

# LINCOLN ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

## PRINCIPAL PITCH

SEPTEMBER 2019

Dear Lincoln Families,

We've had an incredible start to the school year. Along with partnering together to create a successful school environment, our efforts were acknowledged on a national level by receiving the National Blue Ribbon Award for School Excellence on Thursday, September 26th.

**National Blue Ribbon Award:** To receive an award like this the school is first invited by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). After an extensive application process, MDE validates the school's results and information on behalf of the U.S. Dept. of Education.

In November, a delegation from our school will and district will attend the ceremony held in Washington DC. The ceremony will recognize the schools nationally from the public and non-public sector who also received this recognition.

The last White Bear Lake School receiving this recognition was Willow Lane over 20 years ago. A huge thank you goes out to past and present staff and parents for their commitment in creating a special environment for the Lincoln students.

**Strategic Planning Follow Up:** The Lincoln staff is continuing our effort of addressing the two tactics created by the strategic action teams last year. Tactic 1: We will nurture the whole child through a personalized learning experience. Tactic 2: We will create a connected culture.

One action area is being addressed through a staff cultural awareness book study. The information gained from reading White Fragility by Robin Diangelo will not only recognize our own implicit biases but will help transfer this information into more culturally sensitive instructional practices.

Another area of support is through the development of the Ron Clark House system. This year staff are becoming familiar with the house concept in which each individual is connected to a house of a particular theme. The themes are: Dreamers, Courage, Friendship and Givers. Each area embraces the strengths of the individual and group to positively impact our community and beyond while instilling leadership and civic qualities among our students.

There are exciting things happening at Lincoln. Thank you for your support and encouragement as we continue our pursuit to create an exciting and meaningful learning environment for your child.

Sincerely,  
Dan Schmidt - Principal

## KEY DATES

**October 2-4**  
**5th Graders at Deep Portage**  
**October 7th**  
**NO School**  
**October 10th**  
**PTA Meeting**

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

**Thank you to those who participated in Lincoln's Summer Reading Challenge!**

**We had 52 students participate. We were able to give away 121 books. The top reader this year was 4th grader, Zoe Siverson, with 8497 minutes!**

**Way to go "Thinkin' Lincoln!"**



## ENRICHMENT

Welcome to the many new faces and families to Lincoln this school year and to our returning Lincoln families as well. The Enrichment Program owes its success to the passion of the parents who volunteer to help us achieve our goals. We need you and appreciate all that you do for our school! Volunteers are needed throughout the school year. Please consider volunteering your time to assist with any or all of the Enrichment Programs.

Our Art Adventure Program through the Minneapolis Institute of Arts is currently seeking volunteers. Our theme this year is called "Amazing Animals in Art". Art adventure volunteers use large pictures and posters to present information about art items they viewed at the Institute during their training and share that information with students back in the classroom during the month of January. Volunteers do not have to be an artist. If interested and/or you would like to know more about Art Adventure, please email me or Lynette Spence [lynett.spence31@gmail.com](mailto:lynett.spence31@gmail.com) (our fantastic Art Adventure parent volunteer coordinator) as soon as possible. Training sessions have begun and are filling up quickly. Thank you so much for all your time and effort! You make a huge difference in the lives of our Lincoln students! Wishing you a fantastic year!

**Mr. Hjelm -Enrichment Coordinator**

## EXTENDED DAY

**A Warm Welcome Back from Lincoln Extended Day!**

Lincoln Extended Day students are back in action! What a fantastic first few weeks of Friendship, FUN, and Fall to start the 2019-20 School Year! Did you know that at Extended Day we purposefully and deliberately provide several choices of activities for your children every day? Giving them choices helps them feel like they have a purpose, as well as power and control over what they do, and this is a big step in growing up.

We offer STEM, literacy, active play, creative expression, technology, camps, clubs and dramatic play; most daily, some weekly. Your child is able to choose from these options based on what sparks his/her interest!



# LUNCHROOM

Welcome back !

We have had a great start in the kitchen! Everyone is doing great with their pin numbers.

The price of lunch is \$2.70 and milk is .50 if your child is buying just milk. If your child doesn't care for the hot lunch option, we do offer a different sandwich every week. We offer a variety of fruits and veggies everyday besides what is on the menu.

The new nutrition guidelines are each student must choose either a 1/2 cup of fruit or vegetable everyday. They must choose one, so please talk with your child about the choices they need to make.

As far as breakfast goes the state is paying for all kindergartners to eat for Free!

So, please come join us if you are able!

Mrs. Frogner

## WHITE BEAR LAKE FOOD SHELF

**The White Bear Area**

**Emergency Food Shelf** will once again be offering the **Weekend Food Backpack Program**. The bags will provide an assortment of healthy, easy to prepare food.

If you are interested in having your child bring home a bag of food in his or her backpack, please contact Hannah Kaefer at 651.653.2760 or Danielle Perrier at 651-653-2826.

# STUDENT COUNCIL

**Second, third, fourth, and fifth grade classrooms have finalized the selection of Student Council Representatives. These students will attend the Student Council meetings and report back to their own classrooms and the primary classrooms without representation.**

**They will also work in the school store and help with special activities throughout the year. The fourth and fifth grade classroom representatives will have a chance to run for office positions such as secretary, treasurer, president, and vice president. A short "Student Council Election" assembly will be held on Tuesday, October 16th. The candidates running for office will give short speeches and the Lincoln student body will vote for our school secretary, treasurer, vice president, and president.**

**Mrs. Ogden -Student Council Coordinator**

## PATROL CORNER

**The Lincoln School Safety Patrols are out at their corners. They are taking their roles seriously and are being SAFE, RESPONSIBLE, and RESPECTFUL while on the job. The Walking Zombies and Portland Buffalo teams have already been trained. The White Bear Ponds Team will be trained on Tuesday, September 24th from 3:45 - 5:00 pm. Our captains this year are Sophie Collins, Vivian Finger, and Logan Ascherman. The captains have an important role in their team helping everyone stay focused on their patrol duties. All three patrol captains enjoyed their experiences at Legionville and look forward to leading their teams this year.**

**Mrs. Thom**

