



LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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CONGRATS ALL AROUND!

Principal's Message . . .

As many of you may be aware, I had been out of the office for several days last week. Along with my family, I traveled to Washington D.C. and Peoria IL to be recognized by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the Illinois Principals Association as the Illinois Middle School Principal of the Year for 2009-10.



I am humbled to receive this award, because I know that leaders are only as good as the people they lead. Although the principal is bestowed the honor, the award is truly a reflection of the efforts and commitment of his or her faculty. When teachers are open and willing to work together under a principal's leadership, the result is an outstanding school, providing outstanding opportunity for its students.

Furthermore, I am blessed to work within a school community comprised of terrific students and supportive parents. The growth and improvements we have experienced here at Lincoln are a direct result of the encouragement and engagement of parents and students. It is truly an honor to represent our school and the Mount Prospect community.

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HALLOWEEN AT LINCOLN
STUDENTS AND STAFF WEAR ORANGE AND BLACK
FRIDAY OCTOBER 30 . . . (no costumes allowed)



Mr. Steen will award the Traveling Trophy of Triumph to the team with the highest percentage of students wearing orange and black! Also, a Halloween reminder to parents that the District 57 Wellness policy prohibits students from sharing candy at school.

Besides Lincoln . . .

YMCA and Park District Information

Notice for Board of Education Meetings

- ☪ November 5—7:30 pm—Lincoln
- ☪ November 19—7:30 pm—Westbrook

New Parent/Teacher Conference Format November 23 and November 24, 2009

Communication between home and school continues as a priority for Lincoln Middle School. Parent/Teacher Conferences have, unfortunately, become known as “the time parents get to talk to the teachers.” This could not be any further from the truth. We strongly encourage parents to phone or email our teachers with any questions or concerns about their child’s experience at Lincoln throughout the entire school year. Middle school children change and grow quickly, not just physically, but academically and emotionally as well. This growth happens year-round, not just in November!

In our efforts to accommodate the changing needs of our students and families, this year we offer a new format for parent/teacher conferences. Teachers will contact parents to schedule private conferences for those students who show a great need for intervention and growth. In the evening of November 24, Lincoln will host an Open-House for all families to come to browse student work, meet our teachers and enjoy informal conversation. Parents who still may prefer to schedule a traditional conference (semi-private) with their child’s team, will have an opportunity to request a time slot. Requests for traditional conferences will be taken after November 6, by emailing your child’s team leader. Availability for traditional team conferences may be limited.

Teacher-Initiated Private Conferences

Monday, November 23
Tuesday, November 24

In October teachers will contact the families of students who they believe require special, individual conferencing.

Parent-Initiated Semi-Private Conferences

Monday, November 23
Tuesday, November 24

Parents who wish to request a traditional style conference may contact their child’s team leader after November 6 to schedule a conference time.

Availability may be limited, and requests will be taken via email between November 6 and November 18.

Lincoln Parent/Teacher Open House

Tuesday, November 24
5:30—8:00 p.m.

All parents are invited to visit Lincoln, browse displays of student work, and enjoy informal conversation with our staff.



S O S Service Over Self

This is Lincoln’s free community service club that meets throughout the school year for fun community service activities. Lincoln students will trick or treat for canned goods and have fun at the rake-’n-run! There will be an informational meeting for our first activity—Trick or Treat for Canned Goods—on October 27 in Mr. Ruggiero’s room. Be a part of this amazing group!



RED RIBBON WEEK
**"I Pledge to be Healthy
 and Stay Drug Free"**
October 19 - 23

The students and staff at Lincoln Middle School continued the tradition of celebrating Red Ribbon Week. There was exciting activities and an opportunity for students to win great prizes. "The Red Ribbon Week Treasure Hunt", "Chain Up Drugs", "Sport Tournament Day," "Rap Against Drugs", and "Settle Into a Drug Free Life" were a few of our activities.



A special "Thank you" goes to the Lincoln Leaders for all of their hard work in planning this special week.

Monday "Chain Up Drugs" - To kick off Red Ribbon Week, each advisory made a class chain using red paper and wrote their name on the strip, along with a positive alternative to drugs. Each advisory assembled their chain and it was combined to form one large chain, and hung in the Commons.

Tuesday "Red Ribbon Week Treasure Hunt" - Red letters spelling "Red Ribbon Week" were hidden in the school during advisory. Through out the day, students hunted for these letters, and were able to claim prizes!

Wednesday "Sport Tournament Day" - Today in physical education class, students played games such as "Knock Out Contest" and "Around the World". Fabulous prizes were awarded to the winners.

Thursday "Rap Against Drugs" - Watched our very own Lincoln Leaders at the Variety Show!

Friday "Settle Into a Drug Free Life" - Today everyone wore their comfy clothes. Sweats, pajamas, slippers, and T-shirts are welcome! Settle into a drug free life by being comfortable at Lincoln.

And to top it all off—everyone tried to wear red every-day!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Poms Clinic

October 26 and 27

Buca Di Beppo

Mrs. Waltman's 8th Grade Home Ec Class Outing

Poms Tryouts

October 28 and 29

First Quarter Ends

October 30

7th Grade PTA Open Gym

October 30, 3-4:30 p.m.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Change your clocks!

November 1

7th Grade Field Trip—Apollo to the Moon

November 6

IMEA Band/Orchestra Festival

Maine West High School

November 7

PHS Explore Tests (8thGrade Only)

November 7 and Make Up Date November 14

Early Dismissal Day

November 11

Officer Friendly Visit—7th Grade Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying

November 13



PROSPECT

**Incoming Freshman
Class of 2014**

**9th Grade Placements Tests
Saturday, November 7, 2009**

Make-Up Dates

Saturday, November 14, 2009

Thursday, January 28, 2010

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Online Enrollment

Deadline: Friday, October 30, 2009

Parents should enroll their student at:

<https://enroll.d214.org/>

CROSS COUNTRY SECTIONALS RESULTS

Through unseasonably cool temperatures, the cross country team competed in the 12 team sectional race over a frost covered 2 mile course at Willow Stream Park in Buffalo Grove.

The boys' team ran their best race of the season. They finished 4th, ahead of schools who had beaten them all season.

In a 84 runner field: Patrick Backus – 42, Quinn Dircks – 33, Quentin Varenne - 31, Kevin Burke – 24, Andy Inserra – 23, Mike O'Malley – 15, and Greg Suarez finished 5th.

Greg Suarez will be representing the boys' team at the state meet.

The girls' team finished 2nd out the 12 team field and will be competing at the state meet downstate next weekend.

In a 84 runner field: Jessica Skudlarek- 45, Gina Burck – 28, Katrina Leeney – 23, Kathryn Cichon – 19, Emma Menich – 15, Maggie Sullivan – 12, and Alexis Jakubowski finished 2nd.

Damira McPherson, Kalei Britos, and Samantha Minasian will also be representing the girls' team as alternates for the state meet.

CROSS COUNTRY PROSPECT INVITATIONAL RESULTS

Cross Country participated in the ten team Prospect Invitational. All middle schools that will feed into Prospect were invited. Top ten finishers received trophies.

8th Grade Boys Race:
Trophy winners were:
Ben Pederson—9th
Quinn Dircks—6th
Quentin Varenne—5th

6/7th Grade Boys Race:
Trophy winners were:
Griffin Snead—9th
Karson LeComte—7th
Matt Cozine—6th
Patrick Backus—2nd

6/7th Grade Girls Race:
Trophy winners were:
Jenna Leane—9th
Claire Nolan—6th
Samantha Minasian—2nd
Maggie Sullivan—1st !

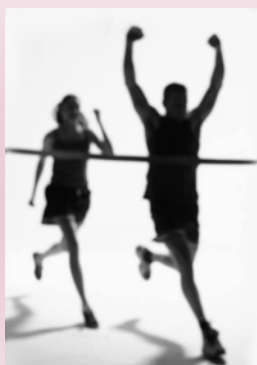
Congratulations Lincoln Cross Country Team!

CROSS COUNTRY STATE RESULTS

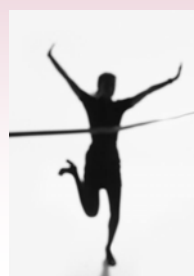
The Girls' cross country team and Greg Suarez had strong showings against the best runners at the state cross country meet in Normal, Illinois.

The girls' team finished 13 out of 27 teams.

**In a 220 runner field:
Jessica Skudlarek—215
Kathryn Cichon—150
Gina Burck—143
Maggie Sullivan—116
Emma Menich—115
Katrina Leeney—111
Alexis Jakubowski - 17—
earning all state honors!**



Greg Suarez ran the 2nd fastest 7th grade time in the 223 runner field by finishing 15th overall in the race. Greg also earned all state honors with his finish!



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POMS TRYOUTS are Wednesday, October 28th for seventh graders and Thursday, October 29th for eighth graders after school in the Cafeteria. If you can only make one day of tryouts, just let one of the coaches know and you will still be able to try out. Once you are finished trying out, you are free to leave. A physical examination is required BEFORE you can tryout. Please see our school nurse, Mrs. Brown, for necessary paperwork.

Guidelines for Tryouts:

Students are required to attend one or both clinic days where they will learn the tryout routine. The Pom Clinic will be held on Monday, October 26th and Tuesday, October 27th after school in the cafeteria.

Students will tryout in random groups of two or three.

Please wear comfortable clothing to tryouts.

We are looking for students who have a positive attitude to represent the spirit of Lincoln Middle School.

Additional Information:

If you were on the Poms Squad last year, it does not necessarily mean you will make the squad again. Each year there is new talent and new students who tryout for Poms.

If you make the Poms Sqad, you will not be allowed to tryout for the basketball team.

Be aware that you are judged individually.

Responsibilities of Poms:

If you make the team, practices will be about 2-3 times a week.

Girls are required to wear the full uniforms on game days.

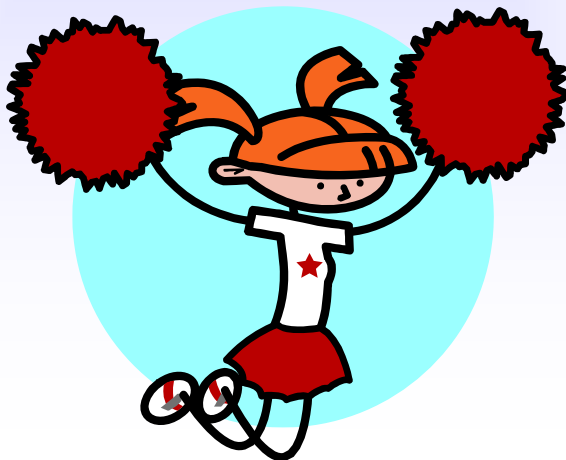
Poms perform at all home basketball games. We do not travel to away games.

Attendance at practices and games is mandatory unless excused by the coach.

Pom Coaches this year are

Mrs. Rose (Rm. 502) and Ms. Ralston (Rm. 301).

We are looking forward to a great season.



Cheetah of the Month

Homework completion
and having proper
materials for class

Kate Dinsmore
Martina Kowalczyk
Giana Galle
Olivia Sullo
Cesar Contreras
Kyle Schildgen
David Slupski
Matt Drew

Each month teachers pick a topic and select kids who exhibit that topic. The topic for October is being kind to others.

CONGRATULATIONS

AMANDA BASALAJ

1st Place

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SARAH NAVIGATO

2nd Place

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PEACE POSTER CONTEST

LINCOLN ART CLUB

Sponsored by Mrs. Valentino

LINCOLN'S CHICAGO MARATHON RUNNERS!

Mr. Chris Arends, 7th Grade Math Teacher
#7062

Mr. Rob Novak, Mrs. Novak's Husband
#14,135

Ms. Michelle Burck, Lincoln Parent
#17,547

AND THAT'S OUT OF
34,792 RUNNERS!

WHAT GREAT ROLE MODELS!

Mr. A. Goes to Washington



Mr. A. and Congressman Roskam



Congressman Mark Kirk with Mr. A.



Mr. and Mrs. A along with Arnie Duncan, The Honorable Secretary of Education



Peoria, IL Illinois Principal Association Conference



Mr. A receiving his award from NASSP and MetLife Officials

2009 LINCOLN VARIETY SHOW

Song & Piano (A Thousand Miles) **Piano** (Belle's Lullaby)
Elyse Wachsmuth Megan DelSignore
Song (Tear Drops on my Guitar) **Dance** (Heebies Jeebies)
Grace Gadow Victoria Lipinski
Skit (The Grow Machine) **Song** (Best Day)
Morgan Locigno, Rebecca Locigno, Meghan Doyle
Maya Mason, Jasmine Pascoe. **Dance** (Boom Boom Pow)
& Ashley Horn Michaela Morris & Jill Sevilla

Scottish Dance (The Lost Get Found)
Mandy and Jesse Ehlert

Rubic's Cube

Seva Tikhomirov

Dance (Almost Lover)

Allison Ristau

Song (Hang On Little Tomato)

Chessy Orozco

Dance (Canned Heat)

Claire Powers & Katie Bajkowski

Irish Dance (Reels)

Shannon Koch-Wagner

Song (The Wizard & I)

Natalie Carioti

Dance (Spin Me Round)
Jenny Michalski & Stephanie Towey

Song (Outta Here)

Shaheena Lofhus & Tierra Mann

Dance (Gotta Be Somebody)

Ariana Galle, Giana Galle & Sara Zurburch

Dance (Party in the USA)

Gianna Scala, Emily Peck, Susie Zalewski,

Kiley Walsh, Alex Ivanisevic,

Jelena Ivanisevic, & Katrina Leeny

Band (Stir it Up)

Richard Futo, Tyler Morofske,

Brandon Bock, & John Melachrinakis



MC's

Damon Byers
Brendan Chapman
Emily Novak
Samantha Kestler
Elise Mueller

Lion

Matt McPartlin

Crew

Tony Gattuso, Nate Kelly, Rob Cowin, David Hummel, Noah Hermanson, & Andrew Kallimani

Camera Crew

Jon Ciske



Special Thanks To: Mr. Angelaccio & Mr. Steen, the Custodial Staff, Mr. Fudala, Miss Thomas, the secretarial staff, and all the teachers who volunteered all their time to help put the Variety Show together - Mrs. Sandstead, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Brantman, Miss Heyl, Miss Morris, and Mr Ruggiero. We could not have done this without you!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR TALENTED STUDENTS !

WE SURE ENJOYED THE SHOW !