



# Lincoln School Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember!

- 2/3-3/2: Read to ME Challenge
- 2/14: Early Release—11:45am dismissal
- 2/17-2/21: School Vacation
- 2/25: PTC Meeting, 6pm

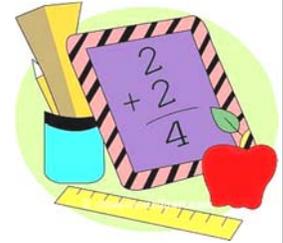


## Physical Education News

K-2: For the month of February students will be working on their balancing unit. The focus will be on why balance is important, what the proper base of support is for balance, and what their center of gravity is to help maintain proper balance. There will be different stations during this unit where students get to test their balance in a variety of activities including eggs & spoons, hi-steppers, balance boards, stilts, and balance beams.

3-6: Students will be focusing primarily on preparing for their fitness assessments. The five components of physical fitness they will be tested on are muscular strength, muscular endurance, speed, flexibility, and cardiovascular endurance. These components will consist of sit-ups, push-ups, sit & reach, shuttle run, and the mile run.

## Principal's Message



During school vacation, students will have the opportunity to complete a BINGO challenge. Squares contain tasks related to reading, writing, math, and healthy choices. As part of the challenge, students can view guest readers from our Lincoln You Tube channel. There will be some new featured videos with a winter theme. Students will want to keep track of their completion of each task so they can submit it when we return from break from some prizes! Prizes will consist of: One BINGO- free book; Three BINGOs- free book and a set of polyhedral dice; BLACKOUT- free book, a set of polyhedral dice, and extra recess!

We are hoping that students are healthy and strong for the rest of the year! For the month of January, 99 students received the Perfect Attendance recognition. Make sure to check out their names as you enter our school. Our overall school attendance average for January was 91.37%, which is below our target of 94%. Attending school regularly is important for students with establishing consistent routines and not getting behind with their schoolwork.

Educationally Yours,

*Mrs. Gauthier*

## Take a Peek at What We're Doing in the Art Room!

Returning from break Kindergartners read "Mouse Paint" and made some circle art using cups and our three primary colors to cover the whole paper.

In first grade we painted a winter scene with some colorful trees using paint color sample strips.

In second grade we are drawing some winter cardinals which we will finish with tempera paint.

In third grade we are learning about artist Laurel Burch and will creating some colorful Burch inspired cats.

In fourth grade we used chalk pastels and created a piece about the Northern lights.

In fifth grade students are creating a medieval illuminated letter for their next lesson using sharpie and watercolor.

In sixth grade we are drawing snowflakes with we will use watercolor and sprinkle with salt for a cool affect.

Happy February!

Mrs. Rowe



## World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser

Our Snack Fundraiser through the World's Finest Chocolate, sponsored by our PTC, **will begin 2/14/20**. Students will be sent home with order forms and an informational letter for parents before February vacation. We will be selling solid chocolate bunnies, assorted chocolates, and snacks over the next few weeks. **Students can turn in order forms and money by 2/28/20 to be considered for an incentive.** We will continue to collect orders and money through 3/6/20 (our final turn in date). All orders will in time for the Easter holiday. The money raised from this event helps to pay for indoor and outdoor supplies for students, bringing in guests (ex. Theater groups), showing appreciation for our teachers, and field trips for students. The PTC thanks you in advance for your support.



## Nurse Notes

Flu season has officially arrived. We strive to keep both our students and staff healthy at school. Tables, desks, and door knobs are constantly being washed down. There is also lots of hand washing and hand sanitizing going on. If your child has a fever or is exhibiting flu like symptoms, he or she should stay home. Students need to be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school with no Tylenol or ibuprofen on board. Students with a temperature of 100° or above are considered to have a fever. If a student has a cough or stuffy nose, these are things that can be supported at school. Always communicate with the nurse on medical things going on with your child. When possible, please provide the school with a doctor's note on any absences.



## Poster Contest!

February is Children's Dental Health Month. The Maine Department of Health and Human Services is having a Kid's Poster Contest. If you are interested in making a poster for the contest, stop by the office for more details!



## Read to ME Challenge



The Maine Department of Education kicked off its annual Read to ME Challenge at Lincoln School on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. This Challenge will go on through March 2<sup>nd</sup>. During this window, adults are encouraged to read with children and take a picture or video clip of this, posting it to a form of social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or Snapchat) with #ReadtoMEChallenge. We will be snapping pictures at Lincoln of various staff members reading to students. Parents and community members are encouraged to join in the challenge! They may contact their child's teacher if they would like to volunteer as a reader in our school.

## Classroom Feature: Spotlight on 1st Grade!

February is a very busy month in grade one! We will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school as well as thinking about the meaning of friendship since Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Our CCC curriculum has us diving into using wondering as a comprehension strategy during our Making Meaning unit and during writer's workshop we will be writing personal narrative stories. We have just finished up subtraction and addition to 20 and we be moving on to learn about place value during our math workshop. We continue to practice our math facts fluency and work on our numeracy skills. First grade works hard to be kind, respectful and ready at all times! We are looking forward to a fun February!



## Fun Things Happening in the Library

**Maine Student Book Award Challenge** Students in 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades are still busy challenging to read more than Mrs. Gauthier from books on the on the MSBA list for 2019-2020 The students checked out extra books for the Holiday break to help get ahead in their reading. The challenge will end April 30 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.

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/> choose Lincoln library and just write down the information and have your child bring it to the Librarian.

We have had many books returned with damage from food, drinks, pets, and small siblings. Please help your child keep their library book safe by avoiding any of these dangers. Books returned wet or damaged beyond repair cannot be put back on the shelf and will be billed.

Also, please help your child by placing the books to be returned in their backpack on or before their Library day.

Happy Reading! ~ Mrs. Pridham