



November 6, 2009

Eye on the Eagles



Upcoming Events



- November 10 – 7:00 PTO Executive Board
- November 13 – Report cards sent home
- November 24 – PLC Day, 2:18 dismissal
- November 25 – Elementary Plan Day, no school for elementary days
- November 26 and 27 – Thanksgiving Vacation – Office closed

Holiday Meal

Unfortunately, due to our increase in student numbers and limited cafeteria space, **we will not be able to host guests for the holiday meal.** We encourage you to join your student for lunch on a day you may have off from work. Thank you.



Report Cards

Your child's report card will be sent home on Friday, November 13. Due to student illnesses, teachers were not able to complete all the required assessments prior to fall break. Assessments were being completed this week and report cards are being finalized to be sent home on the 13.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Henley Dean! Henley was the winner of the Lincoln Fire Rescue Posters Contest.



Safety Concerns

Please do not drop off your students in the staff parking lot. Only parents dropping off their students for Family Services day care program are to use the parking lot drive to reach the south doors. Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe!



Bubba's Closet

Lincoln Public Schools elementary Principals will again this year sponsor ***Bubba's Closet***. If your elementary aged children have outgrown their winter coats, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts or jeans, drop them off at any ***Hanger's Cleaners*** between October 5th and November 7th!

All clothes will be cleaned by ***Hanger's*** and sorted by Lincoln Public Schools elementary principals. Then on Saturday, November 14th, ***Bubba's Closet*** will be open from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at McPhee Elementary, 820 Goodhue Blvd.

Any elementary student, accompanied by an adult may choose appropriate items of clothing to adopt and use! Sacks will be provided by Lincoln Public Schools.



Colder Weather

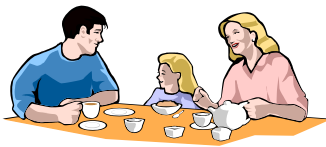


A reminder to dress your child for the changing weather. Colder weather is coming and we will be outside for recess when the temperature is above 0 degrees. **Please remind your student to check the lost and found table for lost clothing items. We have a large number of sweatshirts and coats that need to find their owners!** Also, **please mark your child's coats and sweatshirts with their name** . We have a number of students that have the same coats and it would help us to get the correct coat/sweatshirt with the correct owner!



5th Grade Leadership Conference
By Paul McBride

On Monday, October 19, five students went to Doane College in Crete, NE. These lucky students were Sam Stanley, Paul McBride, Allie Rauner, Faith LaVoie, and Bronwyn Brown. While they were there, they listened to a presentation given by the Superintendent of Nebraska Christian Schools, toured the campus, and played games exercising their teamwork and leadership skills. Mrs. Drahotka sponsored the group trip.



FIVE POWERFUL PARENTING TOOLS

Use the following parenting tools to help nurture your child:

LISTEN – When we look and act like we are listening but our full attention is not really on the person talking to us, we are “performance” listening. Parents need to listen actively, catch the feelings as well as the facts a child is trying to communicate. Your listening validates their true feelings, their sense of self-worth. You are listening to who they really are, what they really think and what they really feel.

FOCUS – You can only focus on one thing at a time and you go toward what you focus on. Dwelling on what is not working or who is to blame won’t help your family. Focus on possible solutions, what is working, what the objective is and that is the direction you and your family will move toward.

MESSAGE - The verbal and physical messages we give our children – body language, facial expressions, the words we say – can have the effect of either hurting or helping. You can choose your reaction to each and every situation to leave your child with a positive message rather than a hurtful one

TEACH – Rather than “telling”, try “asking”. Asking questions allows them to learn through discovery, to work through the consequences of their own choices. They gain confidence in their ability to think and solve problems

MODEL – The most perfect mirrors in the world are our children. What they see and hear is what they will do. Be fully conscious that your children are learning their patterns from you.
From Home and School Connection



LPS Emergency Pantry open for LPS families in crisis

The Lincoln Public Schools Emergency Pantry, sponsored by the Food Bank of Lincoln and the LPS School District, has changed its hours starting Monday, Nov. 2.

The Pantry – located in a portable classroom at Lefler Middle School, 1100 S. 48th St. – is a resource available to LPS families who are experiencing a food crisis.

Please help make our LPS families aware of the Pantry and its operation:

- Any LPS family in need should contact the principal or social worker at the school their student attends to obtain a referral card. Then families can come to the Pantry to select a specified amount of food – for up to five times in a school year at no cost.
- If a family has transportation issues, they should contact the school principal and see if they can obtain a food box.

Starting Monday, Nov. 2, the Pantry will be open weekly: 3:30-5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Holiday hours are 3:30-5 p.m. on Dec. 22, 23, 29 and 30 – when food boxes will be available for pick up only.

For additional information about emergency food assistance please go to the Food Bank's Web site, www.lincolinfoodbank.org.

*For more information contact Alynn Sampson at the Food Bank of Lincoln,
466-8170 ext. 112.*

T-shirt Designs Chosen

Eastridge students submitted over 20 designs in the PTO sponsored T-Shirt Design contest. With a small committee led by Shelley Klosterboer, winners were chosen. First grader, Hunter Wever and third grader, Will Hind had their designs chosen to be printed on t-shirts. Previews of the designs and order details will be coming soon! Congratulations Hunter and Will! both boys will get a free t-shirt as the prize for the contest. Thank you to all students who entered the contest as well as to Shelley and her committee for the work done to make the contest happen!

Mrs. Wallingford's 1st Grade Class and Mrs. Hergenrader's 3rd Grade Class each submitted over 800 Box Tops for Education during the October contest!

These 2 classes have earned a Pajama Day at school. The Pajama Day will be held Tuesday, November 24th. Over \$815.00 was raised for the school during this contest. Keep in mind that another Box Tops contest will run in February.