

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

'Be a Part of the Pride'

Enrollment:

Grade 3: 93
Grade 4: 101
Grade 5: 92
Total: 286

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

School Wide Halloween Celebration: All students had the opportunity to purchase a ticket to attend the School Wide Halloween Celebration. Students had the opportunity to visit 5 stations with the following activities: Fall Bingo-Face-painting-Snack & Story-Candy Walk and Outside Relay. Thanks to the PBIS team for the planning and Ms. Henkel and the PHS Art Dept. for the giving of their time and sharing their artistic talents for the face-painting.

<u>Tags of Achievement</u>: Two hundred-thirty-five (235) tags were distributed to students who qualified for the 1st nine weeks on Tuesday, Nov. 1. There was a decrease of 6 students from 1st nine weeks of 2015. Students received a Panther Paw tag 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>Academic Achievement-Perfect Attendance-</u>Students were recognized for academic achievement and perfect attendance. These students received McDonald coupons and-a gift certificate for a free DQ ice cream cone.

<u>Just Say No to Drugs!</u> Red Ribbon Week was held the week of October 26-30. Students participated in a variety of activities throughout the week to reinforce the message of Just Saying No to Drugs. Thanks to Mrs. Deere for organizing the week!

Jump Rope for Heart: Lincoln School students participated in a Jump Rope for Heart event on Friday, November 4th. Each grade level had a 60 time slot with a goal to live a healthier life by eating healthy and exercising. Students and staff completed the following 'healthy' encouraged activities: hula hoops, jump ropes, and relay races with jump ropes. Water and music were provided to keep participants cool and engaged! Thanks Mr. Malisia for organizing the event.

<u>Princess Party:</u> Girl Scouts sponsored a Princess Party on Monday, Nov. 7th 6-8 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene. All girls were invited to enjoy a night of princess treats, treasures and activities.

And the next President of the United States is...All Students participated in a 'mock' election on Tuesday, November 8th. Social Studies classes have been preparing with the facts in preparation for voting day. Mr. Donahue's social studies classes are as prepared with the facts as many of our legal aged voters. He has provided an election unit as well as an online voting for students and parents than discussed the results in class.

<u>Game Time</u>: During the month of November Children's Programs will begin and continue through March at your local Carnegie Schuyler Library. All students are invited to participate in Game Time on a variety of dates/times on Tuesday or Thursday during the months of November-December-January-February and March. Students will enjoy games-snacks and prizes.

<u>Veteran's Day:</u> An 'Honorable" variety of Veteran's Day classroom activities were planned-presented on Thursday, November 10th. Students participated in these activities which all centered around and honored the men and women who have and continue to serve our country. Thanks to the staff for honoring our Veteran's and providing additional history to our students!

American Education Week: Our school will join the NEA and thousands of schools nationwide in the celebrating American Education Week from November 14-18. The week will be celebrated with a variety of planned activities beginning with a Flag Ceremony with a well rounded group of men: local veterans- a Marine (Cameron Stewart)- Army National Guard (Mitchell Cothern) Boy-Cub-Girl scouts and students were encouraged to wear red-white and blue as well as a kick off for "Season of Giving" collection. Additional Activities for the week are as follows: Tuesday: ESP Appreciation Day luncheon-Wednesday: Looking for a Bright Future: dress like your career choice for the future Thursday: Illinois Family Reading Night (3:45-5 p.m.) and ending the week Friday: Dress like a Farmer Day and bringing non-perishables for the Pana Food Pantry. Thank you to Elsie Stewardson for the planning and to all our Wonderful-Dedicated Staff who continue to give 110%!

<u>Lifetouch</u> will be back in our building on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>November 22</u> for re-takes. Students will be encouraged to bring their Best Smile!

<u>Parent Breakfast</u>: Lincoln Elementary will host the annual parent breakfast on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>Nov. 23 from 7-8:30 a.m.</u> Many hands will be on deck that day from parking attendants to assisting in the serving of breakfast. Thanks for all who assisted in making this day a memory for both parents and students!

<u>RAP:</u> Regular Attendance Program: Kaci Reiss visited with all third grade classes during the end of October. The purpose of the program was to explain that regular attendance to school is very important. Students took a pre-test with 8 yes-no questions on a variety of reasons why you would stay home from school. Thanks to the ROE for providing the program.

<u>Elks Hoop Shoot</u>: Boys and Girls are invited to participate in the Elks Hoop Shoot on Sunday, November 13th at Pana High School at 1 p.m. All students are placed in an age category with boys and girls having their own age range.

The Sign of the Beaver: Mrs. Berner's fifth grade reading classes will be responsible for completing a family project at the conclusion of the novel The Sign of the Beaver. Students will have the opportunity of choose a project from an extensive list (11 items) to name a few: making a Johnnycake (cornbread) to creating a model of a one room cabin. Projects are due Wed. November 30th with class presentations on Dec. 1-2.

Wishing ALL of you a Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy your time with Family and Friends!