



Lincoln School Newsletter

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November 2019

Dates to Remember!

- 11/5: Early Release, Dismissal at 11:45am
- 11/8: Flu Shot Clinic
- 11/11 Veteran's Day —NO SCHOOL
- 11/19: PTC Meeting at 6:00pm
- 11/15: End of 1st Trimester, Grades Close
- 11/27: Workshop Day—NO SCHOOL
- 11/28 & 11/29: Thanksgiving Break— NO SCHOOL
- 12/2: Report Cards go home



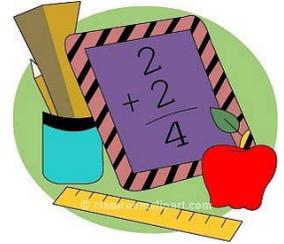
Physical Education News

K-2: Students did outstanding work last month learning about, developing, and practicing their locomotor movements! This month, K-2 will be focusing on active games of chase and manipulative skills using various objects (balloons, tennis balls, etc.).

3-6: Students recently finished their basketball unit where they learned how to properly dribble, pass, do lay-ups, and jump shots. For the month of November, 3-6 will continue working on team games with some active games of chase tossed in, and will be starting their football unit where they will learn how to pass, receive (catch), carry & run with the ball, and properly kick from the tees.

Principal's Message

Our PTC had another successful Pumpkin Palooza this month. We had 50% of our students attend with their families. It was a fun night for all with music, a coloring contest, and free books. The Book Fair was open and in a short time sold over \$1,300.00. Winners from the coloring contest were determined by our 6th grade and recipients got to spend money in our Book Fair. Money from this will get our students and teachers free books for the classrooms. Our next family event will be Family Bingo in January!



For the month of October we had 113 students receive the Perfect Attendance recognition. You will see their names prominently displayed when you walk into our school. For the month of October, our overall school attendance average was **93.98%**! We are close to meeting our monthly target of 94%! Attending school regularly is important for students with establishing consistent routines and not getting behind with their schoolwork. We appreciate our parents' efforts with getting their children to school and on time!

Educationally Yours,

Mrs. Gauthier

Classroom Feature: Spotlight on 6th Grade

Sixth Grade Field Trip: In October, both sixth grade classes had the opportunity to visit the Gulf of Maine Research Institute in Portland, Maine. Students had the opportunity to experience a dynamic introductory presentation about the Gulf of Maine while working in teams at touch table lab stations doing hands-on experiments and scientific investigations. Students handled and investigated live lobsters and completed virtual dissections on black sea bass. The students were able to take team photos, collect and analyze data and record videos of their hypotheses and conclusions in a digital "field notebook." While the students were at the GMRI, they investigated how climate change in the Gulf of Maine is affecting lobsters and the black sea bass. Sixth graders had a great trip exploring Maine's gulf!



Report Cards

The first trimester will be winding down this month. Grades close on 11/15. **Report cards will be sent home on 12/2.** It is important to maintain communication with your child's teacher on any issues you may have, or questions and concerns about your child's education. You can make appointments with your child's teacher to discuss progress.



Winter Band Concert

On Friday, December 13th, the 5th & 6th grade band students will be presenting a Winter Concert in the Lincoln Gymnasium from 9:00-9:40am.

The students may wear either school clothes or dress-up clothes for this event. They can also wear some sort of fun, seasonal hat, such a Santa Hat, reindeer antlers, etc if they wish. Thank you and hope to see you all at the concert!



Nurse Notes

Winter Wardrobes– As winter weather approaches, please send your child with a jacket, hat, mittens, boots and, ski pants. The office does not give out winter clothing for students to use for recess. If ski-pants are not worn, students may not play in the snow. *If your child does not have a jacket, please call and let me know.



Vision and Hearing Screenings– Most Vision and Hearing Screens have been completed. Retesting, if needed, will be completed within the next 2-3 weeks. If you do not receive a letter of referral by mid-December, your child has passed the screenings.

Flu Shot Clinic- Our flu shot clinic will be taking place **November 8th**. Only students who have turned in a permission slip will be immunized.

Illness- If your child has a fever, he/she may not return to school until they are **24 hours fever free** without Tylenol/Motrin on board. If they have been put on an antibiotic for illness, they should be on the antibiotic for 24 hours before returning to school.

Cough Drops- If cough drops are sent in; please send a note with permission for your child to take them at school. All cough drops will be kept in the nurse's office for our students' safety.

~Nurse Jessie

School Dismissal Reminder



Please call the school before 2pm to let us know of any changes with your student regarding end of day dismissal, including bus or pickup changes. This helps the end of day go much more smoothly and also helps us make sure your child goes where they need to go. Thank you!

PTC

The PTC will have their next meeting on **11/19 at 6:00pm** in the cafeteria. If you are interested in helping out with events this school year, we encourage parents to attend the meeting on Tuesday or email our PTC president about how you could volunteer: Staci Fortunato, stacifortunato@gmail.com.

November 2019 Library Happenings



Students in 5th & 6th grades are busy challenging to read more than Mrs. Gauthier from the books on the MSBA list for 2019-2020. The challenge will end April 30, 2019 with a Pizza Party for the students and staff members with more books read than Mrs. Gauthier. Several students are currently reading more books than Mrs. G. The students who participate and read at least 5 books will also win a prize. **Keep Reading!** The list of books being read can be found at <http://msba.umeedu.maine.edu/>

We are wrapping another successful Scholastic Book Fair this week. All your purchases mean more books for our school! Many new books are still arriving and students

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

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. Keeping books in a plastic bag in their backpack helps avoid damage caused by leaky snacks.

Happy Reading! ~ Mrs. Pridham