



Lincoln School Newsletter

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December 2018

Dates to Remember!

- 12/13: All City Music Concert, (6:00pm-7:00pm)
- 12/14: 5th & 6th Grade Winter Concert, (9:00-9:40am)
- 12/24: Winter Vacation Begins
- 1/2/2019: Students Return to School

Principal's Message

Winter weather has arrived! It is important for students to have the proper outerwear, such as coats, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens, to make for a more enjoyable outdoor recess. Students are expected to wear their outer gear in order to play in the snow. If there are any families in need of help with obtaining boots and jackets, they are encouraged to reach out to Nurse Bobbi Jo or Mr. Ray. Parents are encouraged to label their children's clothing so that they can be returned if left behind. The school does have a Lost and Found box located in the cafeteria that can be checked for any missing items.



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. We do have some good old fashioned board games for students to play with on those days when we are kept inside.

For the month of November, we had 134 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 **93.47%**! This is very close to our monthly goal of 94%.

Educationally Yours,

Mrs. Gauthier



Basket Raffles

The PTC will be raffling off two themed baskets just in time for the holidays! **Tickets are 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.** Students can turn in raffle tickets and money in at the office. **The drawings will take place on December 17th.** Please make sure that tickets have a first and last name on them with a phone number. The themed baskets are: *Family Fun Night* and *Coffee*. The PTC appreciates the support for our Lincoln families and community!

Classroom Feature: Spotlight on 5th Grade



The fifth graders this year have been very fortunate to start the year off with our weather unit in the outdoor classroom. While discussing the water cycle we were able to go out and use our new classroom to create models of the water cycle with cups, soil, wheat grass and water. Students were able to see how the water cycle is continuous going from the soil to the top of the cups and back down again. Some plants are still thriving in the original container on our windowsills! Next up for science we will be discussing rock and minerals, which ties into everything we have been learning about the 50 states and the important features and products that each state has.

The new reading and writing program has really blossomed our fifth graders into readers of many genres. They read specifically 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, it provided for some excellent discussion! We cannot wait to see what the remainder of the year has in store for our fifth graders!



Winter Concert

On Friday, December 14, the 5th & 6th grade band students will be presenting a Winter 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 will, also, need to wear some sort of fun, seasonal hat, such a Santa Hat, reindeer antlers, etc... If you cannot acquire a hat for your child they may borrow one from us. Thank you and hope to see you all at the concert!

All City Music Concert

The All City Music Concert: A Capital Celebration will take place at the Civic Center on December 13th, 2018. There will be a dress rehearsal that day from 11:20am-12:45pm. Permission slips were previously sent home and need to be returned to their classroom teacher in order to attend the practice with their peers from the district. The concert begins at 6:00 p.m. Students in grades 3-6 need to arrive at the Civic Center around 5:45p.m, dressed in white shirts and black bottoms. Students have worked very hard on their music selections and are excited to perform them for you. We anticipate the concert finishing around 7:15 p.m.



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. These forms must be provided to me by **December 17th**. 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.

PTC

There will be no December PTC meeting. The next PTC meeting will be 1/15/19 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.

December 2018 Library Happenings



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 2018-2019. See the books your child is reading @ <http://msba.umeedu.maine.edu/> The MSBA challenge will end April 30, 2019 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.

One goal of the library is to inspire curiosity and encourage students to read a wide variety of books. 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.

Reminder to K & 1st grade parents: Your student's 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