

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

**\*Be a Part of the Pride\***

**Enrollment:**

Grade 3:	83
Grade 4:	92
Grade 5:	96
Total:	271

**THANK YOU:** I would like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff –students and parents of Lincoln School- to the unit office staff- the board of education and all other employees of our district for a successful year at Lincoln School. The transition was a success with a great amount of team work: **Many Hands Make Work Light!**

**Special Thanks** to **Lori Ade** who puts in many hours to make sure our students are safe to and from school as well as accommodating for the many transportation needs and desires. She does a great job and is so appreciated!

**Meet and Greet:** Staff had an opportunity to meet the incoming principal, Kelly Millburg on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> with a meet and greet and enjoying of snacks. It was nice for them to put a name with a face and Kelly had the opportunity to have some chat time during this social hosting by the staff. Thanks to the staff for the planning!

**Staff Appreciation:** Staff was appreciated with a full meal deal on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> by PTO and received a surprise from the office in gratitude for the MANY dedicated hours they give to the students. **They are SO appreciated!**

**Band:** An informational meeting for students and parents who may be interested in signing up for fifth grade band as well as having an opportunity to try out instruments was held on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. at Lincoln School

**Life after Lincoln:** On Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, fifth grade students had an opportunity visit with Mrs. Ellis and a panel of PJHS students. They are always a little more at ease about the transition after having an opportunity to ask questions in anticipation of...'**Life after Lincoln?!!**

**Are you ready for Lincoln School?** The question was asked to the 2nd grade students from Washington School who made a visit to Lincoln School on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. After a brief overview of expectations of '**Life after Washington**', the students had the opportunity to ask questions and tour the building,

**Handbook Committee:** The Handbook Committee met informally on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> to make suggestions for changes for the 2018-2019 school years. **Thanks** to the committee and parent volunteer for their input.

**Math Contest:** Twenty-seven 4<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the annual Math League math contest on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. The contest had 30 very difficult math problems and students were given 30 minutes to complete the contest. All students will be recognized with a certificate and ribbon on Awards Day with the top 5 math students receiving a certificate and plaque.

**Spelling Bee:** Twenty-four students (grades 3-5) participated in the annual Spelling Bee on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. The students did a great job spelling a variety of difficult words and will be

recognized with a certificate and pin on Awards Day. Thanks to **Brian Osborn** for assisting in the bee!

**Tags of Achievement:** Qualifying students (3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) who received 3 tags for the homework incentive program have enjoyed a **Curriculum based day of fun** on a variety of dates in the past few weeks. The days were spent doing a variety of activities with a variety of educational experiences: **Third grade students** visited Aikman Wildlife Center: Arthur, IL: **Fourth grade students** visited Illinois State Museum: Lincoln Tomb and War Memorials: Springfield and **Fifth grade students** visited Douglas Hart in Mattoon. Thank you to the grade level staff for the planning and preparation for each trip.

**Family Night Event:** Lincoln School students and parents were invited to a Family Night Event on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 4-6 p.m. in the Lincoln gym. The Theme was “Spring-Clean-A-Thon” and No, this did not include any type of cleaning other than for Mrs. Stewardson who provided a variety of activities for students as well as a variety of educational resources. Thanks to Mrs. Stewardson and crew for making this a family fun filled event.

**Principal’s Celebration: No Majors-No Minors:** students who qualified for the principal celebration was awarded an hour of fun with 5 inflatable’s on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. These students did not receive **any type** of discipline referral for the entire year. The students spent 60 minutes with Ms. Zueck and other designated chaperones enjoying on the Lincoln School playground furnished by Fun to Go.

**Band/Choral Concert:** Band students presented a concert on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at an outdoor concert between PJHS and the PHS. Students have been practicing under the direction of Jeff Crylen and were anxious to give there parents the opportunity to witness their many accomplishments.

**DARE Graduation:** Fifth grade students will be participating in a **D.A.R.E. graduation on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** at 1:15 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Lincoln Elementary School. Families are invited to attend the graduation.

**PBIS:** Students who have earned 125 points will qualify for a Day of Fun at Kitchell Park on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Students will participate is a variety of fun-filled activities with staff participating in the challenge!

**Track n Field Day-** On Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, students will enjoy a day of running-jumping- and tugging for a Track n Field Day. Staff and students will spend the day in many well planned events with the culmination of giving awards for placement winners. Thanks to Mrs. Epley-Mr. Malisia for the planning and the staff for the assistance.

**Awards Day:** Awards Day will be held on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at **8:30 a.m. for third (3<sup>rd</sup>) grade: 9:30 for fourth grade (4<sup>th</sup>) and 10:30 a.m. for fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) grade students.** The program will be held in the gym and parents/grandparents/any and all family members are invited to attend. Students will be recognized for attendance, academic achievement, and individual awards/pins by classroom teachers.

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

**PBIS: May Mini Workshops:** On Fridays during May, students are having an opportunity to participate in Mini Workshops. Students are learning about a variety of during the workshops. The student choice workshops include: Making Cards-Signing a Song-Kindness Club-Drumming Up Fun-History of Rock and Roll-Technology Time-Spanish 101-Plant Terrariums-Make and Take-Plan a Trip-Baseball/Softball Basics-Pet Care-Basketball Basics-School Newspaper-Jewelry Creating-Science Surprises-Mug Cooking-Crafting-Make a Monster and Video Gaming. All workshops last for one hour and serve as a great opportunity for students to work with other grade leveled students as well as teachers...great collaboration

time and thanks for the PBIS committee for organizing and the staff for researching and teaching the workshop of their expertise.

**Illinois Junior Chef:** Illinois Nutrition Education Programs, in partnership with Pana CUSD#8 offered a series of kid-friendly cooking classes during the months of April/May. There was no cost to the 20 students (first come-first serve) to attend the 2 hour session and learn to cook a variety of meals. After cooking the meal, the students took the same ingredients home to prepare the meal for family and at the end were given two cook books. Thanks to ALL the volunteers: Parent/Community Members: Anne Dorn-Jackie Metzger-Sherri Oller-Sally Keenan-Linda Miller and Georgia Culumber: High School (thanks to Haley Brown for recruiting students) Terra Litton-Sierra Smart-Tayler Brizendine-Josie Pauley-Tyra Flatt-Madelyn Zharadka-Mallory Gordon-Trent Buerk-Michael Richardson-Gracie Milby-Lyshya Askins-Natalie Swisher and Cassidy Swisher. All of the volunteers assisted Jodi Heberling: U of I Extension for making this a VERY successful experience. Thanks to Dara Thompson for ALL of her help who organized and did the shopping.

**Report Cards Issued:** May 25<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Thanks to everyone for the support that continues to be needed to make the year a success!**