

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

## 'Be a Part of the Pride'

## **Enrollment:**

Grade 3: 94
Grade 4: 84
Grade 5: 112
Total: 290

Way To Go: Two Million Word Club: Leah Christman (gr 4) has read 2,034,440 words! One Million Word Club: The following students have read OVER 1 million words: Bo Hilbert (gr. 5) Claire Osborn-Lauren Ade-Andie Koontz (gr 4) Lennon Kimbrel and Nicole Jannink (gr 3) Congrats goes out to ALL of our readers who have raised the bar in their accomplishment!

<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.

<u>Time for Kids</u>: Students were instructed on the process for getting a <u>free</u> year long subscription to 'Time for Kids' which is a weekly magazine featuring current event stories and geographical information from around the world based on participation by the students. Students were encouraged to complete a postcard booklet and return them to school in order to receive the membership for next school year. Thanks to the students-staff and parents for their assistance.

End of 3rd Nine Weeks was March 11th. Grade cards will be sent home on Friday, March 18th

<u>Spring Concert</u>: Ms. Steiner hosted the annual spring 'band' concert on Thursday, March 10 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.

<u>Band Performance at Lincoln</u>: On Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4th grade band students will have the opportunity to perform at Lincoln School. Students were transported by bus at the end of the day and performed a recruitment concert for the upcoming fifth grade class. Thanks Ms. Steiner for the organizing the concert and staff for supporting the program.

<u>Tornado Drill:</u> A tornado drill was held on Wednesday, March 9th 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 will be held on Wednesday, March 16th until 3:30 p.m.

<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 Tuesday, 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!

**PBIS Bowling:** Qualifying students (PBIS) enjoyed an hour of bowling on Monday and Tuesday, March 14-15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Spring Break: No School: March 25-March 30: School Resumes Thursday, March 31, 2016

<u>Pana Youth Baseball-Softball Organization</u>: Pana Youth BSO is registering players for the 2016 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 14-15. **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 Wednesday, March  $2^{nd}$ . 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 Wednesday, March 23rd 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 Brian Osborn.

<u>Effingham Hearts Sportbackers</u> will be hosting the 13<sup>th</sup> annual **3 on 3 Basketball** Tournament on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 a.m. at Effingham High School Gym. Basketball Tourney Trophies will be given to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners.