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

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Enrollment:

Grade 3: 94
Grade 4: 84
Grade 5: 111
Total: 289

Happy Professional Secretaries Week to all of the fine secretaries, and administrative assistant's in the district that makes everyone's job easier! I salute you!

<u>Administrative Assistant Day</u>: Lana does an **outstanding job** and is much appreciated by staff, students, parents, and self.

PARCC: PARCC testing began on Monday, April 4 with make up testing sessions scheduled for the week of April 25-28. Students signed a contract as they agreed to '9' line items: (to name a few) coming to school every day during PARCC testing: Reading the test questions and answers carefully: Using good test taking skills: Double checking test answers and Trying My Best! At the conclusion of the test, students will have the opportunity to do one of the following IF the successfully accomplished their goal: Eat lunch with the teacher: Drink a soda: Use a pen all day: 25 panther points: Sit by a friend at lunch: bring show and tell: Sit at the teacher's desk (choices were tweaked according to grade level)

<u>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</u>: Third Grade students had the opportunity to see a classmate and enjoy a private viewing of <u>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</u> at the Little Theatre in Sullivan. The students read the book-watch the movie and now will have the opportunity to see the play. This is asked of them on PARCC to compare a passage with a video so nothing better that first hand experience!

Teacher Institute: There will be no school on Friday, April 15th due to Teacher's Institute.

Mid-term grades: Mid term grades will be sent home on Monday, April 18th.

<u>RtI:</u> Spring sweeps for reading and math will be held on Thursday, April 28th (math) and Wednesday, May4 (reading). The reviewing of data will be an indicator of improvements in both of these areas.

<u>Our Favorite Things</u>: Ms. Jane's third grade music classes will be 'showcasing' some of the things they have learned during this school year. Students will be singing-playing bells and square dancing on Thursday, May 5th (TBA).

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

<u>Future Meteorologist:</u> Mrs. King's third grade class used the Green Screen to report the breaking weather news-what type of weather was heading our direction and what proper preparation we will need to weather the storm. Props were provided and students spent time preparing for the taping. Thanks to Mrs. Miller and Mrs. King for

giving the students a bird's eye view of what it takes to provide information to the viewing audience.

Local Speech Contest: 'Hunger in America' was the contest topic for the 2016 Modern Woodmen School Speech Contest. Fifth grade students participated with an invitation to parents in a local speech contest on Wednesday, March 23rd at PJHS. The students were judged by Paul Donahue-Brian Osborn and Rosilyn Schutt on theme, organization, continuity, interest, and length. Congrats goes out to Paige Morrell-Brant Bowker and Olivia Anderson who will move on to the District Level in Shelbyville, IL (TBA) Thanks to Susan Maziarz for organizing this event for our students and to our judges for their time.

<u>Bowling:</u> Fourth grade classes have completed a unit on bowling a trip to the Pana Bowl on Monday, April 13th. Students were split into 3 sections with 90 minute sessions and had an opportunity to put their bowling skills to the test. **Thanks to Bob Crawford** for donating the bowling equipment for the in-house skill building and to **Mr. Magliari** for providing the unit to our fourth grade students.

"What Happened After Once Upon A Time": Students will have the opportunity to attend a performance of What Happened After Once Upon A Time' at PJHS on Friday, May 6. The PHS drama club under the direction of Heather Strom will be performing the play and will give our students some background knowledge in cast-set design and showmanship.

<u>End of Year Calendar</u> 2015-2016

April 28	Spring Benchmarking (math)
May 3	Family Engagement Activity: 4 p.m. Lincoln School
May 4	Spring Benchmarking (reading)
May 5	Principal's Celebration (no majors/no minors)
May 6	PHS play: "What Happened after Once Upon A Time"
May 10	Concert in the Park: Band Concert: Kitchell Park
May 16	DARE Graduation: 1:15 p.m. Lincoln School
May 17	Day at Kitchell Park: PBIS Celebration
May 18	Track N Field Day
May 20	Awards Day: Gr 3 (9 a.m.) Gr. 4 (10 a.m.) Gr 5 (11 a.m.)

May 20 Last Day of student attendance:

TBA Tags of Achievement trip to Shelbyville