



Lincoln Times 6th Grade November 2010 Edition

Here's What's Happening in 6th Grade!!!

6th Grade Math - Mr. Davis

In Math students have been busy studying decimals. This will eventually lead to the relationship of decimals, fractions, and percent. After this we will be looking at patterns, variables, and number theory before moving into fractions.

We try to spend time every day relating math to real life situations. Parents, when your child brings home schoolwork involving computation, try to show how this extends to situations in your real world. We occasionally do brainteasers in class. These are problems that have a different answer than the obvious. Students also have opportunity to do problem solving with manipulative puzzles. This is a fun way to develop problem solving skills.

We saw many parents at conferences and appreciate you taking time out of your schedules to come to school. If you have further questions at any time please call or email.

6th Grade Science - Mrs. Clawson

Science students are finishing their Brassica plant investigations and are working on a PowerPoint to present their scientific findings. It has been exciting to observe how plants grow and develop from seeds!

Our next unit is titled, "Models and Designs". In this unit we will be exploring concepts related to physical science and how scientists design, create and improve models. You will be hearing your student talk about black boxes, humdingers and go-carts during Models and Designs.

Aviation Day was a huge success! Thanks to all of the parents that delivered and picked up their students on time! The pilots and other adults working that day at the airport commented many times on how well behaved and interested our students were!

Language Arts, Reading, and Spelling

It's hard to believe October is over. Where has the beginning of the year gone?

We finished our Adventure Unit at the end of October. The students really enjoyed the books they read. They did a great job in their Literature Circles.

For the month of November we will be working on the skills: making judgments, predicting, and persuasive devices in our guided reading groups. We'll also be using the information from SuccessMaker to form our guided reading groups.

Before the Thanksgiving break, students will choose the book they will read for the Mystery Unit. The Mystery unit will start Nov. 30th. Students will again participate in Literature Circles during the Mystery Unit.

Ms. Swift, Mrs. Adrian, Mrs. Phipps

6th Grade Social Studies

Aloha, we are wrapping up our Polynesian unit with a debate of the theories we have studied. We are also having a Luau to share some of our other cultural experiences.

Our next unit is over Ancient Egypt. The students enjoy learning about the pyramids, mummies, pharaohs, hieroglyphics, and gods/goddesses. We will have a project at the end of the Egyptian unit. We will complete these projects at school but they may make models of topic areas at home for extra credit.

Here's What's Happening Around the Building!!

6th Grade Art - Mrs. Humphreys

6th Grade: Self-Portrait

Discuss proportion in art and drawing on a grid.
Create a self-portrait on a grid from a photograph.
Paint with oil pastels, trying to show all shadows and colors from the photograph.

6th Grade Music - Mrs. J. Hill

Lincoln 6th graders have been listening and discussing songs from Hawaii in connection with their social studies unit on Polynesia. They will be performing one song at the 6th grade luau. Students have been singing syncopated songs from the Caribbean, Puerto Rico and America.

The Sunrise Singers are collecting pop cans and bottles as a fundraiser, so please send your rinsed and empty cans and bottles to school and they will take care of them for you!

Performance Schedule

Tue. Dec. 7 - Sunrise Singers & Advanced Band - H.S. auditorium 7 P.M.

Fri. Dec. 10 - Sunrise Singers & Advanced Band - Lincoln gym 8:30 A.M.

Tue. Dec. 14 - Sunrise Singers Washington Y, Y's men dinner 7 P.M.

6th Grade - ELP

Dear 6th Grade Parents,

It was nice to see so many of you at conferences. Thanks for taking the time to stop by and visit!

As you know, rocket launching day was a success. The weather was almost perfect. I am also proud of the fact that we didn't lose any rockets this year. If you are interested in getting a rocket launching kit for your child's birthday or Christmas, the company that I ordered from was acsupplyco.com, but I would also look in stores like Hobby Lobby or Michaels. In the past, even the super Wal-Mart's sometimes carried the kits around the holidays.

Our next unit will be "simple chemistry". We will be learning about atoms and molecules, doing some basic experiments with acids and bases, and learning about the periodic chart and elements table.

This year we will be hosting the 6-8th grade quiz bowl competition. We have already set the date for Wednesday, May 4. It will be held at the high school because of the construction going on at the Jr. High. Mark your calendars!

Mrs. Sieren

Lincoln Elementary Fundraiser

Students have sold Red Wheel fundraising items to support the Lincoln PTG organization. Money from this fundraiser and other sources will be used to improve the playground, purchase speakers and other school needs. Items sold will be available for pick up on Wednesday, November 17, from 2:45 - 6:00. It is

important that you pick up the items your student sold or arrange for someone else to pick up those items during this time, as they will arrive frozen and we do not have space to store them.

2010-2011 FLU SEASON

If your child has a fever, body aches, headache and a cough-Do NOT send him/her to school that day.

Any child with a fever above 100 degrees will be sent home.

Your child may return to school only when he/she has been fever free for 24 hours without the use any fever reducing medications.

If your child has a fever in the evening or at night, please do not send them to school the next day.

A child placed on antibiotics must be on the medication for 24 hours before returning to school.

If your child has vomited within the past 12 hours please do NOT send them to school.

Have your child to wash their hands before meals, after using the restroom, and after blowing their nose. Have your child cough into their elbow rather than their hands.

These guidelines will help reduce student and staff illness during this flu season.

Holly Roth RN, BSN



Smile Iowa

The 3rd Iowa MOM will be held
November 5-6, 2010 from 7am-5:30pm
at the U. S. Cellular Center
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Everyone Welcome for Free Dental Care!

-No Full Dentures or Crowns

-Extractions, Fillings, Partial dentures, Cleanings, Exams and X-rays Done

***Health Histories checked for safety reasons**

First Come First Serve!

Helping Your Child Succeed at School

You are your child's best teacher! Research shows that children whose parents are engaged in their education are more likely to achieve academic success. It is essential to be as **positive** as possible as you support your child. The following ideas are effective for children in grades PreK-12:

1. Have high expectations for your child.

Kids rise to a challenge. Make sure your child understands the clear expectations you have for them and how well they should do in school.

2. Talk to your child about school.

Ask specific questions to draw out your child. Instead of asking "yes" or "no" questions, ask, "How do you think you did on the math test?" or "What is something funny that happened at school today?" or "What did you do during PE?" It is very important as you talk with your child about school to help them believe in themselves and have the confidence to know that they can succeed.

3. Get "connected" with your child's teachers.

Teacher and parents should be equal partners. This doesn't mean you have the same role, but you are both equally important players in supporting the success of your child. Ask teachers about their expectations. What are students expected to master by the end of the year in each class? Ask what you can do at home to support what is going on in the classroom.

Ryan Gratz, SAM

Counselor Notes

ITBS: Iowa Test of Basic Skills

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills will be given at Lincoln starting Tuesday, November 9th through Friday, November 12th. We test for one hour each morning from 8:15-9:15. It is imperative that your child be to school each day on time, but especially the two weeks of basic skills, so they do not have to spend time making up the tests. Getting a good night of sleep will help your child be more alert and do better on the tests. Also, everyone knows that breakfast is one of the most important meals of the day. Starting the day without breakfast is like driving a car without stopping to fill up the gas tank. Children who eat breakfast tend to have longer attention spans and do better in school.

Children do not have to eat the traditional breakfast foods. Here are a variety of nontraditional foods for breakfast.

- *Whole-grain cereal with fruit and reduced-fat milk
- *Whole-wheat toast, eggs, and juice or reduced-fat milk
- *Fried egg and reduced-cheese on whole-wheat toast
- *Oatmeal with raisins and reduced-fat milk
- *Waffles, turkey bacon and juice
- *Low-fat yogurt with fruit and granola
- *Bagel with cheese or peanut butter
- *Fruit smoothie: fruit and milk or yogurt mixed together
in blender
- *Bagel, string cheese and an apple
- *Whole-wheat toast, hard-boiled egg and fruit
- *Turkey sandwich and reduced-fat milk
- *Leftover pizza and juice
- *Breakfast burrito: scrambled eggs, cheese and veggies wrapped
in a flour tortilla
- *Peanut butter and jelly sandwich and reduced-fat milk
- *Grilled cheese sandwich and juice

**BREAKFAST AT LINCOLN IS SERVED FROM 7:40 TO 8:00.
Please don't hesitate to contact me anytime by phone or email!**

Teresa Beenblossom, Counselor

Notes from the Principal

Lincoln Elementary will be starting Basic Skills on Tuesday, November 9th through Friday, November 12th. This year Lincoln Elementary will only take the tests required by No Child Left Behind and the State of Iowa. The hope is to minimize the number of tests given so students will maximize their effort.

It is important that the students do their best on the test. Both the students and Lincoln Elementary School are measured on the results of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. These test scores will be used to help identify non-proficient students. Please make sure your child gets enough rest and has a good breakfast. Any student that is missing days during this time will need to make up the missed test upon their return. Students will receive a snack during homeroom compliments of the Lincoln PTG. Also in the newsletter are details on the Lincoln Elementary Basic Skills Awards.

Schedule of Basic Skills Tests:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Test</u>
Tuesday, November 9-	Reading- Part 1 (25) Reading- Part 2 (30)
Wednesday, November 10-	Math Concepts and Estimation- Part 1 (25) & Part 2 (5)
Thursday, Nov 11-	Math Problem Solving and Data Interpretation (30)
Friday, November 12-	Science (30)

The end of the first trimester will be on November 12. Report cards will be sent home with the students on Wednesday, November 17. Students that earn a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the first trimester will be recognized with an Academic Awards certificate. These certificates will be presented to the students at a later date at school. The grade point average is calculated from grades earned in math, language arts, spelling, social studies, science, reading, physical education, music, art, and band.

With the cold weather and possibility of snow in the upcoming months, we ask you to make sure your child is dressed warm for recess. A lot of students find themselves getting cold at recess because they did not bring a hat or gloves.

Our rules for the playground during the winter season are very simple. When there is snow on the playground:

- 1) Students **must** wear boots and snow pants to go off of the blacktop area.
- 2) No throwing snowballs.
- 3) No king of the hill on the snow piles.

These rules are for the safety of the students.

Information on the Family Night scheduled for Monday, November 15, is below. We hope you can attend.

Dave Hoffman
Principal

LINCOLN FAMILY NIGHT

Come One, Come All

Mark your calendars for Lincoln School's first Family Night of the year.



Monday, November 15

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Lincoln School

"Healthy Bodies - Healthy Kids"

More information to follow

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.