



Lincoln



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December
Newsletter

Attendance Matters

12/01/2018
by Mrs. Rogers

Attendance Matters!

Prior to Winter Break, you will be receiving a letter that clearly states your child's current attendance percentage for this school year. This is based upon how many days your child has been present out of the school days we have had up until this point in the year. On Lincoln's 2017-18 Report Card from the Oregon Department of Education, the percent of students who are considered **REGULAR ATTENDERS**, (*students who attend more than 90% of school days*), rose 3% last year and resulted in a 90% rating for Lincoln. This means that last school year, 90% of Lincoln students attended school 90% of the time or greater. Well-done, families! We want to see this trend continue, as we know that regular attendance goes hand-in-hand with school success.

One of Lincoln's School Improvement Goals for the 2018-19 school year is to see **REGULAR ATTENDERS** increase to 92%. If your child misses no more than (1) day per month in a school year or a total of 10 days, your child will have a 94% attendance rating. The **Rule of Ten** is an easy way I remember this for my own son. Since we know that days can sometimes add up and you might not be aware of the total number of days your child has missed, we are hoping these letters will help keep you informed of your child's current attendance percentage. Thank you for ensuring that your child only misses school for legitimate illness (fever/vomiting), doctor's appointments, or family emergencies. We are here to support your child's strong attendance, so please feel free to call or schedule a meeting if your family has special circumstances that the school needs to be aware of and can help support. Thank you for all that you do to communicate the message to your child that **ATTENDANCE MATTERS!**

Battle of the Books

12/01/2018
by Mrs. Delvaglio

Get Ready for Battle of the Books!

On Monday, November 26th, all 3-5th graders went to a special and exciting "Battle of the Books" kick-off presentation! "Battle of the Books" is a reading competition designed to encourage students to read and broaden their reading interests. Students in grades 3-5 are all eligible and encouraged to participate regardless of reading level and/or ability. Lincoln Elementary has always had a very strong turnout for students interested in "Battle of the Books", and it is always a very exciting time here at school.

The process:

- Students read from a selected list of ten books over a period of about two months and then teams of three are formed.
- Students must have read at least two books by the end of the school day on Thurs., Jan. 24th.
- Four books must be completed by Friday, February 22nd in order to remain on a team.

- Teams of three students will compete against each other on Tuesday, February 26th at school. During the competition, teams will answer questions taken from the books listed below.
- The Final Competition will be held the next day on February 27th. Winners of this year's competition will go on to compete in the Grants Pass School District Battle of the Books on Wednesday, March 6th, 2019 at Highland Elementary School.

Each student that chooses to participate will be required to read a minimum of four books (the more, the better) from the list below. They will also be taking Accelerated Reader tests on the books they have read, passing with at least 80%. Parents are allowed to work with students and read with them as needed!

This year's books are:

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Author</u> | <u>AR Level</u> |
|--|------------------|-----------------|
| *How to be Cool in the 3 rd Grade | Betsy Duffey | 3.5 |
| *Watchdog and the Coyotes | Bill Wallace | 3.7 |
| *The Trouble with Chickens | Doreen Cronin | 3.8 |
| *Honus and Me | Dan Gutman | 4.3 |
| *Number the Stars | Lois Lowry | 4.5 |
| *Poppy | Avi | 4.5 |
| *Waylon! One Awesome Thing | Sara Pennypacker | 4.6 |
| *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory | Roald Dahl | 4.8 |
| *Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell | Chris Colfer | 5.0 |
| *Pie | Sarah Weeks | 5.8 |

Please talk with your child about the commitment and fun of participating in the "Battle of the Books". Let's get reading! Any questions, please contact Mrs. DelVaglio at mdelvaglio@grantspass.k12.or.us, or Mrs. Peterson at speterson@grantspass.k12.or.us.

Holiday Meal

12/01/2018
by Kimberly Torgerson

We would like to invite all of our Lincoln families to our annual Holiday Meal. The meal will take place on Wednesday, December 12th. Cost is \$5.00 for adults, children (not enrolled at Lincoln) \$3.00. Please bring the exact amount if possible. We are unable to give change for large bills. Please see the modified lunch schedule below.

Kinder - 10:50 a.m.

1st - 11:05 a.m.

2nd - 11:25 a.m.

3rd- 11:40 a.m.

4th - 12:00 p.m.

5th - 12:15 p.m.

Holiday Concert & Sing-A-Long

12/01/2018
by Kimberly Torgerson

Lincoln's annual Holiday Concert and Sing-A-Long will be held the morning of Dec. 21st from 8:15-9:00 a.m. We would like to invite all of our Lincoln families to come and enjoy some great holiday music in a fun and festive environment.

Important Dates to Remember in December & January

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by Kimberly Torgerson

- 12/12- Holiday Meal/During Your Child's Regular Lunch Time
- 12/14- Ugly Christmas Sweater Dress Up Day
- 12/20- 1st Grade Dress Rehearsal 1:15pm/Gym
- 12/20- 1st grade Sing-A-Long 6:30-7:30pm/Gym
- 12/21 - Holiday Band & Strings Concert, All School Sing-A-Long 8:15-9:00am/Gym
- 12/21- 5th Grade Caroling
- 12/21- Fancy Dress Up Day
- 12/24- 1/4 Christmas Vacation/No School
- 1/07/19- School Resumes
- 1/09- Site Council Meeting 2:30pm/Library
- 1/15- ACES Parent Night 5:30-7:30pm/More Information to Come
- 1/16- PTA Meeting 2:30pm/Library
- 1/25- No School/Professional Development Day
- 1/31- 4th Grade Dress Rehearsal 1:15pm/Gym
- 1/31- 4th Grade Performance 6:30-7:30pm