Principal Profit’s Ponderings

Parent Teacher Conferences
Thank you for participating in conferences this past month. We had tremendous participation (99%) from our families! It was a wonderful experience to visit with so many of you about our school and the educational and social development that your child has made since the October conferences. The teamwork that has been built between students, parents and staff remains the nourishing element for student success!

MAP Testing
From March 31st through April 15th, students in grades 3rd-5th will be taking MAP tests. Please make every effort to have your child(ren) in school during this assessment period. A good night’s rest and a nutritious breakfast are essential and can greatly enhance any student’s ability to concentrate in a testing situation.

Teacher Request
Just a reminder, if you wish to have your child placed in a specific teacher’s classroom next year, please do the following:

Make a written request to me by May 1st.

Be specific on your educational reasons on why you are making the request.

Every attempt will be made to honor your request if it meets these criteria.

Educationally,
Ms. Profit

Important Reminders

New Transfer Policy
NPPSD has implemented a new transfer policy starting this year. The biggest change is that if your child has transferred to an elementary school during the 08-09 school year you DO NOT have to complete a new transfer form. Once approved your children will remain at the site you have transferred to (K-5th grade) until you wish to transfer them to another school. If you decide you want to return to your home school or transfer to another school you need to fill out a new form. Transfers will not be approved until August this year. Transfer forms will be accepted starting April 1st for the 09-10 school year. ALL new Kindergartners wishing to transfer must fill out a transfer form and attach a letter explaining the request for the transfer.
**Counselor’s Corner by Monica Kramer**

**Character Education: Citizenship**

Character Education means helping students know what is right, care about what is right, and do what is right. Students at Lincoln have learned about Citizenship during the month of March. They have learned that good citizens do their part to make their communities good places to live. They have also learned they have the power to make a positive difference in the world. Students at Lincoln have reviewed how to be a good citizen in their family, school, city, state, country, and world. These are the key concepts:

- Do your share to make your school, your community, and the world a better place.
- Take responsibility for yourself. Get homework done and turned in on time.
- Help take care of the environment.
- Be a good neighbor.
- Replace trees and recycle. Do not use more of the world’s resources than what you need or are willing to help replace.
- Follow the rules of your family, school, and society.

Students have now learned all six pillars of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. Students know that adults working with them are looking for outstanding examples of character. In May the students who consistently demonstrate exemplary character will be honored at the end of the year recognition activities.

**MAPS TESTING**

Lincoln School’s MAPS Testing starts March 31st and runs through April 15th. These tests are very important to gauge the growth of the students throughout the school year. **Please make sure your student is well rested, well nourished and at school on time.** These things are essential for your child to be at his peak performance.

**PTA Family Night**

The monthly PTA Family night will be held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, April 21st. This month will feature “Craft Night”. Family nights are a time for families to enjoy activities together, so parents need to be in attendance if your child is planning on attending. Children and parents will be making a craft together. We hope to see everyone in attendance.

**Preschool**

With Mrs. Chromy

The preschoolers had a fun month creating stories! They made puppets to tell the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff, wrote their own Green Eggs and Ham Books, and wrote about the wind. The children learned about weather and made weather wheels, made kites to fly in the wind, blew scented bubbles during outside play, and enjoyed creating their own weather through body movement and sounds. The preschoolers were also visited by Lucky the Leprechaun during the week of St. Patrick’s Day. Lucky left notes each day and at the end of the week, the children went on a treasure hunt. What fun! We also learned about Spring, and enjoyed the activity of mixing colors and predicting the new color that it would make. During “Letter M” week, we learned monkey finger plays and made a monkey puppet. We also read lots of monkey books. We are participating in the Pizza Hunt Book It Program for Preschoolers for the months of March and April. Children need to have at least 2 books read to them each week to receive a coupon for a free personal pan pizza at Pizza Hut at the end of each month. We also had fun celebrating Dr. Seuss’ Birthday!

**IMPORTANT 2009-2010 PTA INFORMATION**

We are looking for parents to be on the board of PTA. Elections are held during the April Family Night on April 21st. At this time we do not have anyone running for any of the positions. If we do not get some parent involvement we will have to look at disbanding PTA. PTA has done so many wonderful things for Lincoln School, including the new playground equipment that will be installed in a couple of weeks. Please help us to keep this organization going by volunteering to be on the board.
Reading Corner with Mrs. McCarthy

This school year is quickly passing by and I am very pleased with the progress all of my students are making in reading since the beginning of the year. I appreciate all of the extra reading done at home with family and friends! It really helps their reading scores when they get the extra time to read outside of school. I can really see an improvement in the students that have been reading outside of school every night.

With spring approaching it can be a very busy time of the year for many families with sports and activities. We need to make sure that our children are receiving plenty of sleep to ensure they are reading at their full potential.

Please encourage your child to read thirty minutes or more at home each night to keep all the progress made at home and school going. This is especially important over the long periods of time that they are not in school. Thanks for all the help.

Mrs. McCarthy

Caught Being Good

Winners for March

Aaliyah Polanco: 5th grade
Gabe Gardner: 4th grade
Nathaniel Gifford: 3rd grade
Kimberly Gerlach: 2nd grade
Paige Morgan: 1st grade
Keisha McCartney: Kindergarten

Kindergarten Registration

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Nebraska law requires that your child must have a physical exam, vision exam and updated immunizations BEFORE they can start kindergarten. A complete immunization record with dates of all immunizations and a physical and vision form filled out by your healthcare provider MUST be turned in by the first day of school. If the school does not have all of the needed information your child will not be able to attend until the requirements are met. You will be notified by letter in April or May as to what your child needs to meet the state requirements.

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April 12-18 is National Library Week!!! The theme is Be Creative@ Your Library!!! Just a reminder, if your child or children have books that are overdue, please return them to the library. May will be here before you know it, and we need to have all library materials accounted for. Also, the students will be voting for the Golden Sower Award, this is a State of Nebraska award that every child gets to choose their favorite nominee and then they cast their vote. There are ten books that were selected as Golden Sower Nominees.

Happy Reading!!
Ms. Marlin, Media Specialist

Students Reaching AR Goals for March—* Indicates Top Reader in Each Class

Mrs. Dymond: Jasmine Blair, Cassidy Everett, Gus Kreber, Crystal Neill, Yessenia Rodriguez, Summer Scott, Jonathan Sharp, *Quinton Vieyra, Vanessa Yates
Ms. Kubes: Choyce Deuerlein, *Chakera Hough, Santana Laack, Aiden Mann, *Cooper Sponie
Mrs. Bryant: Thelor Almaguer, *Nathanial Gifford, Dalton Major, Justin Manning, Jeremiah McEntire, Sabrina Morales, Seirra Morris, Travis Roberts, Brandon Sickler, Kaitlyn Sinker, Mariah Stevens
Mrs. Davis: Justina Epting, Myela Garcia,*Gabe Gardner, Cody Hart, Quintan Lehn, Michael Miller, Austin Peterson, Mario Rodriguez, Cassie Shafer, Alicia Tovar
Mr. Deutschman: Rashawn Bryant, Chelsie Gardner, Jaden Kleckner, Journey Laack, Gabby Major, Taylor Pantenburg, *Tabetha Sprunk, Joseph Thiem, Dillon Valentine, Tyler Weeth
Mrs. Volcek: Katie Epps, Kirsten Gibson, DeAirick Hernandez, *Dylan Hill, Colby Jones, Anthony Marquez, Kijana Owens, Aaliyah Polanco

School Beacon and the Parent Portal

Parents are encouraged to sign up for the School Beacon and the Parent Portal. School Beacon is the NPPSD’s means of sharing emergency information with parents. School closings, dangerous situations etc. will be broadcast through School Beacon. To register go to www.nppsd.org and click on the School Beacon icon in the upper right corner. You can sign up to receive voice mail, text messages, emails or all three.

The Parent Portal is a means by which parents can monitor their students progress and activity at school. To register you will need to stop in the school office and bring your driver’s license. You will be assigned a campus portal account and will be able to view your child’s attendance, grades, homework, behavior etc. on your home computer. If you have registered for the parent portal at another school you do not need to register at Lincoln School.

Sign up for School Beacon and the Parent Portal to stay informed of happenings at Lincoln School.
I am a lucky person. I think I am lucky because I am in wrestling. And it is fun. And some times you win. Sometimes you lose. And sometimes you pin the other guy. **Gus**

I am a lucky person. I think I am lucky because I go to school. I can learn at school. I can learn to do math and sing. I can learn to be good and get smiles. I can learn to count. **Quinton**

I am a lucky person. I think I am lucky because my mom gave me my homework folder back. And I got a piece of gum. **Jasmine**

I am a lucky person. I think I am lucky because my mom got a job and because I have a puppy names Tyson. And a cat names Catty. And a best friend named Jonathan. **Cassidy**

I am a lucky person. I think I am lucky because I have a big brother and a big sister and parents. And grandparents that survived in the Army and in the Navy. **Vanessa**

I am a lucky person. I think I am lucky because my room is pink. And I have friends. And I go to school. And I can play with my friends. I have a good family that I love very, very much. I have a good life! I have good pets!! **Summer**

I am a lucky person. I think I am lucky because I eat great food and my friend comes over sometimes. And some times we stay up. **Hannah**

I am a lucky person. I think I am lucky because I help take care of my dogs. I am a lucky person because I pick up. I am a lucky person because I feed calves. I named one Ice Cream. I am lucky because I learned how to ride on a 2 wheeler. **Elizabeth**

I am a lucky person. I think I am lucky because I have a car. I have a baby. I have a school. I have mom and dad. I have toys and I have friends. **Jocelynn**

I am a lucky person. I think I am lucky because I have nice friends. I am also lucky because I have a house. And good food. I am also lucky because I am not home schooled. **Crystal**

I am a lucky person. I think I am lucky because I have food. I know some people that don’t have food. I like food. **Rueben**

I am a lucky person. I think I am lucky because I have a puppy dog and I take care of my dog. **Yessenia**

I am a lucky person. I think I am lucky because lots of TRANSFORMERS. And I have lots of toys. And I am lucky that I have a house. And a night light. And I have a family. And I have lots of stuffed animals. **Jonathan**

I am a lucky person. I think I am lucky because I have a x-box and a PSP and a Play Station 2 and a Game Boy and a trampoline and a bed and a brother and a sister and a mom and a dad. **Ryee**

I am a lucky person. I think I am lucky because my brother and I am lucky to have mom. I am lucky to have a dad. I am lucky for friends and I am lucky for cousins and I lucky to have a school. **Lisette**