

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

'Be a Part of the Pride'

Enrollment:

Grade 3:	85
Grade 4:	95
Grade 5:	97
Total:	277

<u>**Parent Breakfast</u>**: Lincoln Elementary hosted a parent breakfast on Wednesday, Nov. 22 from 7-8:30a.m. Many hands were on deck from staff to parking attendants to greet the 300+ who joined us for breakfast. The guest was entertained by the Drum Club that day under the direction of Patty Tynan. I must admit, the ladies and gentlemen put a smile on many faces with many proud family members. **Thanks to Elsie Stewardson for organizing the event.**</u>

<u>During the Season of Giving</u>: November 27th marked 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 11th 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'

<u>Angel Breakfast:</u> Lincoln School students and adult had an opportunity to attend an Angel Breakfast at the Pana First United Methodist Church on Saturday, Dec. 2nd from 9-10:30 a.m. A variety of activities were included in addition to enjoying French Toast sticks, mixed fruit and an assortment of Cereals.

<u>Christmas Concert</u>: Third- fourth and fifth grade Drum Club students joined Washington School for a Christmas Concert. The concert under the direction of Patty Tynan was presented on Monday, December 11th in the PHS gym. Students were excited to have the opportunity to show off their musical talent and I thank Mrs. Tynan for providing this opportunity for our students. Mrs. Schaefer added the special artistic talent for scenery and had such a great variety of art projects displayed for the parents.

<u>Holiday Extravaganza</u>: The 5th-12 grade band students held the annual holiday performance on Friday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the PHS gym. Under the direction of Jeffrey Crylen, students were well prepared and enjoyed performing for their family and friends.

<u>Holiday Cookie/Candy Lane and Santa's Shop</u> Families had the opportunity to attend this event on Saturday, December 9th from 9-12 p.m. at United In Faith Church. Children had the opportunity to shop with nothing costing over \$5 as parents had the opportunity to purchase handmade gifts from several countries as well as Christmas Goodies.

<u>Holiday Gift Shop</u>: PHS Marching Panthers has invited our students to shop for their loved ones at a reasonable price. The event will be held on Saturday, December 10th

from 9 a.m. to 4 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!

<u>End of 1st semester</u> will be December 19th. Grade cards will be sent home on January 5th, 2018.

<u>Yearbook Staff</u>: The yearbook committee for 2017-2018 consists of the following students Alexis Hubner-Roaran Lees-Matthew Logsdon-Landon Meadows-Belle Anderson-Lennon Kimbrel and Kynzi Presnell. **Thanks to Mrs. Maxedon** for being the yearbook sponsor and giving these students an opportunity to have this wonderful experience. We always look forward in seeing all the fun/learning activities that have taken place through out the year.

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

<u>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl:</u> 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!

<u>Christmas Chain</u>: 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!

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

<u>Ornament Exchange</u>: 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.

<u>Christmas around the World:</u> 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 2018!