



Lincoln School Newsletter

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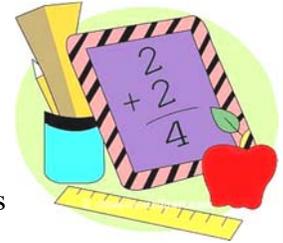
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March 2019

Dates to Remember!

- 3/1: End of 2nd Trimester
- 3/8: Family Book Bingo, 5:30pm-7pm
- 3/12: Worlds Finest Chocolate Fundraiser Due
- 3/14: Early Release—11:45am dismissal
- 3/15: Workshop Day— No School
- 3/18-3/22: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 3/19: PTC Meeting, 6pm
- 3/21-3/28: eMPowerME Testing: Grades 3-6
- 3/27: Spring Pictures

Principal's Message



Students in grades 3-6 will be participating in the state standardized assessment system, eMPowerME, for Math and English/ Language Arts. This is an online testing format where students utilize technology to participate in the assessment. The staff at Lincoln will be participating in training around this to prepare for the testing protocols. The testing window is from 3/18/19- 4/12/19. The testing timeframes for our students will be first thing in the morning. It will be important for students to have a good night's rest, eat a good breakfast, and arrive to school on time. More information will be sent home to parents the closer we get to the actual testing date.

Parent Teacher Conferences



Our spring Parent Conferences will be held the week of March 18th–22nd. Teachers will be sending home with students a sign up for preferred appointment

times. Please select the ones best for you and return them immediately to your child's classroom teacher. A confirmation with your time will be sent home the week before conferences. Teachers will be using this time to discuss the 2nd Trimester reporting period progress for students.

We continue to track our progress with our attendance goal of 94%. For the month of February, our overall school attendance average was **91.21%**! This is slightly above last month's total, but still below our goal. For the month of February, **102** students received the Perfect Attendance recognition. We are hoping that we have made it through the winter sickness as we are all ready for spring! Attending school regularly is important for students with establishing consistent routines and not getting behind with their schoolwork. With warmer months on the way, we are hoping to see our attendance results swing back up. We appreciate our parents' efforts with getting their children to school and on time!

Educationally Yours,

Mrs. Gauthier

Classroom Feature: **Spotlight** on *1st Grade!!*



The month of March is a very busy and fun month for 1st grade! During our science block, we will be working with force and motion concepts, as well as learning about our solar system. In other academic areas, such as math and literacy, we are learning about double digit addition and distinguishing between fiction and non-fiction. We continue to work on choosing "just fit books" as well. Our 1st graders are working SUPER hard to write personal narratives. They are focusing on adding a beginning, middle and end using temporal words (first, then, next, finally). They are also experimenting with using exclamation marks! As the year continues, we consonantly review our PBIS school

expectations matrix which includes being kind, responsible and ready. March is a huge month of growth for 1st graders so we are very excited to see what the next few weeks hold for us!



KINDERGARTEN Pre K/Kindergarten



Registration

Parents who will be registering a child for Pre

-K for the 2019/2020 school year, need to contact Gilbert School at 626-2491. To enroll in Pre-K, your child must live in Augusta and have turned four years old by 10/15/19.

For parents who will be registering a kindergarten student for the 2019/2020 school year, please call Lincoln School at 626-2483. To enroll in Kindergarten, your child must be live in the Lincoln Attendance district and have turned five years old by 10/15/19. Mrs. Cloutier, our school secretary, will take your name and contact information down to send out registration information in early spring.

Family Book Bingo

Our PTC will be sponsoring a Family Book Bingo event. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for families to come in, find a seat and to purchase any snacks they may want. Games will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. Prizes will consist of reading related items, as a fun way to promote literacy. Our PTC will be selling snacks (pizza, chips, drinks, and bake sale items), Eagle Cards, and Lincoln Decals. They will also have on hand some World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser packets for any last minute ordering. A flyer was sent home with a sign-up sheet so that we can anticipate the number of people in attendance. Please turn these into the office by March 7th. We hope to see many of our families there!



Nurse Notes



Flu season has officially arrived. We strive to keep both our students and staff healthy at school by frequently wiping down desks, door knobs, tables etc. as well as encouraging hand washing and sanitizing often.

If your child has a fever or is exhibiting flu-like symptoms, he or she should stay home. Students must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school without Tylenol or Ibuprofen on board. A temperature of 100° or above will be considered a fever and if onset of fever occurs at school they will be sent home.

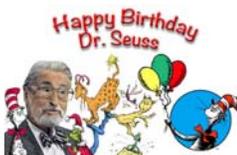
It is very important that the school has updated phone numbers to be able to contact someone in case of illness at school. While we work hard to keep students at school, there are times when a student will need to be picked up. We should not keep sick children here at school for their comfort and the health of others. If your phone number changes or is not working, please call the office and provide an updated contact number.

If your child is out with an extended illness, whenever possible please provide a doctor's note

Spring is coming!

~Nurse Bobbi Jo

Fun things happening in the Library in March 2019



St Patrick's Day, Spring, and Dr. Seuss Birthday books, are out and waiting to be checked out. We are hoping the groundhog was right and Spring will make its appearance early.

Maine Student Book Award Challenge continues until April 30th

The challenge with 5th and 6th graders and Mrs. Gauthier 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!

Chickadee Award

K-3 grades are finishing up Our 10 Nominees for the

2019 Chickadee Award. We will be voting by the end of March. If you would like to learn more about this and see the books we have please go to this site and ask your child about the books. <https://sites.google.com/site/thechickadeeaward/>

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.

Library Book Damage

If a library book becomes damage while in your child's care please do not try to fix it yourself. We have special tape and other ways to fix them. Sometimes a book becomes permanently damaged by being fixed the wrong way. Please help your child by placing their books to be returned in their backpack on or before their Library day.

Happy Reading! ~ Mrs. Pridham