



Lincoln School Newsletter

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Dates to Remember!

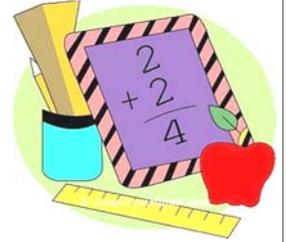
1/20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day- NO SCHOOL

1/21: Early Release—11:45am dismissal

1/21: PTC Meeting, 6pm

Principal's Message

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed their extended holiday break with family and friends. The staff at Lincoln spent some time our first week of 2020, reviewing classroom and school wide expectations. Students had practice sessions on our core values of being Kind, Responsible, and Ready. Students are able to earn Eagle Tickets when they are observed by staff members following our school wide expectations. Our Student Council members will be tracking Eagle tickets earned weekly. The homeroom with the highest total will earn an extra reward at the end of the week!



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.

For the month of December, 140 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 93.83%. We were very close to meeting 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 note 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 4th Grade!



It was a great month in fourth grade! In reading, we have been focusing on learning effective reading comprehension strategies. Those strategies include using text features, questioning, recognizing story elements, and using inference. The fourth graders also finished writing personal narratives, true stories about themselves that included sensory details to help build a picture in the reader's mind. We also learned how to use multi-digit multiplication to find the products for larger numbers. The students had a great time learning about the geography of Maine, culminating in a map project. They used salt dough on cardboard to make relief maps of Maine, showing boundaries, communities, parks, and lakes. The maps came out beautifully!





Physical Education News

K-2: This month students in grades K-2 will be reviewing and using locomotor movements, cooperative games including individual and group work, and active games of chase utilizing dodging and fleeing.

3-6: Grades 3-6 will be involved in activities focused around strategy, team work, throwing & catching, and practicing for their fitness assessments next month.

PTC

The next PTC meeting will be 1/21/20 at 6:00pm in the cafeteria. We encourage parents to attend the meeting or email our PTC president about how you can volunteer: Staci Fortunato, stacifortunato@gmail.com.



Illness

Nurse Notes



If your child has a fever, they need to be out of school for 24 hours and must be fever free without Tylenol or Ibuprofen on board.

If your child has been diagnosed with Strep Throat or anything contagious that requires an antibiotic, please keep them home until they have been on the antibiotic for at least 24 hours.



Head lice- Not a medical issue but such a nuisance!

Head lice and their eggs, called nits, are most often found behind the ears and on the neckline. Head lice is very common in elementary school children. They are most often spread by direct head to head contact and do not jump or fly.

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 prior to returning to school.

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 Jessie



Fun things happening in the Library in January 2020

Maine Student Book Award Challenge

Students in 5th & 6th grades are still busy challenging to read more than Mrs. Gauthier from the 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. **Keep Reading!**

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.

One 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 ideas and types learning.

We will be continuing to read the **Chickadee nominees** for grades K – 3. When we finish reading the 10 we will vote on the ones we liked the best. We will be able to see how the rest of the state voted after April 1st. You can find the books at this website <https://sites.google.com/site/thechickadeeaward/>

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.

Please help your child by placing the books to be returned in their backpack on or before their Library day. When books are not returned the student is not able to check out new books. Overdue notices are sent out to let you know that the books have not been returned.

We are looking forward to a new year and exciting new books!

Happy Reading! ~ Mrs. Pridham