



October 2, 2009

Eye on the Eagles



Upcoming Events



- October 6 and 8 – Parent teacher conferences
- October 12 – Elementary Plan Day – no school for elementary students
- October 13 – 7:00 PTO Executive Board
- October 20 – 2:18 dismissal, PLC Day
- October 23 – End of first quarter
- October 27 – 6:00-8:00pm – Skating Party
- October 26-30 – Fall Break - No School
- November 6 – Report cards sent home



Smiles for Education

On Tuesday, September 22, Eastridge Elementary received the exciting news that our school was selected as a winner of the Smiles for Education program. Representatives from Hy-Vee and Sarah Lee attended our special assembly to present two special gifts. Madisen Hansen was the winner of a Macintosh Macbook. In addition, our school was presented with a \$5,000 monetary gift. To add to the celebration, all students enjoyed cookies and juice from the two companies. We are grateful to Hy-Vee and Sara Lee for their generous support of education. Students have been sharing their creative ideas as how we should spend the money! We will be discussing what our greatest needs are to determine how the money will have the greatest impact on all our students.



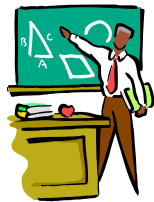
Good Luck



The students, staff, and families wish Betty Godwin good luck as she embarks on a new assignment. Betty was our assistant superintendent custodian for thirteen years. During this time, she provided a clean learning environment and met every student and staff's needs with a smile. Betty accepted the assistant superintendent position at Belmont.

To express our appreciation for Betty's hard work and to say thank you, the staff presented Betty with a gift card and decorative Patriotic stone for her yard. Students presented her with thank you cards and books. PTO presented Betty with a gift card and flowers. We will miss Betty's warm smile and positive attitude!

We welcome Mike Zimbelman as our new assistant superintendent. Mike is a familiar face to all of us as he has been our ten month night custodian.



Parent Teacher Conferences

Our parent teacher conferences are scheduled for October 6 and 8. We look forward to this time of sharing progress as you are a key partner in your child's education. Your confirmed conference time is being sent home in your child's Friday Folder. Some of you may be interested in visiting with your child's specialist teachers. For your convenience we are listing each specialists' schedule below:

Art:	Mr. Reeker	October 6th	4:00-6:00
Computer:	Mr. Reeker	October 8th	4:00-8:00
P.E.	Michelle Forsberg	October 8 th	4:00-7:00
Media	Trina Krzycki	October 8 th	4:00-8:00
Speech	Jane Hahn	October 6 th	4:00-6:00
Psychologist	Barb Newell	October 6 th	4:00-6:00
Vocal Music	Dianne Lahman	October 6 th	4:00-6:00
Band	Deb Bouffard	October 8 th	4:00-5:00

America Recycles Day

America Recycles Day (ARD), November 15, is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to encouraging Americans to recycle and to buy recycled products. Celebrating its 11th year, it has grown to include millions of Americans pledging to increase their recycling habits at home and work and to buy products made with recycled materials. Through America Recycles Day, the National Recycling Coalition supports local communities and raises awareness by educating citizens about the benefits of recycling.

This year we are invited to participate in a pledge drive competition. \$250 will go to one of each of the high schools, middle schools and elementary schools with the most pledges (per student based on enrollment). These funds could be used to purchase environmentally related books for our media center or used for an environmentally friendly project within the school.

You may complete your pledge online. For one month beginning October 1, go to www.lincolnnne.gov keyword: ARD, and click "Take the Pledge" (One pledge per person). Be sure to write the name of our school in the 'Affiliation/organization/school' line on the pledge form. Phone numbers are used only as a means to contact prize winners. All pledges will be entered in local prize drawings for prizes such as curbside recycling service and shopping gift cards.

Related Links

- * America Recycles Day National Website Remote Site
- * Get SMARTer: Your guide to learning how to Save Money and Reduce Trash (645 K) - for more information on recycling in Lincoln and Lancaster



Original Works on the Horizon

Eastridge PTO will sponsor the Original Works Art Program again this year. Original Works prints original student work on a variety of products. Plans are for children K-5 to create a drawing with Mr. Reeker in Art Class. Then, on Friday, October 16, each child will receive a packet with art in the Friday Folder. Families have one week to choose products and return order forms/checks (made out to Eastridge PTO) to Eastridge with delivery of products back to Eastridge by December 8...just in time for the holiday season! To see more about this program, please visit: <http://www.originalworks.com/blog/>. Proceeds from this fundraiser will support the Eastridge Art program. Adults, siblings, cousins are all welcome to participate as well...just let Mr. Reeker know how many more additional order packets you need. If you have questions, please email Mr. Reeker @ breeker@lps.org.



ParentNotes

Go to the LPS Web and look for the Parent Center along the top navigation bar.

ParentNotes, is a new item providing the most current information of interest to parents: services, resources, data and news from around the school district, as well as links to services and resources in the community.

What will you find?

Quick links to LPS info such as:

- Calendars (student, staff, special events)
- Employee address search
- Links to elementary, middle and high schools
- A wide variety of forms: attendance, health, facilities
- Home school lookup

- Honors
- Lunch menus and information for purchasing meals
- Student services
- Publications such as Important Information Booklet, Annual Report, Community News



Bubba's Closet

Lincoln Public Schools Elementary Principals will again this year sponsor **Bubba's Closet**. If your elementary-age 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.

Lincoln Board of Education Public Forums Agenda

Thursday, October 1, 2009, 7:30 p.m. at
Lincoln Northeast High School, 2635 North 63rd Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska

Tuesday, October 6, 2009, 7:30 p.m. at Lincoln East High School,
1000 South 70th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

Monday, October 12, 2009, 7:30 p.m. at Lincoln North Star High School,
5801 North 33rd Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

Wednesday, October 14, 2009, 7:30 p.m. at Lincoln Southeast High School, 2930 South 37th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

A Community Conversation....

Help us help all our students graduate from high school – be part of the solution!

For Lincoln Public Schools families:

The Lincoln Board of Education, in partnership with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Chapter of the United Way and the Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools, invites the public – and most especially all our LPS students and families – to attend a two-meeting Community Conversation this fall.

The public is asked to join in the conversation and attend two meetings scheduled at Lincoln High School, 2229 J St.:

- **6-8:30 p.m. on: Thursday, Oct. 15**
- **6-8:30 p.m. on: Thursday, Nov. 5**

The October conversation will begin with a presentation explaining and exploring major factors identified in the lives of LPS students who drop out of school. In November, working as a collective, participants will begin to identify community solutions and develop recommendations for how our community might come together to increase the high school graduation rate and lower the dropout rate.

No advanced registration is necessary. Doors at Lincoln High open at 5:30 p.m. The two meetings are free and open to the public. We ask that you consider attending this crucial discussion about our community's future, and the future of our students.

