



# Lincoln Elementary Newsletter

May/June, 2012

## Principal's Corner

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

What a great year this has been! With a month of school remaining, many exciting activities are planned to celebrate the dedication and hard work of our outstanding student body. Below are some items that may be of interest to you.

### Staffing for 2012-13

Located on the following page is an outline of Lincoln's teaching assignments for next year as of this newsletter. Changes will be occurring in some grade levels and specialty areas due to adjustments in program needs at Lincoln and within the District. Some notable changes are the following: The retirement of Mrs. Mieure (Grade 3), Ms. Traver's transition from Lincoln Media to Lincoln Grade 5, change in psychologists (Mrs. Zirkes will be taking a one year leave of absence and Mrs. Meyer will be assigned at Birch Lake due to adjustments in district enrollment needs.) Kindergarten half day is to be determined due to the possible addition of another half day section. Mrs. Kath is currently assigned at Willow Elementary. In addition, Lincoln Elementary will be introducing the Chinese language in grades 4 and 5 next year. Details will be shared at the May 15<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting.

### Class Lists for 2012-13

Thank you to all parents who provided insight regarding the best possible classroom environment for next year. Your thoughts will be very helpful as we continue to determine class lists for next year. The process involves a combination of the classroom teachers, special education teachers, specialists, and me. We strive to make every effort to consider all educational factors when determining student placements.

### Teacher Appreciation Week: May 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

Students and parents are encouraged to drop your child's teacher an email, note, or state a simple thank you for the time and energy that teachers put forth with their classroom each year. At Lincoln, we understand that the partnership between staff, students, and parents needs to be strong and supportive in order to provide the best learning environment for students. The teacher is the connecting point at school allowing this partnership to occur.

### Grandparents' and Grandfriends Day: May 11th from 2:00-3:15p.m.

Every two years we are excited to host this special event at Lincoln School. A Grandparent or Grandfriend is an adult who plays an important role in your child's life! We are fortunate at Lincoln to have such a nurturing environment supporting children every day. A big thank you is extended to the Lincoln PTA for sponsoring this important event.

### A Big Thank You to the Volunteers at Calvary Summit!

Steppin' Out is an event in which volunteers from Calvary Summit go out into the community and help in some way. The volunteers of this organization were very gracious to come and help beautify our landscaping around Lincoln School. We really appreciate their time and effort.

Thank you for your support and encouragement. If you have any questions regarding upcoming events, please feel comfortable contacting us.

Sincerely,

Dan Schmidt-Principal

## Important Upcoming Dates

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**Spring MAP Testing  
Window  
May 1 - June 1**

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**Grandparents' Day  
Friday, May 11  
2:00-3:15 PM**

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**PTA Meeting  
Tuesday, May 15  
7:00 PM**

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**Memorial Day  
Monday, May 28  
No School**

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**Last Day of School  
for Students  
Thursday, June 7**

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**Garden Clean Up  
Friday, August 24  
9:30 - 11:30 AM  
Monday, August 27  
6:00 - 7:30 PM**

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**Meet the Teacher  
Wednesday, Aug. 29  
4:30 - 6:00 P.M.**

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**First Day of School  
Grades 1- 5  
Tuesday, Sept. 4**

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**Kdgn. Orientation  
Tuesday and  
Wednesday,  
September 4 and 5**

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**First Day of School  
for Kindergarten  
Thursday, Sept. 6**

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## 2012-2013 Licensed Teacher Staffing

Kindergarten	Jennifer Hanson	*K All Day
	Brooke Reeves	K All Day
	Open	*K Half Day

\*NOTE: If another half day section is added over the summer, Mrs. Kath will be assigned the two half day sections.

Grade 1	Angie Dargay
	Brenda Heaton
	Pam Johnstone

Grade 2	Sue Allen
	Teri Beckers
	Nick Marty (Transitioning from Hugo Elementary)

Grade 3	Christine Balgord
	Karen Wallrich

Grade 4	Teresa Ogden
	Nancy Thom

Grade 5	Ellen Gevers
	David Grothe
	Shawna Traver

EBD	Robin Wales
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LD/Resource	Kim Lohmann
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DCD	Shaun Steffen
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Learning Skills	Debra Thibault
	*Courtney Bystrom

\*Position pending on ADSIS funding approval in June.

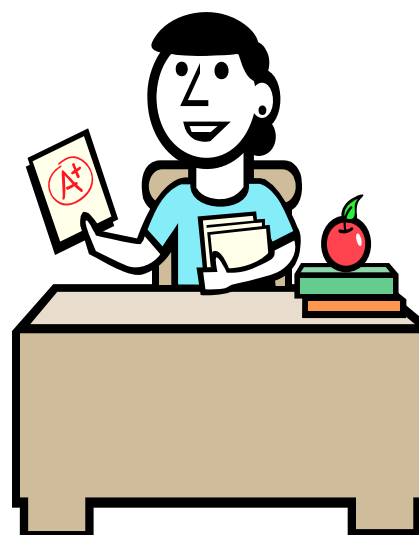
Media	Betsy Peterson (Still pending)
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Phy. Ed.	Ken Liekis
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Music	Jane Burmeister
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Psychologist	Danielle Perrier	5 days per week
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Speech	Peggy Butler
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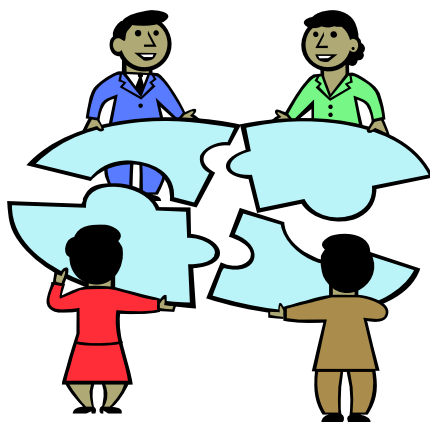
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# Cooperation and Teamwork— May/June Climate Theme

Lincoln’s climate theme for May/June is Cooperation and Teamwork which are two very important social skills that need to be taught to a child at an early age. Classroom and homes where children have learned the “art of cooperation” have had a strong, supportive, concerned base. The children understand the feelings of others and caring and respect are the order of the day.

The students at Lincoln understand how important it is to be a team player because everyone benefits from it.

Climate Committee



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# Enrichment

Welcome Back Artists in Residence. Lincoln School is excited to announce the return of our two artists in residence, Lisa Servatius and Kyle Frederickson this May.

**Mrs. Servatius** returns for her third and final session with all grade levels this school year. Our third theme is called "My Family". Each grade level will create a special project focusing on the uniqueness of family. Kindergarteners and first graders will work with drawing, collage and color to create a monochromatic family portrait. Second and third graders will work with drawing, multimedia and textiles creating a story quilt illustration. Fourth and fifth graders will work with book arts and symbolism designing a family crest hidden picture book. Thank you PTA for helping to fund this art enrichment program and wonderful learning opportunity for all students.

**Mr. Frederickson**, from the White Bear Center for the Arts, returns for his fifth and final session with all grade levels this school year. He arrives at the end of the month. Mr. Frederickson will be presenting a watercolor experience for all students. What a wonderful way to start summer with watercolor tips and techniques for creative projects. We are very fortunate to have this partnership between Lincoln School and the Center.

**Junior Achievement (JA)** has been going well. Our business and parent volunteers are working in the classrooms presenting an excellent curriculum that discusses neighborhoods, communities, and teaches the concepts of economics at all grade levels. As the students learn about various ways a community works together, they are engaged in hands-on activities to actively participate in this rewarding social studies experience. Whenever you can link our community business world with our school environment, it is a successful endeavor. What another great partnership for our school with JA.

**BEAR** (Be Excited About Reading) groups are underway for classroom teachers who were able to fit this enrichment activity into their busy schedules. A trained parent volunteer works with a small number of students (6-8) at a particular grade level for approximately 5 visits. Each group reads and discusses a book selection. There are "at home" reading assignments. Activities are planned so that students may further develop their comprehensive strategies to be prepared for their scheduled book talk during the week.

I would like to extend a sincere **THANK YOU** to the many, many wonderful volunteers who have assisted the Lincoln staff, the students, and me with enrichment activities this school year. Whether you taught a classroom lesson, worked with a small group, put up a display, ran an errand or two, or helped clean up after an event, your efforts are noticed. **You are appreciated!** The students and our enrichment programs definitely need you. You deserve a standing ovation!! Applause! Applause!

As many of you know, I will be stepping down as Lincoln's Enrichment Coordinator and PTA liaison at the end of the school year due to my retirement in October. I have truly enjoyed my 12 years as coordinator very much. I have had the opportunity to work with incredible parents, terrific volunteers, flexible staff, involved community members, and enthusiastic students. It has been a great run! I am excited to share with you that **Mrs. Pamela Johnstone** will be taking on the position this fall. Mrs. Johnstone is very organized, creative, energetic, and caring. She will provide the program with a fresh approach as our enrichment baton is passed. Sign-ups for next year's events will begin at Meet the Teacher in the fall. Best Wishes Always!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mieur

Enrichment Coordinator

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## Patrol Corner

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the current year patrol captains - Adam Bear, Josie Moor, and Olivia Schwintek. They did an outstanding job this year making sure their teams patrolled safely. They also did a great job keeping us informed about their team success on a daily basis. All three can be proud of their success and accomplishments.

Upcoming Patrol Events:

Patrol Recognition Picnic at Aldrich Arena on May 8 from 9:30 a.m.-1:30p.m.

Patrol Valleyfair trip on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>(more information will come home soon)

At the Patrol Picnic on May 8<sup>th</sup>, Josie Moor will be named the 2011-2012 Lincoln Patrol of the Year. She was chosen by her peers as a patrol that is SAFE, RESPECTFUL, and RESPONSIBLE at all times. Congratulations and thank you for representing Lincoln this school year at the Ramsey County Picnic.

It is hard to believe we are at the final stages of this school year and I am currently organizing the team for the 2012-2013 school year. The deadline has passed for students to sign up. I am pleased to announce that Erika Albrecht, Jillian Moor, and Charlie Rapheal will be the captains. I am pleased with the quality of students interested in patrolling next year and know we will have another team that is SAFE, RESPECTFUL, and RESPONSIBLE. Information about teams and training for next fall will come home by the end of May.

Once again, a **Big Thank You** to our patrols, parents, and families for making this school year's patrolling season a huge success! Have a great and safe summer!

Mrs. Thom  
Patrol Supervisor



## Lightning Bolt Bistro News

It's hard to believe that we are coming to the end of another school year, time flies when you're having fun I guess!

Again, thank you for your patronage and all I ask is that you try to keep your child's account up to date.

I will be sending home negative balance notices in the month of May, so please watch for those in your child's backpack.

For those fifth graders leaving Lincoln, any money remaining in their accounts will automatically transfer to their new school.

Have a great summer and we will see you next fall!

*Mrs. Frogner*  
*Mrs. Lubrant*  
*Food Service*



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## Facts From Phy. Ed.

The school year is coming to a close and I don't know where the time has gone. I hope I am able to get all of my track meets in, as the weather is so unpredictable. Those dates are 5th grade on Friday, May 25th at Birch Lake (10:00-1:30), 3rd and 4th grade on Wednesday, May 23rd in the morning (9:30-11:30) and 1st and 2nd grade on Thursday, May 24th also in the morning (9:30-11:15). Please note the date change for the 3rd and 4th grade meet and the date and time change for the 1st and 2nd grade meet. These dates and time differ from those in the April Newsletter.

We will be starting our last unit of t-ball/softball and kickball combo for the last couple weeks of the school year. We will work on throwing, catching, hitting, and some basic rules to those games.

Any questions please feel free to give me a call. Thank you for another great school year.

Your Phy. Ed. Specialist  
Mr. Liekis



## Music Notes



After all the concerts are over, I like to take time to reflect on the year and all that the Lincoln students accomplished in music. We sang a lot of new songs, learned how to move and do clapping rhythms at the same time while singing them! We worked on solfedge patterns—sang them and labeled them. We played the Xylophone's and sang. We listened to the music of composers and learned about their lives. We saw educational videos of Bach, Beethoven, Handel, Johann Strauss 11, Franz Liszt, and Mozart. Each grade level targeted one or two of these composers. On top of the entire curriculum, each grade level learned and performed a concert.

We've had a great year in music!! Best wishes to the graduating 5th grades. Have a great summer students!!! Look forward to seeing you next year!

Thank you parents for your great wonderful support!!

Mrs. Burmeister  
Lincoln Music Specialist

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## Student Council News

On April 20<sup>th</sup> Lincoln had a "Helpful Hat" day. The "helpful" donations amounted to \$225. The money will be forwarded to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in support of their "Pennies for Patients" campaign. Thank you to all who were "helpful with their hats"!

The final day in which the School Store will be open this year is Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Business was steady throughout the year. Some of the proceeds from the store were used to purchase a little something for the third, fourth, and fifth grade students in recognition their impressive efforts during the M.C.A. testing.

Student Council has been involved with H2O for Life for the past few years. We will continue this year to support this nonprofit organization that connects schools in the United States with schools in developing countries to complete WASH (WATER, Sanitation, and Hygiene) projects. Lincoln will be partnering this year with Mulanje Lea Primary in Malawi. May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> will be "Working for Water Weeks" at Lincoln. Every day, almost a billion people make a three-hour journey to gather water! Students are encouraged do some work to earn a donation for H2O for Life. The work students do will be recorded and added to a school display so we can visualize the impact the work we do has on helping our partner school in Africa. The class that raises the most money will be a part of the "Soak Student Council" end of the year event. For more details about H2O for Life you can visit their website which is [www.h2oforliveschools.org](http://www.h2oforliveschools.org).

Student Council has been connected with a local nonprofit organization called Project for Pride in Living. "P.P.L." is a Twin Cities organization that helps thousands of low-income families every year with issues relating to homelessness, mental health, chemical dependency, employment, family stability, and youth achievement. In May, we hope to collect flash lights and sleeping for about 54 kids to use at camp this summer.

Teresa Ogden  
Student Council Coordinator



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## Learning Skills

As you begin making plans for the summer months, I'm certain many of you are also thinking about what you can do to maintain and build your children's academic skills. I have two favorite books that I would highly recommend. The first book, Raising Bookworms by Emma Walton Hamilton is full of practical, creative and *fun* strategies to encourage your child to love reading. What to Read When by Pam Allyn, will guide you in selecting books for your child to share values, teach and inspire. Below are some interesting facts and excerpts from the two books...

The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success I reading is reading aloud to children. It is a practice that should continue throughout the grades.

Forty-two percent of college graduates never read another book once they have graduated.

Eighty percent of U.S. families did not buy or read a book last year.

Seventy percent of U.S. adults have not been in a bookstore in the last five years.

A few of the suggestions to encourage a love for reading include telling stories about when you were a child, help your children write their own books, play word games together, cook with your children, promote journaling, enlist your children's help in creating a family newsletter, keep books everywhere, encourage reading in bed, surprise your children with impromptu book gifts, write to your children, read the same books your children are reading and make time to discuss the books your children are reading.

*Mrs. Thibault*

*Learning Skills Specialist*



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## News from the Media Center

Thanks to all Lincoln students and families for a great year! This year (as of the end of April), staff and students at Lincoln checked out books in the library 19,221 times. That is phenomenal!! We continued to update our collection to include some great new books that both students and staff have requested. We got the new series *Conspiracy 365*, which hasn't been able to stay on the shelf, thanks to its popularity. Our younger students were introduced to the Caldecott Medal winners and enjoyed time reading those, along with the winner this year, *A Ball for Daisy*.

Make sure to continue reading during the summer! Your public library is a great resource for books and activities all summer long. See the attached flyer for more information. You can also check out their website at [www.rclreads.org](http://www.rclreads.org).

The Maud Hart Lovelace winner was announced on April 25 and the winner was *Please Write in this Book!* This was the winner for both the whole state of Minnesota as well as at Lincoln! Our students really enjoyed reading the books. You can go to [www.maudhartlovelace.org](http://www.maudhartlovelace.org) for more information. Also, the nominees for next year are out already. Here are the titles for both Division I (3-5 grades) and Division II (6-8, for our graduating 5<sup>th</sup> graders!!):

### Division I (3-5 grades)

**11 Birthdays** by Wendy Mass  
**Beef Princess of Practical County** by Michelle Houts  
**Calvin Coconut, Trouble Magnet** by Graham Salisbury  
**Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity (Brixton Brothers)** by Mac Barnett  
**Diamond Willow** by Helen Frost  
**Dog on His Own** by Mary Jane Auch  
**Dying to Meet You (43 Old Cemetery Road)** by Kate Klise  
**Extra Credit** by Andrew Clements  
**Faith, Hope and Ivy June** by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
**Piper Reed, Navy Brat** by Kimberly Holt  
**Secret of Zoom** by Lynne Jonell  
**Top of the Order (4 for 4)** by John Coy

### Division II (6-8 grades)

**After Ever After** by Jordan Sonnenblick  
**\*Bad Girls Don't Die** by Katie Alender  
**Beef Princess of Practical County** by Michelle Houts  
**Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity (Brixton Brothers)** by Mac Barnett  
**Dark Life: Book #1** by Kat Falls  
**Diamond Willow** by Helen Frost  
**Faith, Hope and Ivy June** by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
**Flygirl** by Sherri Smith  
**Go Big or Go Home** by Will Hobbs  
**Long Walk to Water** by Linda Sue Park  
**Matched** by Ally Condie  
**Woods Runner** by Gary Paulsen

\* An asterisk indicates titles for mature readers.

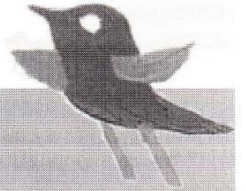
Have a wonderful summer and remember to keep reading!

Ms. Traver  
Media Specialist



# BOOKAWOCKY

a Celebration of *Summer Reading*



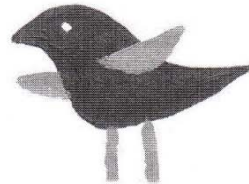
**June 9<sup>th</sup> - August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Keep reading all summer long with Ramsey County Libraries!**

- Pick up a reading record at the library starting June 9<sup>th</sup> (Ages 5-11).
- Keep track of the reading you do this summer.
- Read 20 hours before August 12<sup>th</sup> and return the reading record to the library to earn prizes\*. (One set of prizes per child per summer.)

Join the summer reading fun  
at your local library:

- Performers
- Book clubs
- Drawing workshops, Juggling class and more!



Kickoff your summer reading with a party at the Ramsey County Library in Roseville on **Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm**. Bring the whole family!

We have additional programs for children under age 5 and those age 12 and over, come to the library or see the website to find out more.

Check out our website to see what's going on at the library this summer!

**[www.rcireads.org](http://www.rcireads.org)**

*\*All prizes available while supplies last.*

The Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries and Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA), with additional contributions from the Minnesota State Fair, Culver's Family Restaurants and Water Park of America.



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