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Upcoming Events

- 9/13 – Victorian Fair
- 9/15 – PTO Meeting 7 PM
- 9/18 – School Pictures
- 9/30 – Historical Perspectives Enrichment program
- 10/12 – Columbus Day – No school
- 10/13 – Teacher Prof. Development day – No School
- 10/20 – PTO Meeting

Principal's News

We are off and running this year and the students already hard at work. I was excited to see so many of our parents and guardians last night at Open House as we all make our transition back to the school year schedule.

Over the summer, we had a few parents who spent some time helping to improve Lincoln School. I would like to thank Mr. Scott Moss for his time and knowledge as he assisted me with the map of the United States on the back playground. I would also like to thank Tracy Smith, who is our volunteer webmaster again this year. She had our website updated and ready to go for the first day of school.

Additionally, I would like to thank the School Site Councils of the past several years for their endless lobbying and work to have a School Social Worker added to the Lincoln. We have achieved that goal and look forward to the positive effect it will have on the entire school.

Our first few days, school went very well and I would like to thank our parents for being mindful of our traffic and safety procedures. Our PTO also served two delicious Boo Hoo breakfasts for parents.

Now that we are back in the swing of things, please be sure that all students arrive to school on time, in line with their grade and ready to learn. The foyer doors will lock at 8:15 each morning and any student arriving at school after 8:15, will be required to sign-in at the office and receive a late pass to

class. Chronic issues related to tardiness and attendance will be monitored and may require a plan to improve.

I would also like to remind parents to read through the parent-student handbook that was sent home during the first week. All families are required to sign and return the last page as an acknowledgement that they have received and reviewed the book with their children.

For parents of 4th and 5th Graders, last spring's MCAS results will be sent home later this month. I will send out an email notice to you when they are placed in the mail.

This should also serve as a reminder that we will no longer be sending home the newsletter or lunch menus through backpacks. Please be sure to sign-up for Principal's email updates through our website where the menu will also be posted. If you require a printed hard copy, please let us know and we will be sure to send home a hard copy.

The entire Lincoln Staff is energized about this school year. I am looking forward to all of the great work students will produce and hearing from them about the many things they are learning. I encourage you to communicate with your children each night about school and always feel free to contact your child's teacher or the office with questions. Best wishes for a great school year.

Lincoln Highlights

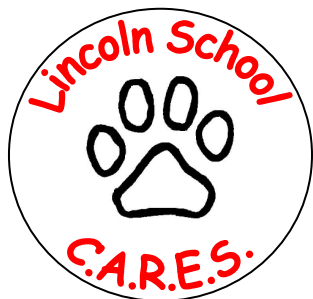
- Lincoln school welcomes Ms. Jamie Hickey, School Psychology intern from Northeastern. Ms. Hickey will be working at Lincoln 3 days per week under the supervision of Joyce Schlenger our School Psychologist and Special Education ETF.
- Congratulations to the "former" Ms. Corkum, our music teacher, who was married recently and is now Mrs. Piper.

Welcome new staff

Joining Ellen Coughlan our new LMS, Jacqui Connolly our new 5th Grade teacher and Bonnie Wilkes a paraprofessional in 3rd grade, we would like to welcome a few other new staff members

- Kerrie Valcour – School Social Worker
- Eva Ostrovsky-Kaminsky - Music Teacher
- Paul Allwood – Kindergarten Paraprofessional
- Kellee Boudreault – Title I Tutor
- Lynda Hertz – Kindergarten Aide

PASS Attendance Program Sponsored by Horace Mann Company – Bicycle Raffle



Thanks to the generosity of the Horace Mann Company, an financial services company for educators, the Lincoln School students will have two opportunities to win a bicycle and helmet this year. Students who have perfect attendance for the first half of the year will have their name entered into the raffle. We will do a second raffle for the 2nd half of the year. Of

course, students who have only excused absences due to illness will still have their names entered into the drawing.

The Horace Mann Company and our local representative, Barry Freeman, have run this very successful program at Melrose Veteran's Memorial Middle School and are now able to offer it to the students of Lincoln.

Early Release Day Programs – Sign up early and save!

Lincoln School will be offering Early Release Day Enrichment Programs. These are separate from the after school Education Stations program. You may sign-up for all 7 at once and save \$20, or you may sign up for them individually at a cost of \$20 per day. A sign-up form went home at the start of the year but you may also refer to the website for the sign-up form.

Flyers will be sent home as each day approaches.

Below are the Enrichment programs
 10/27/09 - Jeff Danger Science Ranger
 10/28/09 – Cliffhangers Rock Climbing
 11/5/09 – Curious Creatures – Reptile Guy
 2/3/10 – TBA
 3/9/10 – Mad Science
 3/10/10 – Magician/Comedian David Hall
 6/2/10 – Ed the Wizard

Please call the Lincoln Office with questions

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Community Service – Can and Food Drive

The Lincoln School 5th Graders have kicked off their first Community Service project of the year. They are collecting non-perishable food for the Melrose Food Pantries. The Melrose Food Pantries are in dire need of items for over 140 local families that visit regularly.

Food items can be dropped off each day during the week of September 15th in the lobby of

Lincoln Elementary. In addition to food items, the pantries could also use donated household cleaning items and personal grooming items.

I hope you will consider supporting the 5th Grade Community Service project, while also helping many local families in need.