

LINCOLN ADDRESS

FEBRUARY

2012

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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DEAR LINCOLN FAMILIES,

Thank you for sending your children to school dressed appropriately for our weather. We know winter is far from over, so please continue to do so. We go out to recess almost every day, so appropriate dress (coat, hat, gloves, snow pants, boots) helps make this an easy thing to do.

The Art Walk and Gallery Night on January 25th was an amazing evening. The student artwork around the building was incredible, the pieces up for auction drew a lot of attention and bids, and the desserts were delicious. I would like to thank Kelli Holton, Lauren Rea, Phillip Pepler and Anne Marie Nickel for all their hard work and of course a thank you goes out to the teachers that helped - Sherrill Knezel, Jeanne Bril and Sue Gaudynski.

The learning happening at Lincoln each and every day is fantastic and you will get a chance to see this at our upcoming conferences. Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 15th and 16th from 4:30-8 p.m. and Friday, Feb. 17th, all day. Please make sure you have a conference time scheduled with your child's teacher. We must all work together to make sure every child succeeds.

We have no school on Friday, February 17th. Looking ahead, we have our annual High Interest Day on Friday, February 24th, and a half day of school with an 11:37 a.m. dismissal on Friday, March 2nd.

Have a great February and please contact me with any questions, 773-1300.

Sincerely,

Dean Nemoir, Principal

Please remember to inform our school office if you have a change of address or a change of contact information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2/1 Brown Bag Lunch 4/5 gr.; Early release 2:20 p.m.
- 2/6 Incoming JK registration 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; OE sign-up begins (thru 2/24)
- 2/7 Pizzeria Piccola Night 4-9 p.m.; 6th gr. registration @ Longfellow 5-8:30 p.m.
- 2/8 5th gr. to First Stage 11:15 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 2/9 Skate Incrediroll 4-6 p.m.
- 2/10 1st gr to Public Library 1:50-3:20 p.m.
- 2/13 Incoming JK registration 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- 2/15 Early release 2:20 p.m.; Parent conf. 4:30-8 p.m.
- 2/16 Parent conf. 4:30-8 p.m.
- 2/17 NO SCHOOL; Parent conf.
- 2/20 No school for JK; JK parent conferences
- 2/22 Early release 2:20 p.m.
- 2/24 HIGH INTEREST DAY
- 2/27 No school for JK; JK parent conferences
- 2/28 JK to Public library 8:40-9:50/12:35-1:50; 3rd gr to Lutheran Home 9:45-11:05
- 2/29 Early release 2:20 p.m.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

During a snow emergency, please follow these procedures:

1. Listen/watch these stations, **VERY CAREFULLY**, as they are the stations the Wauwatosa School District calls: **WTMJ-TV4/620-WKTI, WISN-TV12/WISN-1130/WLTQ, WKLH, WZTR, FOX-TV News, WEZW, WOKY, WMIL, WEMP, WMYX, CBS-58/WDJT-TV.**
2. Most Wauwatosa private schools close when Milwaukee Public Schools close, but that does not mean Wauwatosa schools are always closed.
3. If parents decide it is too dangerous for their children to attend school, parents should keep their children home. Parents always have the right to keep children home if they feel there are dangerous conditions.



INCOMING JK REGISTRATION

Do you know of someone in the neighborhood will be turning 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2012? Be sure to remind their parents that Lincoln's kindergarten registration is on **Monday, February 6th, from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. AND Monday, February 13th, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

To register, you will need ALL of the following:

1. Proof of residency (we require 2 items) : Mortgage document or tax bill, OR lease agreement with landlord's name and phone, **AND** a current utility bill sent to your home indicating your name and address
2. A copy of your child's birth certificate
3. A copy of your child's most up-to-date immunization record

Please take note:

2009 WI Act 41 took effect on October 21, 2009. It requires a child who is enrolled in 5-year-old kindergarten in a public or private school to regularly attend kindergarten during the school year. That is, compulsory school attendance now applies to children who are at least 5 years old and are enrolled in kindergarten. Prior to this change in the law, compulsory school attendance did not apply until a child reached the age of 6 years.

The Wisconsin Association of School Boards has issued a statement describing the law:

http://www.wasb.org/cms/images/stories/school_law_index/nl2009041.pdf

O.E. APPLICATION DEADLINE

Open Enrollment applications will be accepted February 6th-24th, 2012. Although on-line registration is preferred (<http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/psctoc.html>), you may pick up an application at the Wauwatosa District Office, 12121 W. North Ave. Please contact Student Services at 773-1080 if you have any questions.

MUSIC NOTES

Grade 3 - Recorder Club

This new club will meet every Monday in the music room from 12:25 - 12:50 p.m. Recorders are provided by the Music Department along with instruction sheets with no fees necessary. Basic instruction on the recorder including fingerings, note-reading, and ensemble playing will be introduced and taught during the Monday sessions. The club is open to all grade 3 students and will meet every Monday when school is in session during the months of February and March.



Please consider and encourage your child to attend these sessions! ~Mrs. Hamann

CHORUS NOTES

The chorus is rehearsing and preparing for the District Choral Festival which will be held on Tuesday, March 20th, at East High beginning at 7 p.m. The festival will feature selections sung by the elementary, middle, and high school vocal groups. Please mark your calendars to attend this concert!

As a gentle reminder, please note that chorus rehearsals begin promptly at 7:50 a.m. in the music room. ~Mrs. Hamann

LONGFELLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL 6TH GRADE ORIENTATION

6TH GRADE ORIENTATION & INFORMATION NIGHT FOR 2012-13

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012/5:00PM-6:30PM OR 7:00PM-8:30PM

LONGFELLOW AUDITORIUM, (Longfellow Middle School, 7600 W. North Ave.)

Please make sure you and your child attend one of the important 6th grade course information sessions listed above. This is your opportunity to learn about Longfellow Middle School. Any questions, please contact the 6th grade school counselor, Sue Ennis at 414-773-2427.

WAUWATOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT FACULTY CONCERT

The Wauwatosa School District music faculty presents – “Music on a Sunday” a faculty recital, Sunday, February 19, 2012 at 3 p.m. in the Longfellow Middle School auditorium.

Please join us for a selection of music performed vocally and instrumentally by members of the elementary, middle and high school music faculty from throughout the district.

Reminder to JK parents:

NO classes on Monday, February 20th and Monday February 27 (parent conf.)

Down in the Art Room



Lincoln Elementary School

Art Teachers:
Sherrill Knezel 773 1357
Jeanne Brill 733-1858

Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Classroom Updates:

Kindergarten:

The Kindergarteners have been learning more about mark making with paint. They have just created concentric circle designs using pattern and watercolors.

1st Grade: The 1st Graders are working on a piece inspired by Pablo Picasso. They learned about cubism and how Picasso rearranged pieces and parts of a whole object to create a new view. They are starting a piece based on Jim Dine's heart series.

2nd Grade:

Students are creating collages depicting an animal. Classes were asked "What animal would you like to be and why? Or if you could have any animal as a pet, what would you choose?" There were some very interesting choices!

3rd Grade:

The 3rd grades are beginning a mixed media piece based on the artwork of Robert Rauschenberg. They will be using numbers as the subject matter and printmaking, painting and drawing materials to create texture and pattern within their pieces.

4th Grade: After complet-

ing drawings and small paintings of architecture, students will sculpt a building out of clay. We will review molding forms and slab method in clay.

5th Grade:

The 5th Graders just completed a Creative problem solving unit based on the

work of Rube Goldberg. They are starting the long-awaited boxes!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make Gallery Night a success. We are honored to work with such supportive, helpful parents and creative kids.

-Mrs. Knezel & Ms. Brill

Tips for Raising *Creative Kids*

1. Provide children with both planned craft projects and spontaneous, single art explorations they can do on their own. Create an Art Center in your kitchen or family room so your kids can creatively express themselves.

2. Encourage children to try new, unique ways of doing things. Don't expect their artwork to look like samples others have made. Encourage

kids to come up with their own ways to do crafts. Ask, "I wonder what would happen if..." to inspire their imagination.

3. Build kids' confidence in their own creative abilities. If they ask you to "make it for them," reply that you'd love to see what they create. Don't expect kids to create artwork that looks like an adult's. Children's fresh and unique styles should be valued.

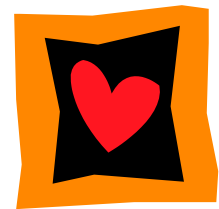
4. Emphasize the enjoy-

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Why Art?

Students who are involved in an integrated, vital art program show increases in comprehension in math, science, reading and writing, not to mention improving creative thinking, problem solving and self esteem.

-Wisconsin Champions for Art Education: Business & Community Advocates Incorporated



ment and the "process" of creating art, more than the results. The aesthetic qualities of a young child's work are not as important as the process used to create them.

5. Celebrate your children's creativity by displaying their art!

Cool Stuff for Kids Opportunity Fair

Looking for something for your kids and teens to do instead of watching TV and complaining of boredom?

Come to the PAGE (Parent Advocates for Gifted Education) 8th Annual Cool Stuff for Kids Opportunity Fair! This fair is a free event that connects parents, kids and teens in Southeastern Wisconsin with organizations that offer enrichment classes, programs, camps, and activities during the summer and/or throughout the year for children preschool through high school. Any and all families are welcome to attend.



**Saturday, February 11, 2012
10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Marquette University
Engineering Hall**

**1637 W. Wisconsin Ave.
(Southwest Corner of 16th Street)
Milwaukee, WI**

**Free Parking Available Nearby
(Parking voucher included
in this flyer)**

Science, technology, math and more! Languages, drama and arts galore!

Parents and students will have an opportunity to meet with representatives from over twenty organizations to gather information about fun and interesting after-school and summer activities. This year's fair will also include:

Hands-On Family Engineering Activities provided by Marquette

Self-guided tours of the NEW Engineering Hall

Student-guided campus tours of Marquette University



If there is inclement weather on the day of the event, visit <http://www.cesaonepage.org> to check for potential cancellation. If you have questions, email CesaOnePage@gmail.com

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