



Lincoln Times

5th Grade Edition - April 2013

Here's What's Happening in 5th Grade!!

Music - Mrs. Hill

All Lincoln students enjoyed a performance by the group Red Campion from Cleveland, Ohio. Students spent some time in music class learning about the operetta "The Mikado" so they had an understanding of what the performers would be singing. The Washington Concert Association helped to bring the group to Washington.

Fifth graders have been dissecting music to analyze how music is put together into sections to create music form. Some groups have really gotten scientific with the patterns, note movement, text and structure of the song while conducting the analysis. We will continue to learn some common forms used in music.

Art - Mrs. Humphreys

The fifth graders are working on another sculpture project. The students will learn about the life and art of Alexander Calder and will create a mobile to show their understanding of repetition and balance. Before making their own mobile, the students will create virtual mobiles on the following website:

<http://www.nga.gov/education/classroom/interactive/mobile.htm>

PE - Mr. Balvanz

I have been reluctant to include Roller Skating in my curriculum this year. But, after serious consideration and a lot of coaxing by everyone I have decided to start Roller Skating next week (April 2 - April 8). **I will be requiring the students to wear helmets.** I have a few, but not enough for a whole class. If you have a helmet for your child please send it to school with him/her. Your helmet will only be used by your child. I have done some research on helmets. There are a couple of things to remember. Helmets must have a CPSC sticker. ASTM's F1447 standard is identical. Snell's B95 standard is tougher but seldom used. An \$8 helmet is just as safe as a \$200 helmet if they have the same standardized CPSC certification. Please take the time to read the information from the following web site. <http://www.helmets.org/guide.htm>

Helmets will be cleaned after every use. If you have wrist guards, elbow and kneepads I recommend they use them as well. I will provide an alternative activity for students who do not want to Roller Skate. If you have any questions feel free to call me at school.

Notes from the Office

Attendance/Absence Line

An attendance line has been set up for absences in the district. Parents can now call 653-1101 and will get a

greeting. They can then press a number to select which school they would like to leave a message for, and then will be able to leave a message about an absence. This will be helpful if you need to call Lincoln about an absence before anyone is in the office at 7:30. You may still call the main office to report an absence, but this is a second option for those parents that are heading off to work early. Thanks for your help in letting the Lincoln office know when your student will not be in attendance.

April Dates to Remember:

Friday, March 29: NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
Monday, April 1: NO SCHOOL - Teacher Conference Comp Day
Wednesday, April 10: 1:10 Dismissal - Professional Growth
Wednesday, April 10: SPRING PICTURES - 8:10 AM
Thursday, April 18: 3rd Grade Concert - 7:00 PM at Middle School Auditorium
Friday, April 19: Hat Day
Wednesday, April 24: 1:10 Dismissal - Professional Growth

ELP - Mrs. Sieren

The famous person night activity has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00 in the Lincoln gym. Please mark this on your calendars! The kids have been working hard writing their speeches. The goal is to have all of them written by April 5. We will then start working on their powerpoint presentations. This is the part that they will really like! I enjoy seeing their creativity. The goal is to be done with the powerpoints by April 26 so that they will have a couple of weeks to finish making background boards. The only part of this project that you will have to help with is the food item that they will need to bring and they will probably need help deciding on a costume to wear also. The food item needs to feed about 75 people, BUT THEY ONLY NEED TO BE BITE-SIZE SERVINGS. For example, if you are serving hotdogs, each hotdog could be cut into several pieces or you could plan to bring little smokies instead. Please call or e-mail if you have questions about this. I will supply cups, napkins, plates, and silverware.

Notes from the Guidance Office

We have been talking about ways to resolve conflicts. The students had to brainstorm many different solutions to common conflicts. We found that there can be more than one acceptable solution to a problem. They also received a strategy sheet to help them find ways to resolve conflicts. The students need to learn how to properly resolve conflicts that they may have with other students on their own. We also discussed that if they are not able to end the conflict on their own, they need to get help. Ask your child about some of the strategies for resolving conflicts that we discussed.

Mrs. Mitchell
At Risk Teacher

Notes from the Principal

If you are not using PowerSchool, the student management system, it is never too late to start. Using PowerSchool will allow you to check grades, attendance, and missing assignments for your children. If you have questions on how to use this system, please contact Tricia Bell at Lincoln Elementary (653-3691).

With warmer weather coming, students will be breaking out the summer clothes. Below is the Washington CSD Dress Code Policy to help with any questions that you might have on proper dress attire.

STUDENT APPEARANCE and DRESS CODE POLICY

1. Students are expected to dress appropriately for school.
2. A student's attire may not unreasonably infringe on the rights of other students to benefit from a productive, safe educational environment.

3. The major responsibility for appropriate dress and grooming rests with students and parents.
4. Students may not wear or display at school or school activities, dress, which can be seen as disruptive to the school environment or unreasonably infringes on others. *If the clothing is seen as disruptive or unreasonably infringing on others rights, the offending student will be required to correct the situation.
5. The following list includes examples of clothing which is considered inappropriate, disruptive or unreasonably infringes on others rights and is not allowed:
 - A. Halter-style, back-less or strapless attire
 - B. Bare midriff, chests torsos
 - C. Thin t-shirts worn over colored undergarments
 - D. Pants, slacks or shorts worn below the hips
 - E. Pants, slacks or shorts with holes in inappropriate places
 - F. Hats or other head coverings in the school buildings
 - G. Clothing or accessories that:
 1. Promote the use of alcohol or drugs.
 2. Include profane or offensive language or pictures
 3. Include sexually inappropriate or racially biased material or references.
 - H. Bandannas are not allowed at school.
6. Students are to wear shoes or sandals.
7. Accessories that could be used as weapons are not allowed at school. This includes, but is not limited to, wallet chains and spiked jewelry.
8. Students are not allowed to carry cell phones or electronic pagers at school.
9. If there are medical or religious reasons to make an exception to these rules, the parents must request an exception. Such an exception must be approved by the administration before the student can wear attire, which is an exception to the above policy.

The Washington Community Schools, with support from Bodywrx Fitness will be sponsoring the Demon Dash for Cash on April 6, 2013, starting at 9 AM at the Washington High School (Registration starts at 8 AM.). It was organized to promote fitness and raise money for Washington Community School projects. All proceeds will be divided among the four schools and be used to promote physical fitness for the students. We would love to have you and your child participate. An application for the Demon Dash is also part of the newsletter.

Sincerely,
David Hoffman, Principal
Lincoln Elementary School

District Equity Statement

It is the policy of the Washington Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, creed, marital status, national origin, religion, disability, or sexual orientation in its educational programs, activities, or employment practices. If you believe you have (or your child has) been discriminated against or treated unjustly at school, please contact Dr. Jorgensen or Mrs. Thode at 319-653-6543.