

## Sincoln School-a Tradition of Excellence Since 1886

## March 14, 2024



Outdoor Playground Gear


We are using the above chart to help students understand and be accountable for dressing for recess according to the weather conditions at the time knowing that spring weather brings minute by minute changes. Please use this chart with your child as you help them prepare for the school day. Note that the
temperatures listed on the chart refer to the "feels like" temperatures.
-Please be sure to mark your child's outdoor apparel with your child's initials so that lost items can be returned.

We appreciate your help in making sure your child can enjoy recesses safely.

## Fang's Reading Challenge

Fang's Reading Challenge is underway. Students will work to collect all four bases (1st, 2nd, 3rd, Home plate) of a baseball diamond by reading and filling out the log card for each base. Parents should monitor their child's reading and sign off on the card. These cards are turned in at the conclusion of each base as follows:
-1st Base-February 26-March 17, Card due on March 18
-2nd Base-March 18-31, Card Due April 1 -3rd Base-April 1-14, Card Due April 15 -Home Plate-April 15-28, Card due April 29 With the completion of each card, students receive a small prize culminating in receiving a voucher for a game ticket, soda and hot dog with the completion of all four bases, which can be redeemed on the May 31st game. Thank you in advance for your support of your child in this activity.

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## PTO Fundraiser

Our Spring PTO Fundraiser formally kicked off on Monday, March 11th. Students brought home fundraiser catalogs and order forms. You may also order online via this link. Thank you in advance for considering your support of End of Year activities at Lincoln Elementary. As always, your participation in the Spring PTO Fundraiser is optional, but greatly appreciated.

## Forward Exam-State Testing

Starting next week, we will begin state testing with the Forward Exam. This testing is computer based and will be taken by 3rd and 4th graders. They've been prepping for this for a few weeks now. 3rd Grade students will take only the English/Language Arts and Math portions of the Exam while 4th Grade students will take Science and Social Studies in addition to English Language Arts and Math. All students taking the Forward Exam should make sure to get a good night's sleep prior to taking the test and eat a good breakfast. Parent's should positively encourage their child to do well on the test and emphasize that the test is important. Following is a schedule for testing days: -Tuesday, March 19th-Science (4th Graders only)
-Thursday, March 21st-Social Studies (4th Graders only)
-Thursday, March 28th-English/Language
Arts (3rd and 4th Graders)
-Tuesday, April 2nd-English/Language Arts
(3rd and 4th Graders)
-Thursday, April 4th-English/Language Arts (3rd and 4th Graders)
-Tuesday, April 9th-Math (3rd and 4th Graders)
-Thursday, April 11th-Math (3rd and 4th Graders)

## Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive

Next week, the student council will be sponsoring a Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive. Mrs. Tate is sending home a note today with details.

## Calendar



February 26-March 17
Fang Reading Challenge-1st Base
March 11-25
Spring PTO Fundraiser
March 17
-Happy St. Patrick's Day!
March 18-31
-Fang Reading Challenge-2nd Base
March 18-22
-Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive-Sponsored by the
Lincoln Student Council
March 18-April 26
Forward Exam Testing Window
March 18
-Wisconsin Observance Day: "The Great Hunger" in Ireland from 1845 to 1850 , also known as the Great Famine or Irish Potato Famine, is considered by many to be the most tragic event in Irish history.

## March 25

-End of Spring PTO Fundraiser
-School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at the District Office
March 27
-Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences by Invite, 3:15-6:00 p.m.

March 28
-Food of the Month Sampling: Radish
-Bulldog Way Positive Behavior Incentive: Egg Hunt
March 29-31
-No School-Easter Break
April 1-14
-Fang Reading Challenge-3rd Base
April 2
-End of 3rd Quarter
April 3
-Character Assembly, 2:00 p.m.
-Bulldog Way All School Behavior Incentive-Minute To Win It!, 2:30 p.m.
April 5
-4K in session
-Popcorn Friday! Bring your 50 cents!
April 8
-School Board meeting, 6:00 p.m. at the District Office
April 9
-Wisconsin Observance Day: Wisconsin Public School Observance Day commemorating the date during World War II when the largest number of Americans were captured in the Conquest of Bataan. Customarily observed through gubernatorial proclamation, the day recognizes those who suffered captivity in foreign countries while in active service with the U.S. armed forces.

## April 10

-School District of New London Parent Advisory Group Mtg. @ Lincoln Elementary School, 6:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Library
April 11
-Report Cards will be sent home with students
April 12
-Wisconsin Observance Day: Wisconsin Public School Observance Day recognizing the American's Creed, written in 1917 by William Tyler Page, a messenger in the U.S. House of Representatives. His essay was judged the "best summary of American political faith" in a national contest.

I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its Flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

- Written by

William Tyler Page
-Literacy 4K Round Up at the Washington Center, 9-11 a.m.
April 15-29
-Fang Reading Challenge-Home Plate
April 17
-Lincoln PTO Mtg., 4:15 p.m. in the Art Room
April 19
-No School for Students-Professional Development Day
-Wisconsin Observance Day: Wisconsin Public School Observance Day to mark the date in 1775 when shots were fired in Lexington, beginning of the Revolutionary War.

## April 22

-Wisconsin Observance Day: Wisconsin Public School Observance Day, marking the anniversary of Earth Day (April 22, 1970) and urging schools to conduct programs across subject areas to enhance students' understanding of the environment and to promote an ethic of environmental stewardship.
-School Board meeting, 6:00 p.m. at the District Office
April 24
-Spring PTO Fundraiser Delivery, 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the gym foyer
April 25
-Food of the Month Sampling: Asparagus
April 26
-Wisconsin Observance Day: The Arbor Day movement began in the 1800 to promote conservation and beautification of the environment. Arbor Day is a Wisconsin School Observance Day and national observance day to encourage people to plant and care for trees. Observed in Wisconsin on the last Friday in April.

## April 30

-Bulldog Way Positive Behavior Incentive: Ice Cream Social

# Principal's Pride 



First Grade

Gage Hintzke
Castle Reinhart
Macey Klabunde
Aurora Smoley
Nora Bedrane
Liam Procknow
Graysin Laack
Konner Williams

## Birthdays



3-15 Genevieve Bazan 3-17 Georgia Hankey

## From Our Specialists



## Music

February brings the students' favorite activities! Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade will be starting or continuing their piano instruction. All of the students by the end of second grade will be able to label every key on the piano, re-understand how the piano works and is put together, and play through the C scale forward and backward.

Third and Fourth grade students are picking up their recorders! Third grade is just starting to learn how to make a good tone. They will eventually learn three notes, BAG, and combine them together to play through a few songs. Fourth grade will be starting their self guided Recorder Karate unit. All of the students will receive the first song and they are responsible for labeling the notes, learning how to play the notes, and putting it all together before they play for me. If they pass, then they get the next song up and continue the process

## Art

In art, 3rd and 4th Grade are talking about clay and will be creating their clay projects soon. 2nd Grade is starting to explore different artists and getting inspiration from their work. 1st grade is almost done exploring the elements of art and will be moving on to the principles of art next! Kindergarten is finishing up the Poppy Project (a collaboration with the American Legion Auxiliary) to be put into an art competition set up by the Legion!

## Techtime

Following our engineering projects in January, the students are now moving toward coding. The Kindergarten and First graders will be working their way through a fun interactive coding game called Code Spark. This will teach them basic coding language and techniques.

Second, Third, and Fourth grade will be working on their respective levels of a more advanced coding program called Code.Org. In this program the students will work more in a three dimensional work area and will ultimately code their own game.

## Guidance

In the month of February we will focus on our character pillar of diversity. Our lessons always include showing kindness and empathy toward others. February 12th-16th is Kindness week and we will have fun dress up days and a kindness bingo sheet that will be sent home.

## Phy Ed

Students have been working hard during our rolling unit. We have been using bowling balls to knock down pins and competing in a variety of team activities. I wanted to inform families as well that our Kids Heart Challenge annual fundraiser will begin on February 12th and conclude right about when Spring break is beginning. There will be plenty of information sent home with the students as well as information that can be accessed online! The American Heart Association does a tremendous amount of great things for so many people. Please take some time to review the documents that will be sent home!

## Community Corner

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As a participant, you will be responsible for watching 6 video class sessions online on your own tim over the course of 6 weeks, and joining us for 3 facilitated Zoom discussion groups over that time in which you will be able to make connections with other local parents \& caregivers, discuss what you are learning in the class, and learn about local resources and support! The discussion groups will b facilitated by individuals who have their own lived experience -- they know what you're going through because they've been there.
Register for the program by March 20, 2024 to receive information on how to view the six videos, and then participate in the discussion at the following meetings via Zoom:

Wednesday, April 3, 2024, from 7-8 PM (classes $1 \& 2$ will be discussed)

- Wednesday, April 17, 2024, from 7-8 PM (classes $3 \& 4$ will be discussed)
- Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 7-8 PM (classes 5 \& 6 will be discussed)

The class and groups will cover the following topics, among others:

- Managing crises, solving problems and communicating effectively
- How to take care of yourself and handle stress
- Developing the confidence and stamina to support your child with compassion

Advocating for your child's rights at school and in health care settings
Learning about current treatments, including evidence-based therapies, medications and side effects

- Gaining an overview of the public mental health care, school and juvenile justice systems and supporting resources to help you navigate these systems
- Understanding the challenges and impact of mental health conditions on your entire family

Please contact NAMI Fox Valley's Family Program Coordinator Vivian Flanagan at vivian@namifoxvalley.org or (920) 740-3499 to register for this class.
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