

# Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- 1/4 - School resumes
- 1/7 - Continental Math League Gr. 2-5
- 1/12 - PTO Meeting 7PM
- 1/18 - MLK Jr. Day-no school
- 1/19 - Teacher Professional Development - no school
- 1/22 - Pizza Bingo Night 6:30-8:30 PM
- 1/28 - Study Skills Seminar for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders and their parents
- 1/29 - Site Council Meeting 7:30 AM
- 2/3 - Early Release Day - Dismissal at 12:30
- 2/9 - PTO Meeting 7PM
- 2/11 - Continental Math League Gr. 2-5
- 2/11 - Fuddrucker's Night for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities & Ecamp fund
- 2/12 - Kindergarten Report Cards go home
- 2/12 - Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- 2/13-2/21 - February School Vacation

## Principal's News

I certainly hope that the New Year is off to a great start for all of our Lincoln Families. I know the generosity of our Lincoln families made the holidays much easier for others. I want to thank the many people who anonymously purchased items and gift cards from the giving tree.

As we approach the second half of the school year, we often begin the planning stages for next year. Our School Site Council will soon begin the development of the school improvement plan for the 2010-2011 school-year. Please see any of the members if you have any thoughts or questions. Their names and the current plan are posted on our website.

The month of January also includes our district-wide mid-year assessments. We try to stagger these throughout the month. They are important components of the teachers' assessment of student progress and they help with instructional decisions.

A new event for Lincoln is a Study Skills and Learning Strategies Seminar for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

Grade students and their parents. I will be conducting the interactive seminar which is scheduled for Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the café. This is a project I started as a classroom teacher several years ago because I recognized that students needed help learning "how to study." These are skills that are not taught in school but rather acquired by trial and error and lots of advice from parents. However there is an easier way. The seminar is a perfect way for parents to join their children in learning about themselves as learners and walk away with a better sense of how to organize themselves, prepare for tests and quizzes, and use their own learning style to their advantage. Space is limited so I encourage parents to refer to the flyer that was sent home and confirm their attendance.

I wanted to remind parents of our upcoming "extra" long weekend. There is **no school on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** for a Professional Development Day. This is the day after Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

I wish everyone the best in the New Year and I look forward to seeing many families on Pizza Bingo Night later this month.

## Lincoln Highlights

- Lincoln School collected 103 coats for the Coats for Kids drive sponsored by Anton's Cleaners. That far surpasses last year's total.
- Melrose Public Schools is now accepting online payments of lunch accounts, student activities and after school programming. Please refer to the following link for more information  
<http://www.melroseschools.com/OnlinePayment.cfm>

## PASS Bike Raffle Winner

With perfect attendance through the first part of the year, 5<sup>th</sup> Grader, Harry Kumm won the PASS Bike Raffle. We had over 60 students eligible to receive the bike based on their perfect attendance from the start of school to the end of December. A second bike will be raffled off in June to a student who has perfect attendance from January to the end of the year. The bikes are provided by the Horace Mann Company.

## Wordmaster's Challenge



The Wordmaster's Challenge is a national competition for students in grades 3-8 which encourages growth in vocabulary and verbal reasoning. Over 4,200 school teams from all 50 states competed last year.

It challenges students to solve analogies based on relationships among words they have learned and it draws these analogies from special lists that are provided to the students in the days prior to the challenge.

The 20 question challenges occur three times throughout the year. To the right are the Lincoln Leaders after the first competition.

### Grade 5

Nate Shu	17/20
Matt Oteri	16/20

### Grade 4

Luc Carbonneau	17/20
Jared Dowell	15/20
Rebecca Kaplan	15/20
Alex D'Andrea	15/20

### Grade 3

Julia Urqioula	17/20
Cassie Tervalon	17/20
Roisin Anderson	16/20
Aidan Kenawell	16/20

## Study Skills and Learning Strategies Seminar

Students in Grades 4 and 5 are invited along with their parents to attend a Study Skills and Learning Strategies Seminar presented by Lincoln School Principal, Brent Conway. This interactive and eye-opening experience will help students identify their own learning style and the strategies that match, maximizing your learning. Climb to new heights by learning the most effective way to study, stay organized and use your memory.

**Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 7PM in the Lincoln School Café**  
**Please confirm attendance to [bconway@melrose.mec.edu](mailto:bconway@melrose.mec.edu)**

## 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Lincoln CARES Principal Awards

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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

grade students from the month of December.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Graders

4<sup>th</sup> Grade awards were not available at press time

### 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

Toan Vo	Emily Bain
Nick Chan	Matt Oteri
Yvanne Ngassa	Kevin Driscoll
Mikayla Miller	

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 Respect \* Effort \* Safety*