



Lincoln School Newsletter

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May 2021

Dates to Remember!

- 5/3-5/8: Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/10-6/4: NEWA Testing
- 5/24: Cohort A: MEA Testing Science—
Grade 5 Only
- 5/25: Cohort B/C: MEA Testing Science—
Grade 5 Only
- 5/26: Lincoln PTC Meeting via Zoom, 6pm
- 5/31: Memorial Day— No School



Physical Education News

K-6: For the month of May students in grades K-6 will be participating in some friendly, but competitive, games. These activities will involve individual skills as well as group work. Here is to a great and fun last full month of school!

Principal's Message



It is time to celebrate our teachers and all the hard work that they do for our students. This year, Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3rd-May 8th. The teachers at Lincoln create a safe, nurturing learning environment for our students. They ensure that they are meeting the individual needs of all their students. Our teachers help inspire, build self-confidence, and create life-long learners. Above all, they promote a love of learning. Lincoln School, in partnership with our PTC, will be doing various activities throughout the week to show how much we appreciate all the hard work our teachers do for our students. Please join us in saying thank you to your child's teacher for their dedication and commitment to education! Drop them a note or help your child make them a card letting them know how much you appreciate them!

Educationally Yours,

Mrs. Gauthier

Classroom Feature: Spotlight on Kindergarten!

It is hard to believe that it is May and we are quickly approaching the end of the school year! Our Kindergarteners have been working so hard. In reading, we have been blending words, learning sight words, and reading lots of books in a variety of genres. In writing, we have been learning about using illustrations to help tell our story, using our knowledge of letter sounds to write words, and creating sentences using our word wall.

Kindergarten has been having so much fun this spring exploring different science and social studies themes! We have learned about weather, explored the weather on Mt. Washington, in Augusta, and all different kinds of weather. We have even done several weather reports!!! We have learned about adding, subtracting, and money. We talked about how to earn money and the difference between needs and wants. We are now exploring the pond habitat! We are learning about all the different kinds of animals that live in and around the pond. Next week we are going to start exploring maps, globes and our town of Augusta! Finally, we will end our end making a Kindergarten memory book so students are able to look back at this historical year in their lives. This has been a fabulous year of learning in kindergarten!!!!



Nurse Notes

NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS



All children enrolled in a public or private school in Maine must have the following immunizations. Please note law changes that go in effect for the start for school in the fall.

Required for **Kindergarten** entry:

- 5 DTaP (4 DTaP if 4th is given on or after 4th birthday)
- 4 Polio (3 Polio if the 3rd is given on or after the 4th birthday)
- 2 MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)
- 1 Varicella (chickenpox)

OR

- **Medical exemption** for one or all vaccines
- Laboratory evidence of immunity to specific diseases or reliable documented by a physician or other primary care provider
- *Philosophical or religious exemptions are only allowable for students with an IEP and exemption in place prior to September 1, 2021*

Required for **7th grade** entry:

- All previously required vaccines
- 1 Tdap
- 1 Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4)



Fun things happening from Lincoln Library in May 2021

Library is being held in the classroom at this time for social distancing purposes. Library activities and stories are done weeks 1-3 each month. 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 until the end of May with 5th and 6th graders. The students who are participating are already collecting rewards as they achieve each goal. **Please look at the flyer on our Library page to see the challenges and prizes given at each step of completion.** You may see the books at the MSBA website. The Maine Student Book Award website can be accessed at

<https://sites.google.com/view/mainestudentbookaward/home> to preview the new exciting list for 2020-2021. Students that have read 3 of the books on the list have voted on their favorite book. The State voting results will be out soon. **The new list for next years has been published for those who want to get started reading them.** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GAHVSj-td8ByqP-XBgCu9p3EKt4Bg8h8QZ9cmdWCfoc/edit>

K-4 grades have finished reading the 2020-2021 **Chickadee Nominee books** and voted on the book that they liked the best. **Ninita's Big World** was our 1st place winner with Lincoln students. We will have to wait until the end of May for the State results. Our Library google site has these 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