



Lincoln School Newsletter

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March 2020

Dates to Remember!

- 3/6: End of 2nd Trimester
- 3/6: Free Breakfast for All
- 3/10: PTC Meeting, 6pm Lincoln Cafeteria
- 3/13: Family Bingo, 5:30pm-7pm
- 3/16-4/10: emPowerME Testing Grades 3-6
- 3/19: Early Release—11:45am dismissal
- 3/20: Workshop Day— No School
- 3/23-3/27: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 4/3: Family Paint Night, 6pm at Lincoln



Physical Education News

K-2: Students in grades K-2 will be working more on cooperative games, focusing on characteristics of being a good teammate, why it's important to take turns, how to respectfully work together, and why it's important to be part of a team. There will also be guest speakers coming in this month from MIKA (Maine Isshinryu Karate Academies).

3-6: Grades 3-6 will be completing their fitness assessments over the next couple of weeks. These assessments test students in five areas of physical fitness which are muscular endurance (sit ups), muscular strength (push-ups), flexibility (sit & reach), speed (shuttle run), and cardiovascular endurance (mile run). There will also be guest speakers coming in this month from MIKA (Maine Isshinryu Karate Academies).

Principal's Message

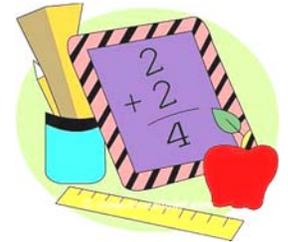
Students in grades 3-6 will be participating in the state standardized assessment system, eMPowerME, for Math and English/ Language Arts. This is an online testing format where students utilize technology to participate in the assessment.

The staff at Lincoln will be participating in training around this to prepare for the testing protocols. The testing window is from 3/16/20- 4/10/20. 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.

We continue to track our progress with our attendance goal of 94%. For the month of February, our overall school attendance average was **90.26%**! For the month of February, **124** 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 Title I

Title I parents/guardians ~

Title I staff will be hosting their annual Spring Open House for those students who are involved in the program on Thursday, March 26th from 3:30-7:00pm. (*This is the late night during the week of Parent-Teacher Conferences.*) Families should stop by the Title I room (located next to the library) to meet the staff and see what students' have been working on in reading and math. We'll have a yummy treat & resources for activities you can do with your child at home too! Keep an eye out for your invitation to the event. We hope to see you then!



KINDERGARTEN



Pre K/Kindergarten Registration

Parents who will be registering a child for Pre-K for the 2020/2021 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 10/15/20.

For parents who will be registering a kindergarten student for the 2020/2021 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 10/15/20. 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 on Friday, March 13th. 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. 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 12th. We hope to see many of our families there!



National School Breakfast Week



Augusta Schools will be celebrating National School Breakfast Week and want to encourage more families to take advantage of the healthy choices available for school breakfast in our schools.

The National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) campaign theme, "Out of This World," reminds the entire school community that school breakfast provides a healthy and energizing start to the day for students. School staff and students will be encouraged to show their enthusiasm for school breakfast from March 2-6 as the district celebrates with special menus, stickers for students, and more. We are also offering FREE BREAKFAST FRIDAY March 6th to ALL STUDENTS, PreK-12th grade. There will be NO 2nd Chance breakfast offered on Free Friday *ALL students are expected to EAT FREE in the CAFETERIA 3/6/2020.

"A healthy breakfast at the start of the day is a great way to ensure students get the best education they can", "National School Breakfast Week helps us educate parents and students about all the healthy, great tasting, and appealing choices we offer."

Parent Teacher Conferences

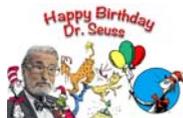


Our spring Parent Conferences will be held the week of March 23rd– 27th, with late night conferences available on March 26th. Teachers will be sending home with students a sign up for preferred appointment times. Please select the ones best for you and return them immediately to your child's classroom 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.

Fun things happening in the Library in March



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

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 2020 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/thechickadeeward/>

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