

Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

January 2012
Volume 5, Issue 6



Contents

Principal's News	1
Upcoming Events	1
PE & Wellness Awards	1
Wordmasters	2
Cont. Math League	2
CARES Awards	2
Melrose Rec. Dept.	3&4

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 1/3 – School resumes
- ◆ 1/5 – Cont. Math League grades 2-5
- ◆ 1/7 – Science Fair Mentor Mtg. 10-12 in cafe
- ◆ 1/11 – Kindergarten '12-'13 Information Night at Middle School 7:00PM
- ◆ 1/16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No School
- ◆ 1/17 – Science Fair Mentor Mtg. 2:30-5:30 in Library
- ◆ 1/17 – PTO Meeting 7pm
- ◆ 1/18 – Science Fair Mentor Mtg. 2:30-5:30 in Library
- ◆ 1/20 – Pizza Bingo Night 6:30PM
- ◆ 1/21 – Science Fair Mentor Mtg. 10-12 in cafe
- ◆ 1/23 – Lincoln Kindergarten Tours '12-'13 6 & 7 PM
- ◆ 2/1 – Early Release Day – Staff PD
- ◆ 2/3 – Kindergarten Report Cards go home
- ◆ 2/9 – Harriet Tubman enrichment program
- ◆ 2/10 – Family Movie Night – 6:30 PM
- ◆ 2/12 – Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Principal's News

Brent Conway, Principal

Welcome back to school for 2012 portion of the year. We ended 2011 with some fantastic events. Most notably were the concert performances by all our students the week before vacation. It was an outstanding job of preparing by the students and our music teacher, Mrs. Ostrovsky-Kaminsky and our Instrumental Teacher Mrs. Indrelie.

In December our 5th Graders also had a chance to participate in an engineering project where undergraduate BU students from the school of engineering worked with each class. The 5th graders had to create a working wind turbine model in small teams. The event was a great success and we look forward to working with the BU Ambassador program again soon. Here is the link if you are interested in learning more. [BU Ambassadors](#)

We also celebrated the first of two bike raffles for perfect attendance. 5th Grader Allie Moore earned herself a new bike as her name was drawn from the almost 75 students with perfect attendance thus far. We will draw another name in June.

We had a successful Coats for Kids Campaign and donated over 120 coats this year. I also would like to express my personal gratitude to our Lincoln School community for fulfilling all the Giving Tree hand requests this year. I know it made for a brighter holiday for so many of our families.

As we return to school there are many things to look forward to. The science fair is quickly coming and you'll want to take note of the Mentor Meetings that are scheduled Sat., Jan. 7, 10am to noon &

Sat., Jan. 21, 10am to noon in the Lincoln Café. Also on Tue., Jan. 17, 2:30-5:30pm & Wed., Jan. 18, 2:30-5:30 in Lincoln library.

January is also the time the Melrose Public Schools begins its Kindergarten and 1st grade registration process for the 2012-2013 school-year. For detailed information on this process please refer to the district website link. Please note that all current Kindergarten students must re-register for 1st grade placements and the new MPS placement policy only takes effect for the Kindergarten placements made for next year. [MPS Kindergarten and 1st Grade Registration Info](#)

During January we administer our district wide mid-year assessments. These are K-5 assessments that serve as a checkpoint for reading, writing and math progress for students. While they do take some time to administer, the information is a valuable tool for teachers to help guide them as they make instructional decisions in the weeks and months ahead. To learn more about the assessments and the role they play in our Tiered System of Support, check out the [Principal's Blog](#) on the Lincoln website and my latest blog post.

If you haven't already done so, please be sure to return your child's report card. I know at last check, we had several from each class that had not been returned.

Best wishes and here's to a happy

PE & Wellness Students of the Month

December

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

K – Theo Tervalon
1 – Sheylah Jones
2 – Cooper MacDonald
3 – Sanvi Sood
4 – Rachel Fera
5 – Stephen Getsick

K – Ava Hernandez
1 – Ben Lordan
2 – Sera Kawakami
3 – Xavier Meade-Kelly
4 – Jackson Texeira
5 – Julia Carillo

Wordmasters – Analogy Challenge

Wordmasters is an analogy quiz that students in grades 3,4 and 5 participate in. There are three challenges during the year and the students are presented with the words days in advance of the challenge. These are very difficult analogies and good test of vocabulary knowledge. Below are the students who scored the highest in grades 3,4 and 5 on the first challenge from December



<u>Grade 3</u>	<u># Correct</u>		
A. MacIndewar	16/20	C. Martin	17/20
J. Foley	16/20	K. Sullivan	17/20
N. Koen	13/20	9 students tied	16/20
M. Lyons	13/20		
R. Ciulla	12/20	<u>Grade 5</u>	<u># Correct</u>
A. Lock	12/2	E. Burke	19/20
<u>Grade 4</u>	<u># Correct</u>	M. Catalini	17/20
K. Chan	18/20	A. Kenawell	17/20
S. Buckley-Fennell	17/20	T. Shields	16/20
		M. Bornstein	15/20
		R. Anderson	15/20

Continental Math League

Our 4th and 5th Graders participated in the 2nd of 5 Continental Math League challenges. Each challenge includes 6 complicated math problems to be solved. The following students achieved the highest cumulative scores on the 2 CML challenges thus far.

*Citizenship * Acceptance
Respect * Effort * Safety*

4th Graders:	out of 12	5th Graders:	out of 12
L. Steger Wilson	7/12	M. Catalini	8/12
Q. Zheng	6/12	A. Moore	6/12
K. Sullivan	4/12	J. Tucci	6/12
C. Moss	4/12	A. Kenawell	5/12
E. Brodeur	4/12	T. Morris	5/12
C. Thimble	4/12	C. Bright	5/12
G. Solomon	4/12	Z. Strasnick	5/12
L. Schwarze	4/12		

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 December.

5th Grade – December

5th Grade Awards for December will be given out in a January assembly.

4th Grade – December

Aya Kasbi Colin Conalty
Brendan Maher Colby Moss
Jackson Texeira

Here are a few upcoming programs for Elementary School children and adults from the Melrose Recreation Department. For more information please visit our website at http://www.cityofmelrose.org/dept_recreation.cfm. We wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year!

Melrose Wrestling Club

Grades: 1 - 5 **Day:** Mondays

Cost: \$60 **Time:** 6:00pm – 7:55pm

Location: Wrestling Room - Marcoux Gym

Session II: Jan 16 – Mar 19 (No practice 02/20)

The Melrose Wrestling Club is open to beginners and experienced wrestlers and looks forward to building on the success of last year's season. Our practices, which stress conditioning and the fundamentals of our sport, are intensive but fun. Practices take place on the high school wrestling mats. Local weekend tournaments are optional.

Young Artists (Grades K - 2)

Days: Saturdays, 8 Sessions

Time: 9:30am – 10:30am

Cost: \$143 (\$135 Tuition plus \$8 Material Fee)

Location: Milano Senior Center

Spots Available: 10 participants

Session II: Jan 14 – March 10 (No class 02/18)

Explore the world around you through art! In this class students will be introduced to the elements of art and create exciting projects that develop skills and encourage self-expression.

Instructor: Julie Fox

Young Artists (Grades 3-5)

Days: Saturdays, 8 Sessions

Time: 11:00am – 12:30pm

Cost: \$155 (\$145 Tuition plus \$10 Material Fee)

Location: Milano Senior Center

Spots Available: 10 participants

Session II: Jan 14 – March 10 (No class 02/18)

Students will have the opportunity to work with a variety of media such as pencil, pastel, and paint while developing confidence and exploring individual interests in art.

Instructor: Julie Fox

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

(REGISTRATION NOW OPEN)

(CLASSES START FEBRAURY 1)

- Art Sampler – Fun & Creativity
- Easy Acrylic Painting
- Beginner to Intermediate Oil Painting
- Genealogy 101
- Interior Design for your Home
- Simple Household Budgeting
- How to Maximize your Goddess Potential
- Creating True Prosperity
- Wellness with Primary Food
- Group Guitar Lessons
- Introduction to West African Hand Drumming
- Ballroom Dance Class
- Zumba
- Women’s Over Thirty Winter Drop-In Volleyball
- Men’s Over Thirty Winter Basketball League

Frank Olivieri, M.S. CPRP

Recreation Manager

Melrose Recreation Department

100 Slayton Rd.

Melrose, MA 02176

781-662-9511 office

781-662-4477 fax

recreation@cityofmelrose.org

http://www.cityofmelrose.org/dept_recreation.cfm

Fall / Winter Program & Events Brochure '11-'12

http://www.cityofmelrose.org/dept_recreation.cfm

(Online Registration Begins Aug 18th)