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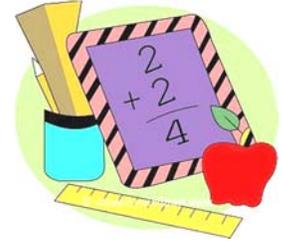
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December 2019

Dates to Remember!

- 12/13: 5th & 6th Grade Winter Band Concert, (9:00-9:40am) Lincoln School
- 12/21: Winter Vacation Begins
- 1/6/2019: Students Return to School

Principal's Message



It is that time of year where our playground is finally covered with snow! To make for an enjoyable recess, we ask that students come dressed for the weather with hats, mittens, coats, ski pants, and boots. Students are expected to wear their winter gear in order to have fun on the playground. If there are any families in need of assistance with obtaining winter gear for their child, please contact Nurse Jessie or Ms. Kaiser for help. Parents are encouraged to label their child's winter gear in the event that items get misplaced. We do have a Lost and Found bin, located in the cafeteria. On extremely cold days, the school goes by the magic number of 10 (or feels like 10) to determine whether it is appropriate for students to play outside. As much as possible, we want our students to get fresh air, but will only do so when it is appropriate and safe for them.

For the month of November, we had 138 students receive the Perfect Attendance recognition. Their names will be prominently placed on our attendance bulletin board as you walk into the school. For the month of November, our overall school attendance average was **92.80%**! This is very close to our monthly goal of 94%.

Educationally Yours,

Mrs. Gauthier

Physical Education News



K-2: There was a lot of moving and skill work in last month's units as students worked extremely hard on developing their manipulative skills and participating in active games of chase. For December, students will continue to work on some active games of chase as well as cooperative games, focusing on sportsmanship and working together as a team.

3-6: Last month was a busy time for students in grades 3-6 as they worked and focused a lot on team games, working together (partners and small groups), and sportsmanship. This month, students will focus on cooperative/ team games including throwing, dodging, fleeing, and some active games of chase.

Classroom Feature: Spotlight on 5th Grade



The fifth graders are off to a fantastic start this year! They rocked their weather unit where we utilized our outdoor classroom and created models of the water cycle. Next up in science will be rock and minerals. The students have worked very hard in math as we have covered place value, division and multiplication. Next up we have operations with decimals, which is always an exciting two months! In reading we read nonfiction books for over a month and we just finished reading the novel *Tuck Everlasting* as a whole class. One of the wonderful things about fifth grade is that the students have such varying opinions of the characters and theme, which provided some excellent discussion! We even were able to watch the movie and we did some comparing between book and movie. It was nice to see the majority said they liked the book better! In writing we are beginning our nonfiction unit where students will be writing a report on a state of their choice, which ties in nicely to our geography work on the states. Up next for us in social studies is our unit on the Revolutionary War where we will be performing a play for everyone. It's been an exciting first trimester in fifth grade and the next two promise to be even better!

Winter Concert

On Friday, December 13th, the 5th & 6th grade band students will be presenting a Winter Band Concert in the Lincoln Gymnasium from 9:00-9:40am. The program will feature 5th grade band playing songs from their books and showing what they have learned, so far, and 6th grade band students performing some seasonal selections.

The students may wear either school clothes or dress-up clothes for this event. They can also wear some sort of fun, seasonal hat, such as a Santa hat, reindeer antlers, etc. if they wish. Thank you and hope to see you all at the concert!



PTC

The next PTC meeting will be Tuesday, 12/17/19 at 6:00pm in the cafeteria. If you are interested in helping out with events this school year, we encourage parents to attend the meeting or email our PTC president about how you could volunteer: Staci Fortunato, stacifortunato@gmail.com.

Nurse Notes

Winter Wardrobes– As winter weather approaches, please send your child with a jacket, hat, mittens, boots and, ski pants. The office does not give out winter clothing for students to use for recess. If ski-pants are not worn, students may not play in the snow. *If your child does not have a jacket, please call and let me know.



Immunizations-If your child is not up to date on immunizations, has an incomplete immunization record, or an outdated exemption form, you will be receiving a phone call from the nurse. It is Maine state law to have either a completed immunization record or a yearly exemption form on file for your child to be attending school. Thank you.

Illness- If your child has a fever, he/she may not return to school until they are **24 hours fever free** without Tylenol/Motrin on board. If they have been put on an antibiotic for illness, they should be on the antibiotic for 24 hours before returning to school.



Cough Drops- If cough drops are sent in; please send a note with permission for your child to take them at school. All cough drops will be kept in the nurse's office for our students' safety.



December Library Happenings 2019

A chill is in the air and it's always good to have a great book to cozy up with just in case of a SNOW DAY.

Our MSBA Challenge continues with students in 5th & 6th grades. They are still busy challenging to read more than Mrs. Gauthier from the 41 books on the on the MSBA list for 2019-2020. Several students are already several books ahead of Mrs. Gauthier. See the books your child is reading @ <http://msba.umeedu.maine.edu/> The MSBA challenge will end April 30, 2020 with a Pizza Party for the students and staff members with more books read than Mrs. Gauthier. The students who participate and read at least 5 books will also win a prize. **Keep Reading!**

Holiday books are out on display and students are rapidly checking them out to share with their families.

Our goal of the library is to inspire curiosity and encourage students to read a wide variety of books. Through displays and library lessons, students can interact with many new story ideas and types of genres.

Many new books are still arriving and students are eagerly checking them out and finding one that fits their

need to read. Parents that would like to help their student choose books from the Lincoln Library, our collection can be viewed at home by accessing our online card catalog system. Visit us at: <http://minerva.maine.edu/> and just write down the information and have your child bring it to the Librarian.

K- 3 are reading the Chickadee Nominees for 2019-20 and will vote in March on the book they liked the best. If you would like to see the titles and activities that go along with each book you may want to visit <https://sites.google.com/site/thechickadeeward/home>.

Reminder to K & 1st grade parents: your students books are signed out for 1 week. Many times when books are not returned weekly the tears flow as they cannot check out another until the book out is returned. Please help by placing the books to be returned in their backpack on or before their Library day.

Many books are being returned with damages from leaks in backpacks. It is helpful to keeps books in a plastic bag and separate from food or drinks to avoid this from happening.

Happy Reading! ~ Mrs. Pridham