

February 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>100th Day of School</u>: On February 1st, third grade students participated in celebrating the marking of 100 days of school by being offered a variety of stations that centered around 100. Students switched from location to location and enjoyed a variety of activities from dressing as if they were 100 years old to writing a story on what they will be doing when they are 100....

<u>Pana Panthers Future Cheer Camp</u>: Second-fifth grade students had an opportunity to attend a cheer camp on Feb. 5th: 8th: 12th: and 13th at Pana High School. The girls were coached by Coaches Elliott and Lees. The culmination of the camp was cheering during halftime of the JV game on Tuesday, February 13th. The girls did a GREAT job cheering!

<u>Grandparent BINGO</u>: One Hundred thirty eight (138) grandparents joined their 3rd-4th-5th grade grandchild-grandchildren for BINGO on Thursday, February 15th. 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. Many grandparents had multiple grandchildren and stayed for more than one session.

<u>**Pana Youth Basketball</u>**: Lincoln School **boys and girls** at all grade levels are having the opportunity to participate in a youth basketball program. The purpose of the program is to teach the core skills of playing defense, passing, dribbling, and shooting.</u>

<u>Abraham Presidential Library and Museum:</u> Fifth grade students will have the opportunity to travel to Springfield, IL on Monday, February 26th to visit the Abraham Presidential Library and Museum. During the month of February there is no student charge for students attending the facility. Thanks to the fifth grade staff for the planning and giving our students this experience.

<u>Miles of Smiles</u> will host the **Mobile Dentist** on Thursday, March 15th. 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.

Bowling: (PBIS) Students are having the opportunity to purchase a ticket for bowling. (TBA) A ticket is 100 points which can be purchased with 100 tally marks in conjunction with the PBIS program.

<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>No School</u>: Students were not in attendance on Friday, Feb. 16th (Teacher Institute) and Monday, Feb. 19th (President's Day) A four day break was welcomed by many students but some were ready to get back to the school routine!

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

<u>Black History</u>: Mrs Pieper's social studies classes used Google Classroom to create a slide presentation on researched information of a famous person for a Black History project. Students are in the process of presenting each person to the class which will allow students to learn about 25 different famous African-American people in America's history.

<u>President's</u>: In honor of President's Day, Mrs. Reiss' third grade students are using Google Classroom to research a variety of Presidents from Washington to Trump. Students chose a president and are using a worksheet to write the facts and transferring them on a slide as they become familiar with our past leaders and will present the information to classmates.

<u>Chemical Changes</u>: Third grade science classes are learning about chemical changes and what better way to learn that process via making pancakes and for **physical changes** a snowman evaporated into thin air....

<u>PARCC</u>: Prepping continues at all grade levels with the PARCC testing window opening on Tuesday, March 20th and closing on April 18th. Students will sign a contract as they agree 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)