



# *Lincoln Times*

*3rd Grade Edition - February 2013*

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## **Here is What is Happening in 3rd Grade**

### **Music - Mrs. Hill**

In third grade, students have been singing and listening to music in order to understand how music has musical sentences called phrases. We have discussed that some phrases sound like questions and some sound like answers. We will be singing some groundhog and Valentine songs in the next few weeks. I hope to see some parents on VIP day Feb 1 so you can make music with us! The concert performance for third grade is April 18, 2013 so mark your calendars.

### **Art-Mrs. Humphreys**

One of my goals for several years has been to create an online art gallery for my students and I am happy to say that goal has been met! On my site, you will find a piece of art for every student at Lincoln (unless they aren't done with the project). Currently, there is just one project per grade, but I hope to get one or two more on by the end of the year. Please go view the site and share with your family and friends. Below are two different ways to get to the site.

Go to the school website: [www.washington.k12.ia.us](http://www.washington.k12.ia.us)

Click on Schools, then Lincoln Elementary, then Teacher Sites, then Mrs. Humphreys Art or

Go type this site: <https://sites.google.com/a/washington.k12.ia.us/lincoln-elementary-art/>

### **ELP News - Mrs. Sieren**

The third graders have started ELP and seem to be enjoying the experience. Our first unit has been a study about recycling. They have watched some videos explaining about landfills and recycling centers, wrote surveys to give to their homerooms to find out how much the average third grader knows about recycling, and then will finish the unit by finding facts to share with the whole school about recycling through making posters and announcements on the intercom. Their next unit will be a research unit where they will find out about what events were happening in the world on the day they were born.

### **Notes from the Office**

#### **Attendance/Absence Line**

An attendance line has been set up for absences in the district. Parents can now call 653-1101 and will get a greeting. They can then press a number to select which school they would like to leave a message for, and then will be able to leave a message about an absence. This will be helpful if you need to call Lincoln about an absence before anyone is in the office at 7:30. You may still call the main office to report an absence, but this is a second option for those parents that are heading off to

work early. Thanks for your help in letting Lincoln know when your student will not be in attendance.

### **February Dates to Remember:**

Thurs., Jan. 31 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4:30 - 8:00PM

Fri., Feb. 1 - **VIP DAY/Book Fair**

Wed., Feb. 6 - 1:10 Dismissal - Professional Development

Thurs., Feb. 14 - Jump Rope for Heart - Valentine Day

Mon., Feb. 18 - President's Day - Snow Make-up Day - Classes will be held

Tues., Feb. 19 - 4th Grade Concert - Middle School Aud. at 7:00

Wed., Feb. 20 - 1:10 Dismissal - Professional Development

Fri., Feb. 22 - GUM Day - Students pay \$1.00 to chew gum all day (Money raised helps pay for our STAR partys)

## **VIP DAY - BOOK FAIR**

Lincoln will be hosting VIP Day along with the Scholastic Book Fair on Friday, February 1, 2013. Parents and or Grandparents are welcome to come spend the day with their students and experience the day at Lincoln!! If guests plan on eating lunch at Lincoln on that day, we appreciate advance notice for the kitchen staff, so we have enough food prepared. The cost of an adult lunch is \$3.00. Please let your students homeroom teacher know of your plans. We look forward to seeing you on Friday, February 1st.

The Book Fair will be held on January 31st from 4 - 8:00 PM and February 1st from 8 - 4:00 PM You will also be able to go online to order books. More information on the Book Fair will be sent home soon!

## **Notes from the Nurse**

We are taking these measures to help our students stay healthy. We need your help. Influenza spreads most easily in the early stages of the illness. To protect your child, as well as any other child, we will be more sensitive to the symptoms of influenza and will send your child home if ill. Following these recommendations will help to prevent illness in your child and his/her classmates.

**Know the signs and symptoms of the flu.** Symptoms of the flu can include fever (oral temperature of 100.0 F or greater), cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea.

**Do not send children to school if they are sick.** Any children who are determined to be sick while at school will be sent home. You should begin to plan how you will provide care for your sick child if you are not able to stay home with them.

**Keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone.** If you give your child fever reducing drugs, like ibuprofen, ensure your child has not had a fever for 24 hours after the drugs have worn off. Teach your children the flu is spread from person-to-person. Teach them to cough or sneeze into a tissue and then throw the tissue in trash. If a tissue is not available, teach them to cover their cough or sneeze using their elbow or sleeve instead of their hands.

**Teach your children to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds** (the time it takes to sing happy birthday twice), especially after they cough or sneeze. If soap and water is not available, an alcohol-based hand gel can be used. You can set a good example by doing this yourself.

**Teach your children not to share personal items** like beverages, cups, food, unwashed utensils, or toothbrushes.

**Get your family vaccinated for seasonal influenza soon, when it becomes available.**

We appreciate your help in keeping our students healthy.

Holly Roth RN, BSN  
Lincoln School Nurse

### **Notes from the Guidance Office**

We have been talking about responsibility in our SCRAM lessons. Part of being responsible is doing what we are supposed to do even if it is difficult. Responsible people are not afraid to admit when they are wrong. Everyone makes mistakes, but we try and learn from our mistakes. Ask your child about the drawings they made in our SCRAM lesson. They turned a mistake into a very creative picture. Also, remind your child that they are responsible for completing their homework each night.

Mrs. Mitchell  
At Risk Teacher

### **Notes from the Principal**

On Friday, February 1, Lincoln Elementary will be hosting VIP Day and a Book Fair. This is an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom and have lunch. The price of lunch is \$3.00. Classes start at 8:10 AM and end at 3:20 PM. The Parent Teacher Group (PTG) will be sponsoring the Book Fair on this day in the Media Center. The book fair will run from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM. Students are encouraged to invite a parent, grandparent, uncle, aunt or a friend. **(Only adults out of high school and older are allowed to attend.)**

Progress reports will also be sent home with the students on Friday, February 1. The end of the second trimester will be Friday, March 1. Report Cards will be sent home with the students the following week on Wednesday, March 6.

On Thursday, February 14, Lincoln Elementary will hold Jump Rope for Heart. This is an excellent opportunity for students to work for a good cause, putting an end to heart disease, and at the same time improve their own physical well being. We strongly recommend that students do not go door-to-door but rather contact family, friends, and relatives for donations. Classrooms will also have their Valentine parties on this day. Classroom teachers will be letting students and parents know the time of the parties and what activities will take place.

Lincoln Elementary has received 40 ipads for student use from a Riverboat Casino grant. In addition, the Parent-Teacher group has purchased five more ipads. The ipads are being loaded with reading and math applications for the students. Thank you to the Lincoln Parent-Teacher Group and the Riverside Casino.

The make-up date for missing January 30 will be President's Day, February 18. At this point, the last day of school will still be Wednesday, May 29.

As always, thank you for supporting Lincoln Elementary and its students and staff.

Sincerely,

David Hoffman, Principal  
Lincoln Elementary School

## **3th Grade Blog Sites**

Mrs. Bailey

3rd Grade Teacher

<http://thebaileyblogger3b.blogspot.com/>

Mrs. Bombei

3rd Grade Teacher

<http://bombeibulletin.blogspot.com/>

Mrs. Litchfield

3rd Grade Teacher

<http://litchfieldlink.blogspot.com/>

Mrs. Rausch

3rd Grade Teacher

<http://rausch3rdgradeblog.blogspot.com/>

Mrs. Vittetoe

3rd Grade Teacher

<http://vittetoessvoyages.blogspot.com/>

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<http://www.steinhartreads.blogspot.com>

Linda Shields

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Renee Sieren

ELL Teacher

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