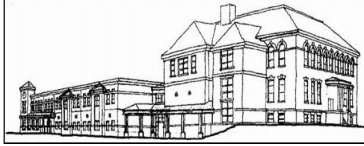


# Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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## Principal's News



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## Upcoming Events

- 11/6 – Picture re-take day
- 11/7 - Fall Cleanup at 9AM
- 11/10 - Veteran's Day Assembly – 1:30 in Gym
- 11/11 – Veteran's Day – No school
- 11/13 – Coats for Kids Drive kickoff
- 11/17 – PTO Meeting at 7PM
- 11/19 – Civility Day
- 11/20 – Lincoln Wine and Beer tasting event at Beebe Estate 7-10 PM
- 11/25 – Half Day with dismissal at 12:00 PM
- 11/26-27 – Thanksgiving Break – No School
- 12/2 – 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester ends
- 12/2 – Tufts Trunk Show for K-2
- 12/4 – Rudolph's Holiday Shop
- 12/5 – Home for the Holidays
- 12/5 – 12/9 – Book Fair
- 12/8 – Special Election
- 12/15 – Enrichment Roots Music Performance
- 12/15 – PTO Meeting 7PM

I would like to thank our PTO and the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade for a very successful Fall Festival. This has been a great Lincoln Tradition. We also had a fantastic costume parade that the kids truly enjoy. Having so many parents attending also makes it fun for the students and the teachers.

As we continue to roll right through the fall we do have some upcoming events. Our 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will be running our annual Coats for Kids Drive in cooperation with Anton's Cleaners. Over the past two years, Lincoln has contributed nearly 300 coats to the program. There is a green drop-off box in our foyer and our kickoff to the event is Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. We will collect coats through the first week of December.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities Committee will also be selling Turkey Raffle Tickets. Tickets are \$5 and we have a grand prize turkey with a basket of other goodies. Two other turkeys will be raffled off for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes. The drawings will be on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, just in time for your weekend shopping.

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, the Thursday before Thanksgiving, our students will participate in Civility Day. Our Civility Day is an annual tradition where the students have a formal turkey dinner during lunch and our café is transformed into a 5 star dining experience with tablecloths, servers, and proper dining etiquette. Many

students dress a little formal on this day and our hope for them (and you!) is that they continue their proper dining etiquette at home. Nothing but the finest dining experience at Lincoln School!

November and December are both busy months with many events in and out of school but they are also busy months for academics. Our new Writer's Showcase is a rotating bulletin board in the foyer that showcases the writing work of students in different classrooms. Mr. Oginski's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade classroom has had their work on display for much of October. Ms. MacDonald's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade class has their work on display now and Mrs. Camerlengo's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class will have their writing in the showcase starting the week of November 16<sup>th</sup>. That will be followed by Ms. Lessard's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade class the week of November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Our Early Release Day enrichment programs have gotten off to a great start and each of the 3 programs have been "sold out". If you are planning on your children attending the other programs later in the year, I strongly encourage you to sign up now while we still have room.

I hope everyone is enjoying the fall weather and finding some great family time, even if it is just raking leaves. We have had a great start to the school year and I am confident we will continue with the strides we have made thus far.

## Lincoln Highlights

- Please welcome our newest staff member, Ms. Jessica Giuffrida, who is working as a Paraprofessional in Mrs. Joslin's Kindergarten Class. Ms. Giuffrida is a certified elementary teacher and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Special Education at Salem State.
- Best wishes to Lincoln's own Sarah Gyurina, star of stage and screen! Sarah is a Munchkin in the Saugus Theater Company's "Wizard of Oz", playing at Saugus High School from November 20th - 29th. Break a leg Sarah!

## Pumpkin winner

Congratulation to Nate Shu from Mr. William's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class, whose guess was 1 ounce under the correct weight of "The Great Pumpkin." The actual weight was 36 lbs. and 7 oz. Nate's prize...the pumpkin!

## Continental Math League and Wordmasters

Healthy academic challenges and competitions are great ways for students to reach higher. Last year we began the Continental Math League for students in grades 2-5. This was a great success and now students across the district are doing the same thing. Our first CML meet is this Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

We are also trying some other academic competitions. This year our students in grades 3-5 will participate in Wordmasters which is an analogy

completion. Students are provided a list of words two weeks in advance that may be used in the analogies. The students can study the words and become more familiar with them, which will likely help them to answer the 20 question analogy tests. Wordmasters has three meets during the year and the first will be held the week of Thanksgiving.

We will give updates in this newsletter on our top scoring students.



*Citizenship \* Acceptance  
Respect \* Effort \* Safety*

## Art Gallery & Fine Arts Newsletter

Our Revolving Art Gallery is continuing this year with the current display hanging in the Main Office Conference Room. The current works are still-life drawings inspired by artist Paul Cezanne . The following 4<sup>th</sup> Graders have their work on display:

- Ja'Najia Walker – Holliman
- Ashley Vo
- Amanda Cavicchi
- Emery Zahner
- DeVontea Rivera
- Tiffany Hester

To help keep our families informed on the tremendous work our students do in the fine arts, we will be sending home a Lincoln Fine Arts Newsletter a few times a year. A parent volunteer, Ms. Jennifer Martin, is working with our Music, Instrumental and Visual Arts teachers to develop this informative newsletter. Keep your eyes open for it.

## 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> Grade Students from the month of October and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students from October.

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

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Alex Santos    | Ashley Vo       |
| Mya Marshall   | Adonis Logan    |
| Alexis Doherty | Steven Stromski |
| Justin Parker  | Sarah Gyurina   |

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

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Dan Lavery      | Deja Alexis-Bell |
| Julia Miller    | Ashley Skinner   |
| Jonathan Lavina | Carson Lynch     |
| Nick Cordeau    |                  |