September 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: 98 Total: 278

<u>Friday Recognition:</u> Students continue to celebrate academic progress and being role models with a Friday Recognition. Each staff member submits a name and students receive a coupon for Subway-Pizza Man- McDonalds or Family Video

<u>Cub Scouts</u>: Lincoln School boys were treated to a short presentation by the local area Boy Scout Council leadership on Wednesday, Sept.13th. A brief overview of the scouting program in Pana was presented with a follow-up informational meeting for parents at the Pana Christian Church on Thursday, September 14th.

<u>Girl Scouts</u>: Lincoln School girls will have the opportunity to join Girl Scouts on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6-7:30 p.m. at Pana Christian Church.

<u>PTO Fundraiser Kick-Off</u> was held on Tuesday, August 29th. Great American is the fundraiser of choice for the 2017-2018 school years.

<u>911</u>: The 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 911 was remembered in a recap reading of the timeframe that took place on September 11, 2001 followed by many staff members sharing the events of that tragic day in New York City.

Scholastic Book Fair: PTO hosted a Scholastic Book Fair on Thursday-Friday, September 14-15 during the school day. Students had an opportunity to shop-browse and view the fair during their IMC time. Thanks to the volunteers for the organizing and setting up for this event.

<u>Constitution Day:</u> Constitution Day was the main objective on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> since the signing was celebrated on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. During social studies at all grade levels students were actively engaged in reviewing the important facts about the document that was created to help protect the citizens of the United States of America.

<u>Fire Drill</u>: Lincoln School will conduct the first fire drill on Thursday, September 21st at 10 a.m. (Second) Tuesday, Sept.26 at 1:30 p.m. (Third) Tuesday, Oct. 3 (unannounced) and the last will be with the local Fire Dept. on Thursday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> during Fire Prevention Week. The alarm will be pulled, the alarm company will notify the fire department and the fire department will record the time it took for notification and arrival on the scene.

<u>Parent Home Portal:</u> Lincoln School parents continue to have the opportunity to view student academic records via the parent home portal. Parents were provided the information and we are in hopes that many will take advantage of the service.

<u>Family Newsletter</u>: (Beginning in October) each month, parents will receive a Family Newsletter that provide details and highlight events / happenings of Lincoln Elementary

School. In addition, the newsletter will be made available for those who do not have access to the internet.

<u>Time for Family/ Home School Connection/Nutrition</u>: Each month an article flyer will be sent home with students in an effort for home and school to work together in building success. Each edition offers tips to parents from working on homework, study habits, and nutrition to parenting skills.

<u>Tags of Achievement</u>: The homework incentive program was successful and will continue at all grade levels during the 2017-2018 school years at Lincoln Elementary School. Tags of Achievement provide students with an opportunity to earn mini tags/charm clips based on completing/returning homework and projects by the due date! Tags will be distributed at the end of each grading period.

<u>Box Tops</u>: Lincoln School is enrolled in the <u>Big G Box Tops</u> for Education Program again this year. The program pays 10 cents per box top. In addition, the following products have a qualifying coupon: Yoplait yogurt, Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Old El Paso, and Ziploc.

Max Dollars for Education Program: Lincoln School is enrolled in the Max Dollars for Education Program at all participating County Market stores in Illinois. The program runs from August 1-December 31, 2017 and parents are encouraged to use their Max Card with each visit to the grocery store. During the 2015-16 school years, Lincoln School received a check for \$5,000 from this Wonderful program with monies being spent on students for a variety of incentives.

<u>Labels for Education</u>: We will be participating in the <u>Labels for Education</u> this school year and are encouraging all families to assist in our participation. Families will have the opportunity to collect UPC codes from the following products: Campbell's-Pepperidge Farm-Goldfish-Pace-V\*-Spagetti-Swamson-Prego-and Bic.

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

NO BULLY ZONE: 'No Bully Zone' bracelets will be distributed to ALL students and staff on Monday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> during an all school assembly using drumming for character by our staff. All staff and students will be HIGHLY encouraged to wear the bracelet each day to be a constant reminder that we treat others as we would want to be treated!

## Remind 101:/ PBIS

Parents and staff continue to have the opportunity to sign up for a free text service that sends a text every evening with homework assignments as well as discipline or PBIS events and character of the month reminders. Many positive comments have been received on the service and this is another home-school connection to assist our students in academic achievement/behavior. In addition, I have implemented the service which is a great way to get messages to staff after working hours and on weekends.

## **Pre-PostAssessment:**

Students at all grade levels are being given a pre-assessment prior to the instructional lesson followed by a post-assessment in a continued effort to prepare our students for their educational journey. The teacher reviews the data-teaches the lesson-reviews the post assessment data and makes a decision on whether the skill has been mastered or if adjustments need to be made to re-teach the skill. The concept is a positive learning tool for both students and staff.