

March Report to the Board of Education Lincoln Elementary School Debra Zueck, principal

## 'Be a Part of the Pride'

## **Enrollment:**

Grade 3: 94
Grade 4: 102
Grade 5: 93
Total: 290

<u>Reduce-Reuse-Recycle:</u> <u>Debbie LeVault, CCSWMD</u> presented a Recycling unit to our students during the week of March 8-11. Students were made aware of the importance of recycling and created an edible landfill as a culminating activity.

End of 3rd Nine Weeks was March 10th. Grade cards were sent home on Friday, March 17th

**Spring Concert:** Ms. Steiner hosted the annual spring 'band' concert on Tuesday, March 14 at Pana High School. March is Music in the Schools month and we do appreciate the labors of Ms. Steiner and our band students who are a bonus to the fine arts department.

Tornado Drill: A tornado drill was held on Wednesday, March 8th at 10 a.m. in preparation for the season. Students took the correct placement and position but as discussed after the drill, in the event of a real tornado, all students would have to be on the lower level, so the safe school committee will be working on a plan for the 2016-17 school years.

Parent-Teacher conferences were held on Wednesday, March 15th until 3:30 p.m.

<u>PARCC</u>: PARCC testing will begin on Tuesday, March 21st with make up testing sessions scheduled for the week(s) of April 5<sup>th</sup>-13th. Students signed a contract as they agreed to '9' line items: (to name a few) coming to school every day during PARCC testing: Reading the test questions and answers carefully: Using good test taking skills: Double checking test answers and Trying My Best! At the conclusion of the test, students will have the opportunity to do one of the following IF the successfully accomplished their goal: Eat lunch with the teacher: Drink a soda: Use a pen all day: 25 panther points: Sit by a friend at lunch: bring show and tell: Sit at the teacher's desk

(choices were tweaked according to grade level)

<u>Tags of Achievement</u>; <u>Tags of Achievement</u> (tags) will be distributed to students who qualify for the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks on Wednesday, March 22nd during lunch. Students will receive a mini tag with a Panther Paw for not having more than 5 late/missing assignments for the nine week grading period. **Congrats** go out to these students who are making an academic difference!

<u>PBIS Bowling</u>: Qualifying students (PBIS) enjoyed an hour of bowling on Tuesday and Friday, March 14 and 17th. Students used Panther Points to purchase the bowling ticket with shoes and bowling balls provided by Pana Bowl. Thanks to Brian Osborn for organizing this exciting adventure for our students.

<u>Pana Youth Baseball-Softball Organization</u>: Pana Youth BSO is registering players for the 2017 season. Students had the opportunity to take forms and register for the season.

<u>So Many</u> Exciting, Learning Experiences are Happening at Lincoln Elementary and the students are generated by their accomplishments:

**Bowling Unit:** Mr. Malisia presented a bowling unit to all students in grades 3-5. Students were introduced to the rules of bowling and spent days following on skill building. The unit was in preparation for the PBIS bowling trip which was hosted on March 14 and 17. **Thanks** to Bob Crawford, Pana Bowl for donating the indoor bowling equipment which is a favorite of our students.

<u>Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss</u>: Students in Mrs. Berner's reading classes celebrated the birthday of Dr. Seuss on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. This has been a tradition since Mrs. Berner taught first grade and the students really enjoy the day... **Thanks Mrs. Berner**!

<u>Idita-Read</u>: Students in Mrs. Berner's reading classes participated in the Idita-Read which rely on reading minutes to travel the distance along what's known as the Iditarod trail from Anchorage to Nome. Each class chose a musher. The musher moved on the trail a mile for each minute the students read. The students recorded their minutes on a record sheet and parents signed off on the sheet. The first class to reach Nome was Mrs. Maziarz's class with reading 1233 minutes. These students enjoyed an ice cream sundae party.

<u>Local Speech Contest</u>: 'Qualifying students will be participating in a local speech contest on Tuesday, April 4th at PJHS. The students will be judged on theme, organization, continuity, interest, and length. Thanks to the parents, Susan Maziarz, and judges Rosilyn Schutt, Paul Donahue and Adam Metzger.