



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

‘Be a Part of the Pride’

Enrollment:

Grade 3:	94
Grade 4:	101
Grade 5:	91
Total:	286

Parent Breakfast: Lincoln Elementary hosted a parent breakfast on Wednesday, Nov. 23 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 were entertained by the 4th Grade Ensemble 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.**

During the Season of Giving: December 1st 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 16th 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’

Christmas Concert: Third and fourth grade students joined Washington School for a Christmas Concert. The concert under the direction of Patty Tynan was presented on Monday, December 5th at 7 p.m. 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.

Holiday Extravaganza: The 5th-12 grade band students held the annual holiday performance on Friday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. in the PHS gym. Under the direction of Theresa Steiner, students were well prepared and enjoyed performing for their family and friends.

Holiday Gift Shop: 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!

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

End of 1st semester will be December 21st. Grade cards will be sent home on January 6th, 2017

So Many Exciting, Learning Experiences are Happening at Lincoln School 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!

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!**

Gift Exchange: 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.

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 posters.-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.

Six Flags Read to Succeed: Fifth grade students will have the opportunity to participate in the Read to Succeed program sponsored by Six Flags Theme Parks. Every student who completes six hours of recreational reading by February 10, 2017 will be eligible for a free admission, valid at the participating Six Flags Theme Park. **Thank you to Mrs. Berner** for organizing and giving our students the opportunity to develop a greater appreciation for books.

The staff and students of Lincoln Elementary School extend Best Wishes for the Holiday Season and a Happy, Healthy 2017!