other materials can be viewed and downloaded from this website to be printed at home

The 2012 Melrose Elementary School Science Fair is a voluntary, extra-curricular opportunity for students to explore a question of their own choice using the scientific method. The goal of the Science Fair is to enable a fun and meaningful hands-on learning activity for students at all ability levels. Beyond providing exposure to the scientific method, the science fair will encourage students to apply problem solving techniques, to integrate knowledge and skills from multiple subject areas, and to develop skills in cooperation and communication. Projects can be undertaken by students individually or in small teams. All students will receive a certificate and ribbon to acknowledge their hard work and the science mentors will select several projects to acknowledge as "best-in-fair".

Please explore this website to learn how to participate, get inspiration and support for your project, and find answers to your questions.

<https://sites.google.com/site/melrosciencefair2012/>



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Continental Math League

In November our 4th and 5th Graders participated in the first of five Continental Math League challenges. Each challenge includes 6 complicated math problems to be solved. In December they will take their 2nd and then the 2nd and 3rd graders start in January with three challenges. The following students achieved the highest scores on the first CML challenge:

4 th Graders:	out of 6	5 th Graders:	out of 6
Lydia Steger Wilson	4/6	Mia Catalini	4/6
Qiang Zheng	3/6	Cory Bright	3/6
8 tied with	2/6	Zach Strasnick	3/6
		Theo Morris	3/6
		Jay Tucci	3/6

CARES Awards for 4th and 5th Grade

At recent grade level assemblies, students who were nominated for a Lincoln CARES Principal's Award received their certificates. These students were acknowledged by Lincoln staff members for displaying the characteristics of the Lincoln CARES motto. Our K-3 students are also recognized for receiving paw stickers throughout the month.

The following are the nominated 4th and 5th Grade students from the month of November.

5th Grade – November

Peter Jupp	Eamonn Burke
Collette Skinner	Brett Mullett
Allie Moore	Cory Bright

4th Grade – November

Peter Santos	Emily Holloran
Waleed Elswwezy	Theo Bookman
Samantha Chabot	Rachel Fera
Stephanny Vargas	Sophiya Smith