



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

**‘Be a Part of the Pride’**

**Enrollment:**

Grade 3:	93
Grade 4:	83
Grade 5:	113
Total:	289

**Retirement:** I would like to take this opportunity to Thank **Georganna Fleenor** for ALL that she has done in her time with the district. She truly is a **Jack OF ALL Trades** and will be missed! Congrats and enjoy those grandchildren!

**Parent Breakfast:** Lincoln Elementary hosted a parent breakfast on Wednesday, Nov. 25 from 7-8:30a.m. Many hands were on deck from staff to parking attendants to greet the 342 who joined us for breakfast. The guest were entertained by the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bell Ensemble that day under the cue cards of Patty Janes. I must admit, the ladies and gentlemen with the bells put a smile on many faces and put those in attendance in the Christmas-Patriotic mood.

**During the Season of Giving:** December 1<sup>st</sup> marks the beginning of students having the opportunity to bring a non-perishable food item to school which will be donated for Christmas Food Baskets. The collection will run thru December 15<sup>th</sup> with the canned goods being donated to both the Pana and Tower Hill food baskets. This concept gives students an awareness of the ‘Spirit of the Season’

**Youth Basketball:** Youth basketball (boys and girls) began the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December. Practice times and days vary and coaches made a contact with team members on the times and days for practice. Thanks to **Coaches Hicks-Kroenlein-Jewsberry-Denton-Ambrose-Bowker-Vernon-Cloe-Sims-Schoonover- and Klee** for the giving of their time to a season of learning the sport and skill building for the future.

**Christmas Chain:** Third and fifth grade students have created a Christmas Chain...of happiness and fun. There is a spin on how they are used with third grade removing links one by one and completing the task: A few examples: **Hold a door for someone: Perform an act of kindness for your family today: Help Make Dinner: and Thanking your parents for taking good care of you!**

**Christmas Musical Play: “SnowBiz ”** under the direction of Patty Janes will be presented by the fourth grade students on Monday, December 21 at 7 p.m. in the PJHS auditorium. Students are excited to have the opportunity to show off their acting talent and I thank Ms. Janes for providing them with the stage experience and Mrs. Schaefer for adding the special artist talent for scenery and programs. (I am in hopes that this does not become a reality)

**Holiday Cookie/Candy Lane and Santa Shop** United in Faith Church has invited our students to shop for their loved ones at a reasonable price. The event will be held on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. In addition, holiday cookies and candy will be sold with all proceeds going toward Church Missions. The best part for parents is that ‘elves’ will help the kids shop and wrap while parents relax and enjoy cookie and candy shopping.

**Holiday Gift Shop:** Prairie Rose Health Care Center has invited our students to shop for their loved ones at a reasonable price. The event will be held on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The best part for parents is that ‘elves’ will help the kids shop and wrap while parents relax and enjoy cocoa and cookies!

**Holiday Book Swap:** Lincoln School students will be participating in a **Holiday Book Swap** on December 16-18<sup>th</sup>. Each student will have the opportunity to choose a ‘new’ book from the donated collection to take home and keep.

**End of 1<sup>st</sup> semester** will be December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Grade cards will be sent home on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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

**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl:** Who is Willy Wonka? Charlie Bucket? All third grade students are anxiously awaiting THE GOLDEN TICKET as each class is reading the story and completing a packet with many common core learning activities. The students are providing evidence for each character trait: completing sentences about important parts of each chapter to guide their reading and writing a reflection at the end of the story. It is a favorite and all can relate to CHOCOLATE!

**Gift Exchange:** Lincoln School students will be participating in a gift exchange for the holiday season. Grades levels have set a price range of \$3.00 with third grade having an ornament exchange and fourth-fifth doing a gift exchange.

**Ornament Exchange:** Third grade students will be participating in an ornament exchange this year. They will decorate a brown bag and exchange the ornament in a fun and random way.

**Reading:** Mrs. Berner’s 5th grade Reading classes have been reading the novel The Sign of the Beaver. The students worked on characterization and did a story chart. Each student completed a project with an option of making cornbread, a poster, a journal or a log cabin. Students will be viewing the movie to complete the unit.

**Christmas around the World:** Fourth grades students are packing their suitcases and preparing for Christmas around the World. Students will be studying the culture of each country and completing activities that center on the country.

**The staff and students of Lincoln Elementary School extend Best Wishes for the Holiday Season and a Happy, Healthy 2016!**

