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MEETING SCHEDULE

All Board meetings are held
at the Community Center and
begin at 6:00 pm (unless otherwise
noted)

February 13

February 27

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March 27*

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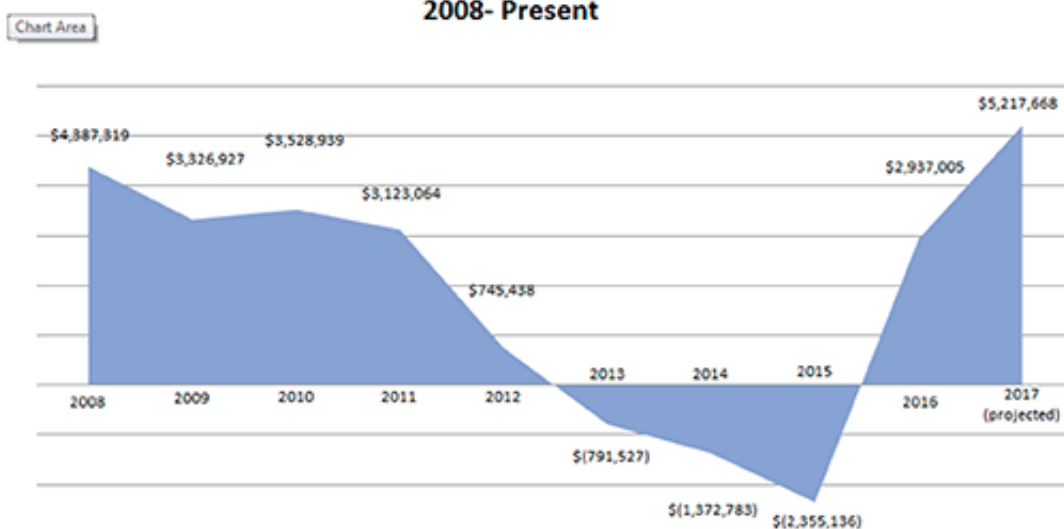
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SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

Because our finances drive many of our programs, staffing levels, and resources, I believe it is important to share where we are financially as a district and the direction we are headed. Look how far we have come. It was only 18 months ago that the school district had a deficit fund balance of slightly more than 2.3 million dollars, which equated to a negative 4% of total expenditures. As of January 23, 2017, the Board of Education adopted a new budget with a fund equity balance of over \$5.2 million. This new balance is approximately 12% of our total expenditures. The \$7.5 million financial turnaround could have not been achieved without the help of ALL of our employees. We are in the strongest financial situation we have been in for quite some time. Please look at the graph for the fund equity history of the school district. During this time, we have also refinance our school bonds saving our taxpayers nearly \$9 million.

**Lincoln Fund Balance
2008- Present**



What's next? Several facility repairs and vehicles purchases, including school buses, have been put on hold during the last couple years of this financial crisis. These items, as well as upgrading our technology, seal coating our parking lots, and procuring new textbooks, are some of the things that we are looking at in being good stewards with our taxpayers dollars. During the 2017-18 school year, you can also expect to see lower class sizes. We have already hired additional new staff, including teachers, a Model Elementary Principal, a Dean of Students at the Middle School, and are currently in the process of hiring an additional skilled maintenance worker to help us catch up on some of the tasks at hand. We believe the new Dean of Students will allow for more eyes in the hallways as well providing more opportunities for the Middle School Principal to get into the classrooms to work on student achievement and curriculum.

Sincerely,

Sean R. McNatt, Superintendent

Communication is vital in all organizations and ours is no different. To keep communication lines open, the Superintendent has established the following opportunities during the 2016-2017 school year to keep in touch with community members.

Event

Senior Citizen
Valentine's Day Luncheon
Coffee with the Superintendent

Date & Time

February 17th at Noon
March 16th at 8:50 am

Location

Brick Elementary Community Center
Bishop Elementary Library

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



December 2016

Rick Knowles & Michael Suchy
Mechanics
Transportation



January 2017

Cris Cline
Middle House(2/3) Teacher
Bishop Elementary

ONLINE ENROLLMENT

Enrollments for grades K-12 are taken online at www.lincolnk12.org. Once you've completed the online enrollment, you will need to visit our Business Office located at Brick Elementary (west entrance), 8970 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti with the required documentation to complete your student's registration.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT DOCUMENTS

Please bring with you:

- Driver's license with CURRENT ADDRESS
- PLUS - One of the following in your name at your current address:
 - Tax Bill
 - Rental Agreement or Receipt
 - Mortgage statement
 - Utility Bill
- Child's Immunization Record with Doctor's Signature
- Child's ORIGINAL Birth Certificate
- Previous Report Card or Transcripts
- School of Choice Approval Letter (if applicable)
- Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and METS (if applicable)

You can contact the Lincoln Business Office staff at 734-484-7042 with questions.

ATTENTION KROGER SHOPPERS!

We need your help. It's free and easy. Kroger will give a donation each time you scan your Kroger Plus card or use your phone number at the register. Several Lincoln organizations participate in the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

You must re-register your card each April. Take a few minutes to make sure you're signed up.

Go to **www.**

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com. When the website opens

click on "Create an Account" and follow the prompts to get started. You will receive an email with details on how to choose a group. Click on the link in the email to register the organization you want to support.



Lincoln High School (Parent LINC)	90998
Lincoln Middle School	83684
Bishop Elementary	91476
Brick Elementary	83681
Childs Elementary	83521
Lincoln High School Band	82565
Lincoln High School Soccer Program	83184
Lincoln High School Link Crew	91659
Lincoln High School Swimming	91311
LHS Class of 2017	90018

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What Multiage is and isn't...

Multiage classrooms are classrooms with students from more than one grade level. They are created because of a pedagogical choice of a school or school district. They are different from split classes which are formed when there are too many students for one class - but not enough to form two classes of the same grade level.

Some Advantages of Multiage Practices

The school should fit the child....

Rather than grouping students by grade level, we can group and regroup students based on developmental needs, interests, skills, and learning styles. We value the process of learning and lay the ground work for lifelong learning.

It is an efficient and effective learning environment....

A multi-year placement encourages friendships, trust, bonding, and a sense of belonging. Knowing a child over time increases a teacher's understanding of that child's needs and how he/she learns best. At the start of a year, the teacher knows a majority of the class, and the students know each other.

Multiage classrooms promote collaboration, cooperation, self-esteem, and a caring community....

Younger children get a preview of what they will eventually be able to do. Students can work with children who possess a similar skill level but a different chronological age. There is an opportunity for all children to be both the younger and older members of a peer group. A child can reinforce a newly learned skill by teaching it to someone else. It brings out older children's willingness to help younger ones, and older children accept the responsibility of being role models.



ACTIVE LEARNING AT BISHOP ELEMENTARY

At Bishop Elementary, we incorporate HighScope's Elementary Learning Design. One of the key ingredients is ACTIVE LEARNING. What does this mean for our students?

- Engagement with materials, actions and events, and/or ideas.
- Opportunities to make their own choices and decisions, when appropriate.
- Communication with others (gestural, spoken, and written).
- Support from the teacher, other adults, and peers.

Another key ingredient is THE ENVIRONMENT. What do our classrooms look like?

- Classrooms are arranged by subject area or interest.
- Materials and other relevant tools and resources are easily accessible and well organized.
- There are spaces for the whole group to gather, and areas for small groups and individuals to work.
- The classroom and school climate is warm, respectful, fun, and welcoming.
- Student work is visible.

Children learn best when they follow a consistent DAILY SCHEDULE. What does this include?

- Whole group, interactive learning in all subject areas
- Small group workshops
- Teaming with other teachers and classrooms
- Student initiated projects (We call this PDR or Plan, Do, Review).
- Times the group has lunch, specials, etc.



Come by and see us for more information. We would love to show you our school!

2017-18 REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 1

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Great Start Readiness Program
Promoting Readiness, Supporting Families

Head Start

LINCOLN EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

The Lincoln Early Childhood Center, located in Model Elementary School, offers a range of comprehensive services for children from birth through age five. The center utilizes a model that emphasizes that parents are a child's first, best, and most influential teachers.

The Early Childhood Center includes classrooms for Great Start Readiness Program, Early Childhood Special Education, and Lincoln's Early On Program. The goal of the center is to establish a primary prevention community available to families living in the Lincoln community. Through strong parental involvement, the Early Childhood Center is an avenue promoting the improved social, cognitive, and physical growth of young children in our community.

Pre-School

Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is a grant-funded pre-school program. Students must be four years old by September 1st and reside in the Washtenaw ISD. Eligibility for this program is based on household income and a child's "risk factors." For more information on this program please call 484-7070.

Lincoln also offers a tuition-based pre-school run by Bemis Farms, and located at Model Elementary. Students must be three years old by September 1st. For more information on this program please call 734-678-7778.

ATTENTION: PARENTS OF CHILDREN BIRTH – AGE FIVE

If you have any concerns about your child's development, the staff at the Lincoln Early Childhood Center at Model Elementary is ready to work with you. We can provide free developmental screenings. When screening results indicate a need for more in-depth information, we can provide evaluation services to determine if a child/family is eligible to receive the following services that our center provides:

- Social Work Services
- Services of School Psychologist
- Speech and Language Services
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy

For more information, contact 484-7070 or 484-6054.

ONLINE LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Parents may make online credit card deposits to student food service accounts using our secure food service website. Please note that there is a \$2.00 fee per transaction to cover processing costs. One deposit may be split among more than one family member without incurring an additional \$2.00 fee. Visa, MasterCard, and Discover cards are accepted.

A parent username and password are needed to review your student's account and to process a credit card deposit. To request a login and password please email thomask@lincolnK12.org. Include student name(s), parent name(s), and home address. Please allow approximately 48 hours for a reply. Your username and password carry over to the current school year and will continue to give you access to your child's lunch account.

2016 - 2017 LUNCH PRICES

Elementary	\$2.45
Middle School	\$2.70
High School	\$2.70
Milk (purchased separately) ..	\$.50
Breakfast	\$1.20

Please direct questions and comments about the lunch program to Karen Thomas, Director of Food Service, at (734) 484-7072.

FREE & REDUCED LUNCH

FOR QUICKER SERVICE, APPLICATIONS CAN BE COMPLETED ONLINE!

Free and reduced-price meals are available to qualified families. Eligibility is based on family income and size. If you think you may qualify, please fill out **one application per family** and return to any school office, or mail to Lincoln Consolidated Schools, 8970 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Applications are also available on our website at www.lincolnK12.org. Applications will be accepted at any school building, but please mark **Food Service** on the envelope to ensure prompt delivery.

If you received benefits at another school district, you will not be eligible for free or reduced meals at Lincoln Schools until an application has been processed and approved. You may apply for free and reduced-priced meals at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a later change such as a decrease in household income or an increase in household size, you may complete an application at that time.

New applications must be completed every school year. You are responsible to purchase meals or send a lunch until your application is approved.

WHAT IS A REGULAR LUNCH MEAL??

A regular lunch meal is the meal at the regular meal price or can qualify for the free or reduced meal price. It consists of an entree item (including bread and protein), a fruit, a vegetable, and milk. Students must take three of these items; one of which **MUST** be a fruit or vegetable for the meal to qualify as a "regular meal". If they take less than three components or more than the five, they will be charged the a la carte price for each item regardless of free or reduced status.

Milk-only purchase price is \$0.75. Milk alone is not free or discounted for eligible students.

At the middle school and high school chips, cookies, bottled drinks, etc. are **NOT** included in the regular lunch meal. These items are available for purchase separately.

Breakfast @ Lincoln!

If there is a way to be less hurried in the morning, would you take advantage of it? If there is a way to improve your child's grades, would you consider it worthwhile? Breakfast at school could be the answer!

Finding the time to fit a healthy breakfast into your child's daily routine is probably just as difficult as fitting it into your own. Studies show that children who acquire the breakfast habit early are less likely to develop illness, while successful in maintaining a healthy weight, good grades, solid attendance, and overall performance.

Breakfast is available at all buildings within Lincoln's district. The price is \$1.20 and menus can be found at each school or on our website at lincolnk12.org. If your children qualify for free or reduced-priced lunch, they also qualify for free or reduced-priced breakfast!

For your convenience the transportation hot line is updated twice a day. The line will inform you of any school closings, school delays, road closures, or late buses during the school year. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work together to transport our students to and from school safely on a daily basis.

**Transportation Hot Line:
(734) 484-7000 ext. 6041**

**If you do not
require bus
service, please
contact
734-484-7044.**

Kindergarten/Young 5 Busing

For your child's safety, a parent/guardian or appointed emergency contact person (must be listed on the emergency card and have a picture ID with them) **MUST** be at the bus stop to pick up your student every day. Please get out of your car or the house when the driver arrives. **The driver must be able to see you and recognize the person who is getting their Kindergarten or Young Five student off the bus.**

Childcare Arrangement Forms

Childcare Arrangement Forms are available at the Transportation Department or in your child's school office. Forms can be completed and/or dropped off at the Transportation Department between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. There could be up to a two (2) week delay in processing the forms at the start of the school year.

Bus Stop Change Request

Requests for a bus stop change can be made on a Concern/Complaint Form available in the Transportation Office. All requests will be researched and you will be notified of the results within thirty days of the request. Please be aware that all requests must meet the criteria for change and are not automatically honored.

Bus Stop Criteria

For more information on Public Act 187, the list of criteria used to establish bus stops, or frequently asked questions and answers, please visit the Michigan Department of Education website at www.michigan.gov/mde.



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KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP/YOUNG FIVES

Lincoln Consolidated Schools will continue to offer the Young Fives Kindergarten classroom for the 2017-28 school year. The Young Fives program is an activity-based Kindergarten to introduce key social and academic skills needed when starting the current Kindergarten program. It is mainly designed for the students who do not meet the current cutoff date for turning five years old by September 1, 2017. Students who participate in the Young Fives Program will continue in Kindergarten the following year. This program is available in all elementary buildings for students who will turn five from September through November 2017.



BISHOP STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN 2017 SCIENCE OLYMPIAD



Over thirty Bishop students will participate in the 2017 Science Olympiad on June 3 at Pioneer High School. The Bishop team will compete in 15 different hands-on science events, including Circuit Wizardry, Pasta Bridges, Mystery Architecture, and Photon Phun. These events require teamwork, group planning, and cooperation. Practices begin in April. The Bishop students are looking forward to learning new skills, making new friends, working as a team, and having fun! The Science Olympiad is a great program that encourages and develops kids' love of science. It's a great way for kids to learn sportsmanship, respect and responsibility. Good luck Bishop!

CHILDS STUDENTS 'MAN OF STEEL' PROJECT

The students in Mrs. Brower's fourth grade class took part in a very meaningful service project in December. Under the guidance of Officer Mark Wallace of the Detroit Police Department, and founder of the organization, students from all over the school collected hundreds of items for Detroit's homeless. The "Man of Steel" project was started by Officer Wallace because of a former officer and friend who died from a heart condition. Before he died, Officer Wallace and his friend had committed and promised each other to serve the homeless in Detroit, and so it has been carried on after his passing.

Mrs. Brower's students were

very fulfilled knowing they were part of such an important initiative. We hope that this will be the beginning of Childs Elementary's yearly involvement in this project. (Officer Wallace pictured with Mrs. Brower's class. His son is also a student in her class)



BISHOP TO HOST TREE OF LIFE DRUM & DANCE SOCIETY

On February 13, 2017 Bishop Elementary will host parents for a special visit during African-American History Month. In the morning, students and parents will get to enjoy an assembly on African drum and dance put on by the Tree of Life Drum and Dance Society!

BRICK ELEMENTARY STEM CHALLENGE

For the first STEM challenge at Brick Elementary this year, classes worked hard to design the tallest freestanding tower. Our student engineers were only allowed to use the materials provided. The materials were; twenty straws, and two large labels. The creative students figured out that the criteria never ruled out using the paper bag the materials came in! After class discussions, they determined they could use that too. Classes went through the process of planning, collaborating, constructing a model, and testing their designs. Careful measurements were taken, and Mrs. Curtis's third grade class had the tallest tower at 41 inches freestanding! Congratulations to all of our engineers who attempted the challenge. Look for more challenges popping up throughout the year at Brick Elementary!



LEARNING AT LUNCH?

Welcome to lunchtime at Bishop Elementary! We enjoy our midday meal when students eat together in their classrooms just as a family may gather around the dinner table. This promotes community building, positive interaction and communication skills. While eating, another school activity is taking place. This may include teacher read aloud, student share time, verbal review or games covering concepts being taught. Students responsibly handle clean up and take care of recyclables and composting to create our new Green School. This is truly a favorite part of everyone's day.

BRAVO, PARENTS!

Bishop Elementary's parent group is called BRAVO, which stands for Bishop's Resourceful, Active, Volunteer Organization. They are a HUGE asset to our school and EVERY PARENT is a member! Have a skill you would like to share, an idea for an event, or would you just like to connect with other parents? Join us for our monthly BRAVO meetings and involve yourself as you see fit in our friendly, cooperative, and welcoming school climate. Most recently, BRAVO created our school's KINDNESS TREE. When students perform or witness an act of kindness, they write about it on a leaf, and then place it on the tree. It is inspiring to see our Kindness Tree grow, and we have BRAVO to thank for this act of kindness!



GSRP GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) families at Model Early Childhood Center enjoyed creating Gingerbread Houses during an evening family event.

WHAT IS P.D.R./P.T.R.?

Plan Do Review is such an important part of students' daily schedule at Bishop Elementary. It provides students with opportunities to make choices in a structured setting. While making these choices students work on many levels of skills in academics, social interactions, and emotional development. Choices often look different in each house, but are developmentally appropriate ways to target specific skills such as:

- Lower House: Social development, problem solving, perseverance, creativity, and play based extension of learning
- Middle House: Extension of learning, bridge between play base to academic base, independent development of multi day plans
- Upper House: Extend learning, collaboration, problem solving, time management, week long plans



BISHOP PARTNERS WITH FOOD GATHERERS

Food Gatherers has partnered with Bishop Elementary to provide an opportunity for all Bishop families to receive a free box of produce each month. The boxes include fruits such as a variety of berries, apples, oranges, tomatoes, and melons. Cabbages, onions, potatoes, squash, beets, and turnips have also been included in the boxes. Families pick up boxes of food distributed by volunteers at the school. Food Gatherers includes recipes to provide a chance to try new foods in new ways to encourage healthy eating.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IMPLEMENT MATH EXPRESSIONS

Bishop Elementary follows the same state mandated curriculum as our other elementary schools, its just our delivery method that is different. One example of this is our district's MATH EXPRESSIONS program!

Math Expressions is taught by grade level in our multiage building by teachers teaming together. Workshops and differentiated learning are part of this program. Many of our teachers volunteered to pilot this program for two years, and were pivotal in the adoption of it district wide. These same teachers volunteered last fall to participate in three parent education nights to help educate our community about this program.

Now, all our staff actively participates in professional development around this area.

Our student led Friday Assemblies will often reflect what students have learned in their Math Expressions classrooms. We are becoming a "Math Talk" community of learners!





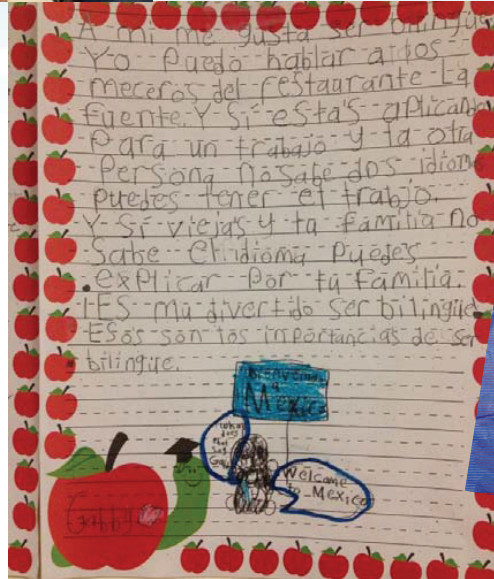
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At Bishop Elementary

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Call Bishop Elementary to set up a classroom tour!
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Benefits of the program:

- Become bilingual and bi-literate
- Exposure to other cultures and languages
- Develop the brain in ways that increase academic potential in all subjects
- Prepare students to meet the challenges of a global society

For more information about the program email:

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jansenr@lincolnk12.org

www.lincolnspanishimmersion.com

<https://www.facebook.com/LincolnSpanishImmersion>



PROJECT-BASED LEARNING AT CHILDS

Mrs. Richert's second grade class succeeded in completing a cross-curricular project-based learning activity. Project-based learning is a method in which students gain knowledge and skills through an extensive and in-depth investigation to solve a problem and/or answer a complex question. Mrs. Richert's second graders were required to create a fictional town square called Quadrilateral City. As a team, students completed a series of specific tasks which included geometry concepts, mapping skills, urban planning, architecture, communication, shared writing, and public speaking. Not only did this project cover many modalities of learning, students enjoyed being creative and their own project managers.



LITERACY NIGHT AT CHILDS

On Thursday, December 8th, Childs Elementary hosted a Literacy Night. The theme was The Snowy Day based on the beloved children's book by Ezra Jack Keats. Children and their families gathered in the cafeteria where they participated in over 15 literacy, technology and craft stations. There was also a special guest storyteller from the Ann Arbor Storytellers' Guild. Students and their families had the opportunity to sign up for library cards from the Ypsilanti District Library. The evening's activities allowed children and their families to come together and share their love of reading.

THE DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES AT EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY PARTNERS WITH LINCOLN SPANISH IMMERSION!

This partnership provides EMU students and our Spanish Immersion students with multiple opportunities to apply their language skills and get hands-on experience in a variety of school settings within the classroom. EMU students will be joining our students through a service learning course offered by EMU professors Marisol Garrido and Monica Millan; where both groups of students will be learning from each other!



EMU professors have recently embarked in expanding these efforts by taking new initiatives involving a conversation exchange opportunity via Skype. Our students will exercise their Spanish language learning with elementary students from Colombia!

JUNTA DIARIA - DAILY MEETING

¡Buenos días! Every morning after the school announcements, Maestra Heredia's class holds their junta diaria (daily meeting). La junta is a student-led and student-created crucial part of the day. Each week a different student leads la junta. It is divided into four parts: saludo (greeting), noticias y anuncios (news and announcements), compartiendo (sharing), and despedida (goodbye/wrap-up). La junta takes 15 minutes from start to finish. The entire junta is conducted in Spanish. It gives students the chance to practice their Spanish speaking/reading skills, gain leadership skills, to learn empathy, and to practice following directions. The meeting leader chooses el saludo, writes los noticias y anuncios, manages el compartiendo, and chooses the educational game for la despedida.





BISHOP GOES GREEN UPDATE

In pursuit of its Green School certification and to encourage earth stewardship, Bishop Elementary students and staff are implementing a school wide composting program. A student led group, "Project Green" researched what compost is, why it's important, and how to compost. They then presented a slideshow and demonstration to each Bishop classroom on composting essentials. In November, four compost bins were built near the Bishop Community Garden by local boy scout and cub scout troop volunteers to support the school composting program.

In addition, since October 2016, the Bishop paper recycling program through Paper Retriever has saved over 8 tons of paper from heading to landfills! Bishop has also started plastic and metal recycling through Waste Management. **We welcome and encourage the Lincoln Community to bring all paper to the Retriever in the North parking lot at Bishop for**

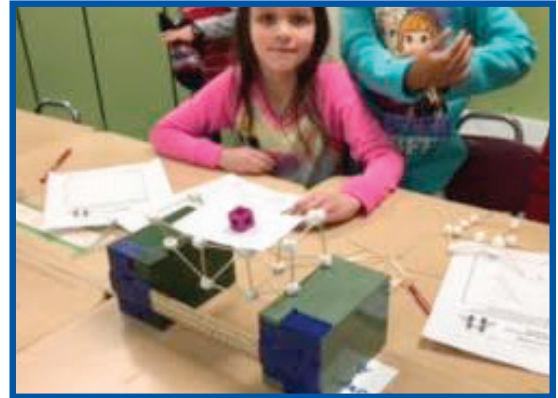
recycling.

Lastly, in January 2017, two Elkey EZH2O Bottle Filling Stations were installed at Bishop to encourage the usage of reusable water bottles and to decrease our dependence on disposable plastic bottles.

Be sure to continue to look for updates and WATCH BISHOP GO GREEN!

BRICK FIRST GRADERS BUILDING BRIDGES

Mrs. Engelbert's first grade class is practicing making bridges. They learned about technologies that make life easier and that engineers create these technologies. Civil engineers are the people who imagine, plan, and create bridges. They worked with marshmallows and toothpicks to create a bridge that would cross between the two boxes and support at least one cube. They will be creating other bridges with more sturdy materials as the weeks go on. We are really enjoying the Engineering Design Process and STEM to experiment and create their own bridges.



FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES @ BISHOP

Bishop Elementary provides a forum for students to showcase their skills and messages from Plan Do and Review (PDR) at Friday assemblies. There are a group of students (Roadies), who are in charge of setting up the equipment. They provide sound checks, and props for the students. They also help organize the photographs and videos for distribution.

BISHOP LOWER HOUSE (K/1) STUDENTS "SING ABOUT MARTIN"

In January, Mrs. Cole's K-1 Bishop Elementary students learned a call and echo song, "Sing About Martin" which was about Martin Luther King, Jr. during their music special. In the following class they had a great time playing and creating call and echo rhythms on percussion instruments.



STUDENT TO REPRESENT BRICK AT NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

Congratulations to Brick Elementary fifth grader Xander Magee! Xander has been chosen to represent Brick by participating in the National Youth Leadership Forum (NYLF): Pathways to STEM, an Envision program, at Bowling Green State University this summer.

Xander was nominated by Mrs. Karen Cook from Brick Elementary based on his maturity, determination, work ethic, and strength of character. He will join other students from the region in intensive, engaging, hands-on workshops that focus on communication, critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and goal setting, all within the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) categories. By attending this program, Xander will be taking an important step towards being recognized as a young leader in his school and community, and gain insights and perspectives that will benefit him throughout his education and far beyond.



LMS SEMMLAA

Lincoln Middle School students have the opportunity to compete against other Middle School students in Washtenaw County in Spelling Bee and Quiz Bowl. The Spelling Bee is held in the fall, while the Quiz Bowl will take place in February at Saline Middle School. Pictured are some of this year's contestants. Eighth grade ELA teacher Andrea Adams is the coach.

LMS CHESS CLUB

By: Aspen Lintner

Chess Club is an after school activity and we meet every Tuesday from 2:45 to 3:45. You do not need a special membership form or to sign up in advance to be a member of Chess Club. Just show up and be ready to play. We understand if you can't attend every Tuesday because many of our members participate in other activities that keep them away for a few weeks while they are in Spelling Bee, Drama, Sports, etc. Chess Club meets every Tuesday and is a fun and exciting way to improve your chess skills. An added bonus to Chess Club is you get to have popcorn and a beverage while you are playing. All LMS students are invited to Chess Club. You can even find people available to help you learn to play.



SIXTH GRADE AVENGERS TEAM HOSTED FAMILY FEAST

The sixth grade Avengers Team of Atkins, Ferguson, Ringle, and Roeder hosted a family feast for their students the week before Winter Break. Families were encouraged to bring in a family favorite, and spend time eating, socializing and meeting the friends and family of their child's peers.

LMS WEB STUDY BUDDY SESSION

The eighth grade WEB leaders work with the sixth grade students in the media center preparing for their first mid-term exams. They conduct a "Study-Buddy" session, and go over their reviews and study guides to help them prepare for exams.

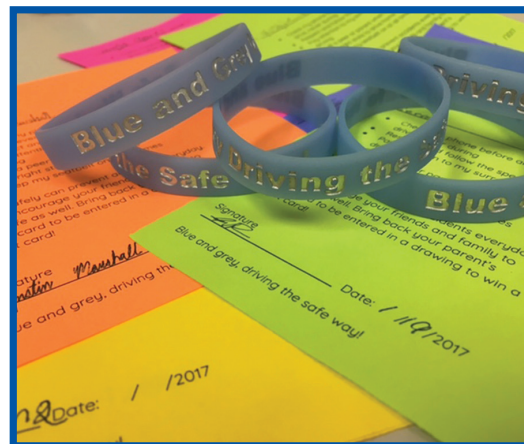


NHS INDUCTS 35 NEW MEMBERS

The National Honor Society members at Lincoln have had an exciting and productive semester. The chapter inducted 35 members into our chapter in December. Since then the members have participated in several individual service projects throughout the school and community. The group worked together on December 27 to shop, cook, prepare and serve a warm meal to 20 homeless men. The members also had the opportunity to play cards and talk with the men providing a night of entertainment and normalcy.



The NHS is also supporting the Strive 4 Safe Driving (S4SD) campaign that is run through the State of Michigan and Ford Motor Company. Lincoln High School was one of 43 schools selected to receive \$1,000 to run their campaign to increase the awareness of safe driving amongst teens. We are competing for the top prize of \$5,000 for the best final project. Students are encouraged to join in on the campaign. The community can also participate. Be on the lookout at various events to sign a pledge card and receive a bracelet with our slogan: Blue and Grey driving the safe way!



LHS BANDS

Greetings Lincoln Community!

The Lincoln High School bands have had an exciting semester. The bands hosted two new events to raise funds for our aging uniforms. The first event was during the Halloween holiday called Boo Brunch and the second event was the holiday Cookie Walk. We look forward to continuing these events in the coming years as they were so much fun for the students to meet and entertain the community.

The members of the band are in the process of preparing for two Michigan State Band and Orchestra events. The bands participate in Solo and Ensemble (January 28) and Festival (March 4) in the annual assessments of instrumental curriculum. Lincoln is honored to host 13 performing ensembles on March 4 for their Festival performances. The public is invited to attend the performances by the LMS and LHS bands. Check out our schedule on www.splitterband.com for performance times.



Other exciting news in the band program include funding two projects via donations on www.donorschoose.org for a keyboard amp and a set of concert toms. We are grateful and fortunate for the support of our donors from our local community and throughout the country.

Also, in March we will welcome James Curnow to work with the Symphonic Band. Mr. Curnow is a very well known composer in the band world and we are excited to welcome him to our classroom. Special thanks to Chris Heidenreich and the Washtenaw Community Concert Band for reaching out to the LHS bands for this amazing opportunity.

SCHOOL CLOSING PROCEDURE

Any time there is inclement weather in the forecast, our Transportation Director and one of our mechanics check road conditions between 3:30 and 4:30 a.m. The school closing relay is then activated and the media and school personnel are notified. Check the following media outlets for up-to-date school closing information:

Local TV Broadcast	Channels 2, 4, 7
Local Radio Stations	WWJ/WJR
Lincoln Website	www.LincolnK12.org
Facebook	Lincoln Consolidated Schools
Twitter	@GoSplitters



Final call for lasting LHS Memories!

Yearbooks are still on sale until they run out!

Hurry, don't delay!

Order yours today at: www.jostensyearbooks.com

Contact Mr. Pryce for any questions.

734.484.7000 ext. 7624 or pryce@lincolnk12.org

HEY, LHS PARENTS:

HONOR YOUR SENIOR BY PURCHASING A SENIOR TRIBUTE AD TO APPEAR IN THE YEARBOOK! PULL OUT OLD BABY PICS OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT HAS BEEN MEMORABLE THROUGHOUT THEIR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY. LOOK ONLINE FOR DETAILS AT: https://www.lincolnk12.org/downloads/lhs/parent_ad_hsfbyr.pdf

LHS THEATRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

"Once upon a time, there was a little ogre named Shrek...." And the rest is history! Last fall's production of "Shrek The Musical" set box office records with large crowds every night of the show. In fact, we had to open the upper section of the PAC for the Thursday show for the first time in our collective memory. Did you know the cast held about 50 rehearsals leading up to the four shows, and it took more than a month and a half to build the set? The actors and crew were very excited about the amazing show of support for the show. So now what?

MIFA COMPETITION SHOW: Rehearsals for the "The Importance of Being Ernest" started in October, in parallel with rehearsals for Shrek. The MIFA format is different than the two "main stage" shows. The premise is that a small cast and crew have less than an hour to set the stage ("spike"), perform a short one-act play, and clear the stage ("strike"). The show is judged and assigned a rating similar to band or choir festival. A local, public performance is scheduled on Friday, February 10 at 7 pm. Admission will be \$5 at the door. Adjudicated performances will be presented at the District festival (W. Bloomfield H.S. January 28), Regional (Chelsea H.S. February 11), and hopefully repeat our appearance at the State Festival (Charlotte H.S. Feb 17-18). All performances are open to the public. There is a small charge to attend the State competition. Ernest will also be performed at the Mid-Michigan Theatre Arts Festival at Garber H.S. on February 3.

AUDITIONS FOR THE SPRING PLAY are February 14 and 15 with callbacks on February 16. This year's spring play will be "A Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens. There is no fee to audition. The participation fee for the selected cast and crew members remains at \$70 and \$30, respectively. Payment plans are available – information will be distributed as part of the parent package the first week of rehearsal. Rehearsals will start the week of February 20.



SPRING CHILDREN'S SHOW: Each year, 1-2 Theatre Department students choose, stage, and direct a children's play which is performed at a couple elementary schools and day care centers in the area. This year's show is called Shel Silverstein Stories. The play will also be performed at the LHS Performing Arts Center on Friday, April 28.

The rest of the Theatre Department schedule is noted in the table below. More details will be available on the Department web site and the Theatre Booster web site.

The LHS Theatre program is open to any LHS, ECA or WIHI student willing to audition and work hard. Middle school students may participate if sponsored by a current theatre department member or if their parent contacts Mr. Jacobs for permission. We also need students who are interested in working behind the scenes in areas such as make up, costumes, props, lighting, set construction, painting, and stage crew. Please contact Mr. Jacobs to volunteer for these opportunities. Please note that parental involvement is also required.

Like us on Facebook to keep track of this and future productions: www.facebook.com/LincolnTheatreBoosters. For further information, send an email to LincolnHSTheatreBoosters@gmail.com and visit Mr. Jacob's Theatre Page at <http://mjacobs1701.wix.com/theatre-page>

Traveling Show: "The Importance of Being Ernest"	MIFA Jan 28/Feb 11, 2017 Mid-Michigan: Feb 3-4, 2017 In-school: Feb 9/Evening: Feb 10 MIFA State: Feb 17-18, 2017
LHS Film Festival: Take 2	March 30, 2017
The Children's Show: Shel Silverstein Stories	April 27-28, 2017
Spring Play: "Tale of Two Cities"	May 11-14, 2017
Theatre Awards Night	May 25, 2017

What Opportunity Awaits You?

Students at Lincoln Consolidated Schools have a number of different programming choices available.

SOUTH & WEST WASHTENAW CONSORTIUM

The South & West Washtenaw Consortium is responsible for delivering career and technical education to member school districts. Open primarily to eleventh and twelfth grade students, all CTE courses are designed to equip students with entry level skills needed to gain employment and also prepare them for post-secondary training and education depending on the individual student's desire. Many courses offer certifications that will enable the student to enter the job market at an elevated pay. Many CTE classes offer advanced placement college credit and articulate with local community colleges.

WASHTENAW INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Washtenaw International High School is a free, public, consortium high school for students in participating Washtenaw County school districts, including Lincoln Consolidated Schools.

The school provides a challenging, student-centered, inquiry-based sequence of courses with an emphasis on international understanding, cultural identity, and the taking of multiple perspectives. It is a program that emphasizes rigorous academic standards in disciplinary and interdisciplinary knowledge.

The school has been designed to meet all International Baccalaureate requirements for teacher training, course design, and assessment frameworks.

MICHIGAN INSTITUTE OF AVIATION TECHNOLOGY (MIAT)

This program is designed to train students in all areas of aviation maintenance. Students will be certified in both jet engines and helicopters. Students also receive training on wind turbines and the hydraulics of amusement park rides. This program is certified by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

EARLY COLLEGE ALLIANCE

The Early College Alliance (ECA) is a unique educational program designed to fully immerse high school-aged students into the post-secondary learning environment. ECA is a public, early/middle college program located on the campus of Eastern Michigan University. It exists in partnership with local school districts, including Lincoln Consolidated Schools.



ECA is an excellent fit for you if you'll be a tenth or eleventh grade student and are advanced, struggling, or unsure if post-secondary education is the right option for you. ECA allows you to accelerate through the program based on skill acquisition, not credit accumulation, and is designed to meet your learning needs.

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

The PLTW Engineering and Biomedical Sciences programs offer students an array of advantages, from career readiness and hands-on experience to college preparatory-level classes, labs, and creative exercises. Our programs are designed to appeal to all students, from those already interested in STEM-related fields, to those whose experience in the sciences and math has been less comprehensive or who find themselves uninterested in traditional STEM curricula. PLTW classes are hands-on, based in real-world experience, and fun for students. We set the highest standards for rigorous, focused, and engaging study, developing students' innovative, collaborative, cooperative, and problem-solving skills.

To learn more about any of these program options contact the Lincoln High School Counseling Office at (734) 484-7006.

LINCOLN COMMUNITY EDUCATION

www.lincolncommunityeducation.com

Class and registration information online



COMMUNITY POOL HOURS

Adult Lap/Swim

Mondays and Wednesdays: 7:30-9:00 pm

Saturdays: 3:00-4:00 pm

Family Swim

Saturdays: 1:00-3:00 pm

Check the website often for added classes!

TEACHING SELF-ESTEEM THROUGH SELF-DEFENSE

BUILDING FOCUS, DISCIPLINE, CONFIDENCE, STRENGTH, COORDINATION

COURAGE, DIRECTION, SELF-CONTROL AND PASSION IN CHILDREN

EMPOWERING THEM WITH LIFE SKILLS THROUGH THE MARTIAL ARTS



KIDS CLASSES EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY FOR AGES 6 AND ABOVE

GO TO WWW.LINCOLNCOMMUNITYEDUCATION.COM



SAFETY TOWN is a comprehensive educational program that introduces safety awareness and preventative procedures to children that are entering Kindergarten or first grade. Your child must be five years of age before December 1, 2017 to enroll.

Program welcomes incoming Kindergarten and first grade students

Monday-Friday

July 24-July 28

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$90.00

Location: Model Elementary

Register online @ www.lincolncommunityeducation.com

Bemis Farms Childcare Program offers before and after care. Contact: libby@bemisfarmschildcare.com



COMMUNITY EDUCATION • 734-484-7007



SplitterNation.org

Your complete source for the Lincoln Railsplitters Athletic & Community Recreation Programs

ATHLETIC REGISTRATION

There are two steps that must be completed before participating in ANY /try-out/ practice for Lincoln 6th –12th grade sports

1. Get a completed physical from a medical doctor, dated after April 15th of 2016
2. Complete and submit to the Athletic Office the "MHSA Physical Examination Clearance & Consent Form"

Fees can be paid online at www.lincolncommunityeducation.com/products

FALL 2016	START	COACH	E-MAIL CONTACT
Cheer Sideline	10-Aug	C Sperle	cheerlincoln@yahoo.com
Cross Country Boys	10-Aug	D Caine	david.p.caine@gmail.com
Cross Country Girls	10-Aug	L. Brower	brower@lincolnk12.org
Football	8-Aug	C Westfall	lincolnfootball@gmail.com
Golf Girls	10-Aug	B Babut	wbabut@babutlaw.com
Soccer Boys	10-Aug	T Snyder	timsnyderrealtor@gmail.com
Swimming Girls	10-Aug	A Cook	adam_cook3@yahoo.com
Tennis Boys	10-Aug	J Johnson	jjhoop32@gmail.com
Volleyball	10-Aug	A. Gray	splittervolleyball@gmail.com
WINTER 2016/17	START	COACH	E-MAIL CONTACT
Basketball Boys	14-Nov	J Davis	jcorndavis@gmail.com
Basketball Girls	7-Nov	C Noel	noelc@lincolnk12.org
Competitive Cheer	7-Nov	C Sperle	cheerlincoln@yahoo.com
Swimming Boys	21-Nov	A Cook	adam_cook3@yahoo.com
Wrestling	14-Nov	M Betts	bettsm@lincolnk12.org
SPRING 2017	START	COACH	E-MAIL CONTACT
Baseball	13-Mar	E. L McGoy	emcgoy@gmail.com
Golf Boys	13-Mar	G Crowner	crowner@lincolnk12.org
Soccer Girls	13-Mar	T Snyder	timsnyderrealtor@gmail.com
Softball	13-Mar	W Strickland	stricklandw12@gmail.com
Tennis Girls	13-Mar	J. Johnson	jjhoop32@gmail.com
Track and Field Boys	13-Mar	K Davis	davisk@lincolnk12.org
Track and Field Girls	13-Mar	J. Guziel	guziel@lincolnk12.org
Lacrosse Club Team	13-Mar	Z Rekowski	zrekowsk@emich.edu

ATHLETIC OFFICE 734-484-7013

Join us in May for our Spring Fundraiser

Stop by the Senior Center located at Brick Elementary
or call 734-483-8366 for more information.



LINCOLN GOLDEN AGES SENIOR CENTER

Are you 55 years old or older and are looking for something NEW? Then the Lincoln Golden Ages Seniors are looking for YOU! We are a group of area seniors who enjoy being social and LOVE to have fun! Our Center offers a variety of educational, social, and physical activities such as yoga, fitness, cards, bingo, community resource speakers, computer classes, quilting and craft classes, monthly trips, and intergenerational activities with our Lincoln students. We are also involved in community outreach projects. The Center is open Tuesday through Friday. Membership dues are \$15.00 per year. A hot lunch is also provided four days a week for a nominal fee. If you are ready for a change, stop by anytime to receive a copy of our newsletter and take some time to visit with us. If you call two days in advance to schedule lunch, your first lunch is our treat to you! Make us your "home away from home." We are located in Brick Elementary, west entrance. You may also contact us at (734) 483-8366 or (734) 484-7000 ext. 7557.

Our members are encouraged to participate in all activities at the Center.

LINCOLN EQUESTRIAN TEAM IS LOOKING FOR YOU!!

Like to Ride, Show in 4-H, ShoMe, SPUR, Tri-County?

Like to learn about horses, how to care for, and compete?

The coaches are looking to run a Junior Team, so we are looking for riders in grades 6-8 for the Spring Junior Team and Grades 8 - 11 for Falls Senior Team. There will be a meeting for them after February 21st to discuss the opportunity and events.

Contact: Roxanne Mayville
Stesha Payne
Allison Malboeuf

734-645-4918
740-463-3511
734-218-2430

mayville@lincolnk12.org
ratties888@gmail.com
allisonmalboeuf@gmail.com

2016-2017 MASTER CALENDAR

Be sure to check individual school calendars, available on websites and sent home with students, for details regarding events at individual schools.

February

- 17 Students Released Early; Professional Development P.M.; Secondary dismissal 12:23 p.m.; Elementary dismissal 1:26 p.m. (Childs 1:11 p.m.)
- 20 No School – Presidents Day

March

- 9 Secondary Parent-Teacher Conferences in the evening
- 10 End of Marking Period - Elementary
- 28-29 Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences in the evening
- 30 Students K-12 report A.M. only; Teacher Compensatory Time P.M.; Last day of classes – Spring Recess; End of Third Marking Period - Secondary
- 31-Apr 7 No School - Spring Recess

April

- 10 School Resumes
- 14 No School – Good Friday

May

- 18 Senior Final Exams; Students K-11 report full day
- 19 Seniors Final Exams; Last Day for Seniors; Students K-11 report full day
- 26 Students K-11 report A.M. only; Professional Development P.M.
- 29 No School - Memorial Day
- 30 School Resumes
- 31 Honors Convocation-Performing Arts Center

June

- 2 High School Commencement
- 13 HS/MS Final Exams; Students 6-11 report A.M. only; Students K-5 report full day
- 14 HS/MS Final Exams; Students 6-11 report A.M. only; Students K-5 report full day
- 15 HS/MS Final Exams; Students K-11 report A.M. only; Teacher Work Day P.M.; Last day for students and teachers; End of Fourth Quarter

COMMUNICATING WITH THE LINCOLN COMMUNITY

For your convenience Lincoln posts school and sport schedules, school board agendas/ meeting minutes, dates for important events, and much more in a variety of formats.

- www.lincolnK12.org
- *The Communicator* Newsletter
- Website e-mail news and alerts
- Automated calling system
- Facebook: *Lincoln Consolidated Schools*
- Twitter - @GoSplitters

If you have any suggestions, comments, or questions feel free to contact Vicki Coury at 734-484-7095 or couryv@lincolnK12.org.

NEW HOURS

2016/2017 School Hours Elementary - Bishop/Brick

- 8:50 am to 3:41 pm
- 8:50 am to 11:41 am half-day am only
- 8:50 am to 1:26 pm early release

Elementary - Childs

- 8:35 am to 3:26 pm
- 8:35 am to 11:26 am half-day am only
- 8:35 am to 1:11 pm early release

Middle School/High School

- 7:40 am to 2:36 pm
- 7:40 am to 10:36 am half-day am only
- 7:40 am to 12:23 pm early release

BEMIS FARMS AT LINCOLN: WHERE FRIENDS MEET FRIENDS

Bemis Farms is pleased to provide Preschool and Extended Care Programs for the children of Lincoln Consolidated Schools. Programs are located inside Model and Childs Elementary Schools. Model, Bishop, and Brick Elementary students go to Model Elementary for Extended Care.

The children in the Bemis Farms Lincoln program have daily opportunities to engage in activities to help them both scholastically and socially. Teachers are available to help with homework, and all children will have the opportunity to play alone or in a group. Bemis Farms offers a variety of programs to meet your needs. Meeting friends in a relaxed environment makes this program special. For more information on this program please call 944-1709.

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**KINDERGARTEN
ROUNDUP**

Children must be 5 years
of age on or before
DECEMBER 1st

FALL 2017 CLASSES

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

**For incoming Freshman &
New Students**

**Wednesday, February 15
6:00- 7:30 p.m.**

Lincoln High School
Performing Art Center
484-7004

**For incoming 6th grade &
New Students**

**Thursday, February 16
6:00 - 7:00**

Lincoln Middle School
484-7033

Lincoln offers distinctive programs
at each elementary school.

S.T.E.M • Multi-Age • Spanish Immersion • Traditional

A **Young 5 Program** is offered for children who may
not be ready for traditional Kindergarten!

**Thursday, February 22
6:30 p.m.**

Bishop Elementary
484-7074

**Tuesday, February 23
6:30 p.m.**

Brick Elementary
484-7031

**Thursday, February 28
6:30 p.m.**

Childs Elementary
484-7035

**Spanish Immersion Information Nights
6:30 p.m. at Bishop Elementary**

Thursday, March 2 • Tuesday, March 21 • Wednesday, April 19

For more information about our Kindergarten Programs,
visit **www.LincolnK12.org** or call **734-484-7035**.