



Lincoln School Newsletter

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March 2021

Dates to Remember!

- 3/5: Last Day for World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser
- 3/12: End of 2nd Trimester
- 3/12: Virtual Family Bingo
K-2: 6:00-6:45pm, 3-6: 7:00-7:45pm
- 3/19: Workshop Day— No School
- 3/22-3/26: Parent-Teacher Conferences



Parent Teacher Conferences

Our spring Parent Conferences will be held the week of March 22nd– 26th, with late night conferences available on March 25th. Conferences will be virtual and done via Zoom video conferencing or by telephone. 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.

Principal's Message

Eagle Tickets are back! Students can earn tickets by demonstrating our core values of being Kind, Responsible, and Ready. Staff will be on the lookout for when they see students demonstrating these skills. When they give students their ticket, they will prompt them on why they earned it to help reinforce the positive behaviors.



Students will be encouraged to save their tickets so that they can spend them in our first ever school store! Some items that will be included in our store are pens, pencils, notebooks, sketchpads, fidgets, snacks, etc. Students have given staff feedback on what items they would like to see in our store! Our school store will be open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:00-8:30 a.m. starting March 8th. There will be a virtual component for our students in Cohort C, so that they can earn and shop with their Eagle Earnings! Families can check in with their child to find out if they have earned any Eagle tickets!

Educationally Yours,
Mrs. Gauthier

Classroom Feature: Spotlight on 5th Grade!



Fifth graders are rocking their learning this year! We have worked very hard in math, specifically with long division and just finished up our unit and are moving into decimals. Students have been practicing their math facts daily to help them continue to do harder math. In reading we just finished reading the novel *Tuck Everlasting* as a whole class. One of the wonderful things about fifth grade is that the students have such varying opinions of the characters and theme, which provided some excellent discussion! We are moving into inferencing and reading poems next. In writing we are beginning to write our

CPORT scholarship essays. This is always an exciting time for students as they get to think about what careers their interests can lead them to. We have covered quite a bit of science and social studies this year. We have worked through a weather unit and are finishing up our rocks and minerals unit. We learned about the United States government and got to hear about the Revolutionary War. Next up for us is cells for science and United States geography for social studies. It's been an exciting two trimesters in fifth grade and the next one promises to be even better!

KINDERGARTEN



Pre K/ Kindergarten Registration

Parents who will be registering a child for Pre-K for the 2021/2022 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 10/15/21.

For parents who will be registering a kindergarten student for the 2021/2022 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 10/15/21. Mrs. Cloutier, our school secretary, will take your name and contact information down to send out registration information in early spring.

Family Bingo Night!

Our PTC will be sponsoring a Virtual Family Bingo event on **Zoom on Friday, March 12th.** A flyer was sent home with details and the Zoom meeting link. Bingo cards will be sent home with students interested in participating.



Bingo times:

K-2: 6pm-6:45pm **Grades 3-6:** 7pm-7:45pm

Prizes for each round will be sent home from school with students.

Fun things happening in the Library in March



Library is still being held in the classroom at this time for social distancing purposes. You can access our Library site thru the Specialist page on your Google Classroom or SeeSaw classroom page. <https://sites.google.com/augustaschools.org/lincoln-library/home>

There are lots of links to many great pages for your child. The top of the page will have grade levels listed. New Links are added weekly to the Library site for the students to explore and that follow along with what we are doing in the classroom.

The MSBA Challenge with Mrs. Gauthier is still going with 5th and 6th graders. The students who are participating are already collecting rewards as they achieve each goal. **Please look at the updated flyer on our Library page to see the changes and prizes given at each step of completion.** You may see the books at the MSBA website. The Maine Student Book Award website

Nurse Notes



Emergency contacts- 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. If your phone number changes or is not working, please call the office and provide an updated contact number.

Absence/Sickness- If calling or emailing school to report your student's absence please make sure to provide a reason and if sick please provide symptoms in your message. This will help prevent unnecessary follow up calls.

Masks- Be sure to send in extra cloth/disposable masks for your student as they need to be able to change them during the school day when they become wet or soiled.

COVID-19- *Notify the school nurse **immediately** if your student has tested positive for COVID, is quarantining as a close contact, or has traveled out of state as they will need to be cleared by the school nurse prior to returning.* Please feel free to call or email with any questions/concerns you may have. We are working closely with the Maine CDC and DOE to keep our students healthy at school!

~Nurse Jessie

Physical Education News

K-6: For the month of March students will be participating in a variety of cooperative games. These activities will be based around strategy including individual and group work. Sportsmanship will be strongly highlighted and an important focus with lessons this month.



can be accessed at

<https://sites.google.com/view/mainestudentbookaward/home> to preview the new exciting list for 2020-2021. These books can also be accessed through Lithgow Library or on Cloud Library through Lithgow. There are several tutorials on the Library Google Site to help you navigate these tools. If your library card does not work, just give Lithgow a call @ 207.626.2415 and talk with them to reactivate it.

K-3 grades have been reading the 2020-2021 **Chickadee Nominee books**, and a complementary book on the subject of the chickadee we are reading. You can find them linked on the Library site for your reading pleasure. We have also been reading seasonal books and will continue with those. If you would like to learn more about this and see the books we read have please go to your classroom site and then ask your child to share about the books we are reading.

<https://sites.google.com/site/thechickadeeaward/>

Happy Reading! ~ Mrs. Pridham

MARCH MADNESS

Hi amazing Lincoln families!

We are going to celebrate the countdown to Spring with our own March Madness competition!

Students and staff in ALL cohorts and all grades will be encouraged to dress up for our theme of the week (see below)! The grade with the most participation each week will win 1 Eagle Ticket for each student (who participated) for being ***Ready*** that they can save or spend in our new school store!

Round 1 (Thurs. 3/11 and Fri. 3/12):

WACKY HAIR, HAT, and HEAD ORNAMENT Days: wear your silliest hair, hat, or head gear!



K vs. 3rd

1st vs. 4th

2nd vs. 5th



6th automatically moves on to start competing in Round 2

Round 2 (Wed., 3/17):



GREEN and GOLD Day: Wear the favorite colors of Leprechauns!

K/3 winner vs. 1/4 Winner

2/5 Winner vs. 6th

Round 3 (Thurs., 3/25 and Fri., 3/26):

WICKED KOOL 4 SKOOL Day: Wear what you think is "COOL": sunglasses, a tiara, Gamer gear. Staff may dress like what was "cool" when they were in school as kids.



Last two grades compete!

The ultimate winners will win bragging rights and be deemed the Lincoln March Madness Champions!