

Lincoln Elementary-School News

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Upcoming Important Dates

- March 31st**-Report Cards Go Home
- April 3rd-7th**-NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)
- April 14th**-NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)
- April 17th**-Book Fair this week (BOGO)
- April 18th**-Family Night and Book Fair 5:30-7:30
- April 19th**-Kindergarten Round-up 5:30-7:00
- April 27th**-Kindergarten Round-up 5:30-7:00
- April 28th**-HALF DAY (Dismissal 12:25pm)



Lincoln Bell Schedule

- 8:30am**-Doors Open for Breakfast
- 8:50am**-School Day Begins
- 3:51pm**-End of School Day

Call (269) 637-0540 to report an absence!



Survey

To increase our parent communication, we are conducting a survey. The survey is available on the Lincoln website: www.lincoln.shps.org Click on the link called "Lincoln Elementary Parent Communication Survey."

Weather/Recess

Please make sure that your child is adequately dressed for the changing weather conditions (warm coat, hat, gloves, etc.). All students go outside for recess unless the temperature or wind chill fall below 10 degrees. If you need help providing appropriate clothing, please contact the office at 269-637-0540.

Student Placement

Student placement is a complex job and is not taken lightly. The entire instructional staff spends a tremendous amount of time working to find the best possible classroom placement for each student. This complex process has several steps and is based on the following guidelines: gender (even number of boys and girls), academic strengths and needs, behavior concerns, balance of ethnicity, personality/cohesiveness of entire classroom group, and class size.

If you would like to request a specific teacher, the request needs to be submitted to the principal via email by April 28th. Please keep in mind that we follow our process to place students, so we are not able to guarantee a specific teacher. Please do not discuss next year's teacher with your child as lists are not

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finalized until August. Thank you for your cooperation!

Physical Education

February was "American Heart Month." We took advantage of this by discussing the importance of keeping our hearts healthy by exercising (playing) every day and eating healthy. Mrs. Guthrie stressed the fact that the habits students make as kids will stick with them into their teen and adult years, so trying to stay active and eat healthy now will be important for life.

We worked on a few different types of jump roping, which is a great heart healthy activity. Students were given the chance to learn lots of different ways to use an individual jump rope (forward, backward, one foot, front cross, double side swing cross, running while jumping rope, and jumping rope while on a mini trampoline), basic long rope jumping and also Chinese jump rope. To finish off the unit, we also learned the basic rules of Four Square. All of the activities we learned this month are also great ways to stay active during recess and at home.

Art

Students are discovering the many different ways fibers can be used to make art. From collaging, yarn painting, sewing, weaving, and more, students are realizing all the places that art and design shows up in our everyday lives, and how to make usable items from fiber as well! Take a moment to look around your home with your child and see how many items you can find that would fit into the category of fiber art; things like potholders, scarves, and quilts are a great place to start!

Music

We had successful concerts and lots of fun performing!

Third graders are working on music from the 1960's. First and Second graders are putting together a mini musical in their grade levels and kindergarten is working on a collection of songs we have used in class this year. Look for more detailed information about grade-level concerts to come home in the next couple months.

STEM

The month of March has really flown by in STEM! After celebrating the 100th day of school, Kindergartens spend time engineering with 100 pieces of different materials including legos, straws, cups, popsicle sticks, etc... First graders learned about famous landmarks around the world built by engineers, then they created model versions of the landmarks using legos. Second graders finally completed their stop-motion videos and we had a movie viewing day, where everyone got to share their videos. Third graders are working on 3D printing bookmarks using Tinkercad, an online 3D CAD design program.

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