

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

<u>Flat Stanley visits the White House!</u> Mrs. Stephen's classes are providing many visiting places for Flat Stanley with the most recent being to the White House. Flat Stanley had many wonderful experiences as he joined the president on his daily activities from the West Wing to the Oval Office to the South Lawn as well as saying hello to the First Lady. Please see the attached letter with a complete itinerary of his time spent in Washington, D.C. What a great way to teach career education and geography to these students.

<u>Grandparent BINGO</u>: Two hundred-fifty-five (255) grandparents joined their 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>-5th grade grandchild-grandchildren for BINGO on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. The event was planned by our Title department and all grandparents had a great time spending this time with their grandchild-grandchildren or borrowed grandchild.

<u>YMCA:</u> Students had the opportunity to register and participate in a Presidents Day 3 on 3 Tournament on Monday, February 15 at the YMCA. The teams were notified of game time on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> with 6 divisions of team play.

<u>Law Enforcement Safety Drill</u>: Students participated in our annual Lock-Down drill with local law enforcement on Tuesday, February 23 at 10:15 a.m. PPD walked into the building announcing we are in lock down. Staff took the practice precautions to maintain a calm-safe secure building. The PPD and I commend the staff and students on a job well done!

Pana Swim: Students had the opportunity to register for afternoon fun at the Y on Wednesday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. The first 68 students who paid and registered will be able to be transported by the Y bus (ALL other students are welcome to attend but must provide their own transportation). The bus will pick students up at Lincoln School when school is dismissed (SIP Day) and will return them to school at 4:30 p.m. The cost was \$6 for transportation and \$4 for no transportation and all were encouraged to bring a swim suit-towel-money for concession and a pad lock to lock up their stuff!

<u>Miles of Smiles</u> will host the <u>Mobile Dentist</u> on Thursday, March 3rd. The hosting brings preventive dental care services to our school because we know how important good oral health is to our children's overall general health. This mini-dental office provides an exam, cleaning, fluoride treatments, and sealants (if necessary) for those who signed up during registration or who return permission slips to the office prior to the hosting date.

<u>Bowling:</u> (PBIS) Students had the opportunity to spend 1 hour at the Pana Bowl on their designated days of March 14 & 15. A ticket was 100 points which was purchased with 100 tally marks in conjunction with the PBIS program.

<u>Pana Youth Baseball-Softball:</u> Students had the opportunity to register for 2016 boys and girls youth baseball and softball play. The category of age group is ages 5-16 and there were 3 available dates as well as on online option for parents.

<u>Time for Kids</u>: Students will have the opportunity to participate in receiving a **free** year long subscription to **'Time for Kids'** which is a weekly magazine featuring current event stories and geographical information from around the world. Students are encouraged to complete the booklets and return them to school.

**Box Tops:** Lincoln School is once again enrolled in the Big G Box Tops for Education program for the second semester. Students are doing well bringing in the box tops and are encouraged to continue to save the box tops from cereal, Yoplait Yogurt products, Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Old El Paso and Ziploc. The program will pay 10 cents per qualifying box top and the school benefits from this program. Thanks to **Lana.** for taking care of the box top program.

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

<u>Titanic</u>: Third grade students have completing a unit of study on the Titanic. Students read The Magic Tree House Book called Tonight on the Titanic by Mary Pope Osborne as well as supplementing with non-fiction from the Reading A-Z website subscription. The unit exposed students to main idea-recalling- details and characterization. In addition, the students did a simulation with a passenger I.D.-boarding pass with described what class-the age and other details and students were to predict if the passenger survived. Supplemental materials were taken from National Geographic and video clips to bring the horrible experience to a reality. It was well done and the students gained so much information during the unit.

<u>Language Arts</u>: Students in grade 5 language arts classes will have the opportunity to participate in the <u>Modern Woodmen of America</u>'s School Speech Contest. The topic for the 2016 School Speech Contest is 'Hunger in America', which is in the forefront of an ongoing national campaign to make both students- parents and community aware that 48.1 million people live in food-insecure households in 2013.. Thanks to Mrs. Maziarz for coordinating this valuable experience.

Language Arts in not the ONLY class that Lincoln School writes in: Students in Mrs. Schaefer's are spending time with creative writing. Students were responsible for drawing a self portrait with an object in hand that means a lot to them. I am looking at a 4th grade student's portrait with a picture of his mom in his hand. The attached writing reads: "I have a picture of my mom in my hand. It's very important to me she cares for me and when I'm down she makes me feel happy. I have a picture frame around the picture but it is blending in with my hoodie, she has a gift in her room that me and Mark made in the woodshop. She has the most beautiful eyes in the world and every time she comes home from work I give her a big big hug." Job Well Done Mrs. Schaefer and Ryan!