



Lincoln School Newsletter

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Dates to Remember!

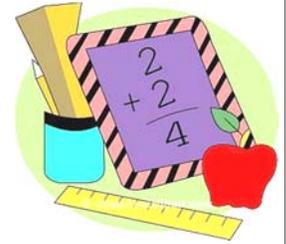
1/15: PTC Meeting, 6pm
 1/18: Early Release—11:45am dismissal
 1/21: Martin Luther King Jr. Day— NO SCHOOL

Snow Days, Delayed Start and Early Release Days



In the event that school is cancelled, delayed or released early due to inclement weather, the school department has a burst notification system that will communicate with parents when this happens. For a one hour delay, school will begin at 9:20am, for a two- hour delay, school will begin at 10:20 a.m. If school is released early, students will be dismissed at 11:45am. Please make sure the office has the correct phone number on file to ensure that you are notified using our automated notification system.

Principal's Message



Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday festivities with family and friends. The staff at Lincoln is excited to be back and hear about students' vacation stories. Students and staff have eased back into their school routines, quickly returning to learning expectations and our school core values of being kind, responsible, and ready. Please remember to check student planners and folders for homework and any informational handouts.

For the month of December, **141** students received the Perfect Attendance recognition. Make sure to check out their names next to the Community bulletin board as you walk into our school. For the month of December, our overall school attendance average was **94.24%**. We met our monthly target of 94%. Entering the flu season can be tricky with absences, as students should stay home to recuperate faster. When students are going to be out sick, please contact the main office or send in a note with your child upon their return. Providing the school with any doctor's notes is extremely helpful as well. Attending school regularly is important for students with establishing consistent routines and not getting behind with their schoolwork. Contact your child's teacher when she/he will be out to get any make up work needed. We appreciate our parents' efforts with getting their children to school consistently and on time!

Educationally Yours,

Mrs. Gauthier

Classroom Feature: Spotlight on 2nd Grade!



Happy New Year!

Second Grade has had a great start to our school year! Before break we were working very hard using place value and learning about money in math. Our students are loving our new literacy programs and incorporating them into favorite Daily 5 rotations in reading and writing.



We also spent time learning about healthy foods and healthy eating habits and will continue having visits each month from a representative of the Healthy Communities of the Capital Area around *Picking a Better Snack* (PABS).

In December, Mrs. Rowley's class went on a field trip to Maine General to learn about the hospital and the many different things that go on there. Ms. C's class will be heading to Maine General in March for their tour!



Reminder: School Visitors



We ask that all school visitors sign in at the main office and take a visitor's pass when heading down to their child's class during school hours. Our staff will provide friendly reminders for those who forget. This procedure is to maintain the safety of students during school hours.

PTC

The next PTC meeting will be 1/15/19 at 6:00pm in the cafeteria. We encourage parents to attend the meeting or email our PTC president about how you could volunteer: Staci Fortunato, stacifortunato@gmail.com.



Nurse Notes

Heads Up on Head Lice



Head lice are small insects that are usually found on the head. Their eggs, called nits, are most often found behind the ears and on the neckline. Head lice is very common in elementary school children. While they do feed on human blood, they do not cause disease. They are most often spread by direct head to head contact and do not jump or fly.

The signs and symptoms of head lice are: feeling like something is moving in the hair, itching, difficulty sleeping, or sores on the head from scratching.

We ask that all parents do head checks regularly with their children. If you see either white eggs attached to the hair shaft or adult lice, please treat that day with either an over-the-counter product or prescription medication following the directions closely. If you are still finding live lice the day after treatment, the medicine may not be working. Keep combing and contact your health care provider.

Remember, the nits (eggs) must **all** be combed out of the hair or they will hatch into an adult which will lay more eggs. It can be difficult to stop the cycle. Combing daily until all lice/nits are removed is important and a repeat treatment in 7 to 10 days is recommended.

~Nurse Bobbi Jo



Fun Things Happening in the Library

Maine Student Book Award Challenge

Students in 5th & 6th grades are still busy challenging to read more than Mrs. Gauthier from books on the on the MSBA list for 2018-2019. 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.

Library Organization

Our Students have been learning about library organization and how to find their next favorite book. First and second graders are learning the main sections of the library (fiction, everybody, biography, non-fiction, early reader,) and what types of books are in each section. They are also practicing alphabetical order and are learning the online catalog and how to use it to search for books by subject, keyword, author, and title. They are then using the call numbers to find the books they are looking for.

Checking Out Books

Many new books are still arriving and students are eagerly

checking them out and finding one that fits their need to read. For 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.

Students also have access to 152 free titles at Capstone Interactive. This site can be accessed at home or at school. www.mycapstonelibrary.com/login/?sqs=bedbad9b06c734c76a7c14c62eb070f2f13e2a1e960ea8e5bb717b0c43611206

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