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BOARD OF EDUCATION 2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

February 26
March 12
April 9
April 23*
May 14
June 11
June 25
July 23
August 13
August 27
September 10
September 24
October 08*
October 22
November 12
November 26
December 10

*Board Workshop



SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

It was a Sunday afternoon, in the mid-50's and the sun was bright so I decided to work outside in the yard on a few projects. I am glad I did, because the next day it snowed 3 to 4 inches. Well, we do live in Michigan and one thing we can count on is a change in weather. I love spring to come, not because of the cold winter leaving us, but because it is the time of year that things begin to grow. Maybe that's why I enjoy my profession so much. Change at times is unavoidable and crucial to an organization that wishes to continue to grow. I appreciate everyone who recently took the time to complete the district survey, attended or viewed the State of the District address, along with the increased number of community members who have volunteered to serve on committees within our district. Your feedback is vital for our growth!

In February, I am excited to begin the process of developing a new strategic plan. No other document in the district speaks more to change than this one. This school year the school district has strived to make several changes

in the appearance of our buildings, growing our community partnerships, procuring new curriculum and including parents on committees all for the purpose of investing in our students. All of these changes come as a result of listening to the community. I have cherished the feedback from our community at the "Coffee with the Superintendent" meetings. The strategic planning committee will be made up of teachers, paraprofessionals, secretaries, administrators, parents, students, and board members. If you are interested in taking part in the process, please email Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Ty Smith at smitht@lincolnk12.org.

One area we still are working on improving is finding enough bus drivers. There is a national shortage of bus drivers and like many districts in our region it is a constant posting on our website. We appreciate your patience on the days we have to hold students until a driver returns to the building. While it has improved, we are still in need in a few more. If you know anyone, please direct them to our website.

This year, several key individuals on staff including teachers, counselors, and administrators are taking professional development in dealing with the emotional well-being of students. We believe this is crucial in taking care of the whole child. One of the trainings several staff members are taking is Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM).

We understand that you are the first teacher in your child's life and we wish to work collaboratively with you to better understand how we can meet the needs of your child. Our staff and I are very open to your questions and feedback, as we are here to serve the Lincoln Families. Please do not hesitate to contact me at mcnatts@lincolnk12.org. I make every effort to get with everyone within one business day. I can also be reached at 734-484-7001.

Sincerely,

Sean R. McNatt, Superintendent

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.

THIRD GRADE READING LAW: A Parent Guide to Public Act 306

What Is The Law All About?

In an effort to boost reading achievement, Michigan lawmakers passed Public Act 306 in October 2016.

- Michigan's test scores on both the Michigan-based M-STEP ELA assessment and the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) reading assessment have shown a need for attention to early reading and literacy.
- On the 2015 NAEP Michigan was 41st in the nation for 4th grade reading achievement.
- To help more students be proficient by the end of 3rd grade, the law requires extra support for K-3 students who are not at grade level in reading.
- The law also states that a child may be retained in 3rd grade if he/she is one or more grade levels behind in reading at the end of 3rd grade.

What Do I Need To Know As A Parent?

- Your child's reading progress will be closely monitored.
- If your child is not reading where expected, a plan to improve reading will be created. This includes:
 - Extra instruction or support in areas of need
 - Ongoing checks on reading progress
 - A Read at Home plan

If you are notified your child may be retained, you have the right to meet with school officials and to request an exemption if in the best interest of your child. You have the right and are encouraged to be involved every step of the way!

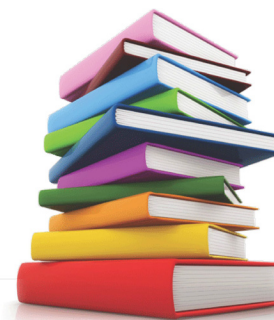
What Can I Do To Support My Child?

Read at home with your child daily with books they enjoy-- even in the summer. Some ways to do this:

- Read out loud to your child.
- Listen to your child read.
- Read together at the same time.
- Reread or retell favorite stories.
- Talk to your child about the reading.
- Echo read (You read a line, then they repeat).

As you read:

- Ask your child to share what they remember.
- Ask questions about the reading.
- Talk about your favorite parts, what you've learned, or who is in the book and what they do.
- Talk about the pictures in the book how they connect to the words on the page.
- Help connect the stories to your child's life or other books you've read
- Talk to and with your kids a lot- knowing more words helps kids to understand the words they read better.
- Encourage writing- Let children write the sounds they hear, spelling is developmental and a work in progress.
- Be involved in your child's education and support the reading plan if your child has one.



2017/2018 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



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A Parent's Guide For Communicating With Your Child's School

BOARD POLICY 9130: PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

(See full Board Policy at www.lincolnK12.org)

Any person or group, having a legitimate interest in the operations of this District shall have the right to present a request, suggestion, or complaint concerning District personnel, the program, or the operations of the District. At the same time, the Board of Education has a duty to protect its staff from unnecessary harassment. It is the intent of this policy to provide the means for judging each public complaint in a fair and impartial manner and to seek a remedy where appropriate.

It is the desire of the Board to rectify any misunderstandings between the public and the District by direct discussions of an informal type among the interested parties. It is only when such informal meetings fail to resolve the differences, shall more formal procedures be employed.

Any requests, suggestions, or complaints reaching the Board, Board members, and the administration shall be referred to the Superintendent for consideration.



Problem Solving: A Two-Way Process

Get Started

- Establish your goal.
- Agree to discussion guidelines.
 - Listen without interrupting.
 - Be honest in your discussions.

Listen and Define the Concern

- What is the problem or concern?
- Is there more than one perspective from which to view the problem?
- Is the information each person has about the problem accurate?

Identify Solutions

- Each person suggests at least one solution to the problem.
- All parties evaluate each possible solution:
 - Can all parties agree with the solution?
 - Is everyone committed to working on the suggested solution?
 - Will the solution work now and in the future?
 - Is everyone willing to share equal responsibility for making the solution work?
 - Does the solution tell who, when and how?

Move Forward

- Agree upon a proposed solution and the role each party will have in implementing it.
- Set a date for checking in with each other.

Whom Should You Contact?

To ask a question, share a concern, or discuss an issue, follow the chain of command outlined below.

On Matters Involving Instruction/Curriculum

1. Classroom Teacher
2. Principal
3. Executive Director of Curriculum
4. Superintendent
5. Board of Education

On Matters Involving Special Education

1. Classroom Teacher
2. Principal
3. Student Services Supervisor
4. Superintendent
5. Board of Education

On Matters Involving Athletics

1. Coach
2. Athletic Director
3. Building Principal
4. Superintendent
5. Board of Education

On Matters Involving Student Discipline

1. Classroom Teacher
2. Assistant Principal/Dean of Students
3. Principal
4. Superintendent
5. Board of Education

On Matters Involving Facilities/Grounds/Buildings

1. Principal
2. Director for Facilities
3. Superintendent
4. Board of Education

On Matters Involving Transportation

1. Bus Driver
2. Transportation Director
3. Director of Human Resources
4. Superintendent
5. Board of Education

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

Lincoln offers two different pre-school programs. Students for these programs must be four years old by September 1st and reside in the Lincoln School District. Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is a grant-funded pre-school program. Eligibility for this program is based on household income and a child's "risk factors." For more information on this program please call 484-7045.

Lincoln also offers a tuition-based pre-school run by Bemis Farms, and located at Model Elementary. For more information on this program please call 484-7000, ext. 7308 or 994-1709.

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.

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No Internet? 1-800-777-2861

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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. We are proud and excited to be a part of this wonderful school district.

Programs are located inside Model and Childs Elementary Schools. Model, Bishop, and Brick Elementary students go to Model Elementary for Extended Care.

Our theme for Lincoln is "Where Friends Meet Friends." Our program provides a safe and friendly place where children can have the opportunity to relax and play with their friends after a long school day. Children learn many important social skills to succeed in life through play, and the Bemis Farms staff will help with conflict management skills, talking through problems, and using manners with friends - all important life skills for today and the future.

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. Some of the favorite activities have been silent seatball, tag, fuse beads, large puzzles, science experiments, board and card games, sports, and art projects. 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.



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.

2017 - 2018 LUNCH PRICES

Elementary	\$2.55
Middle School	\$2.80
High School	\$2.80
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 \$0.50. 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!

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.



TRANSPORTATION

For your convenience the transportation hotline 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.

Transportation Hotline:
(734) 484-7000 ext. 6041

Kindergarten Busing

For your child's safety, a parent/guardian or appointed emergency contact person (must be on the emergency card) **must be at the bus stop to pick up your kindergarten student every day.**

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.

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

ORLO H. WRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

The annual report of the Orlo H. Wright Scholarship is available for inspection at the address indicated below during the regular school hours by any citizen who so requests.

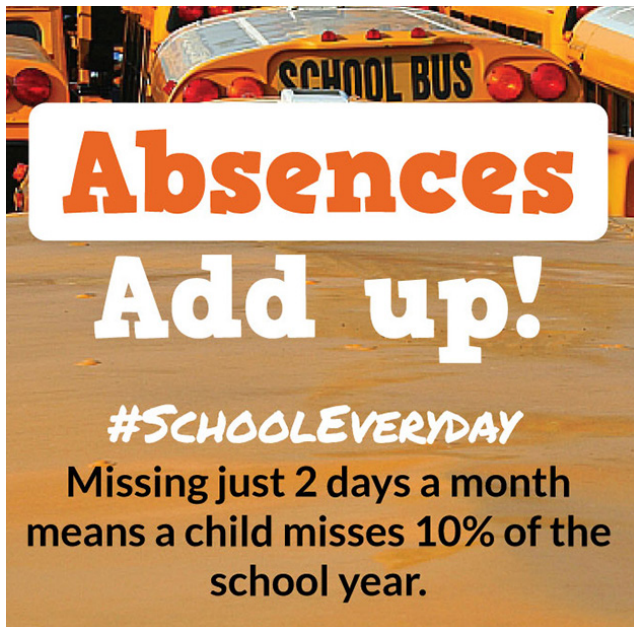
Lincoln Consolidated Schools
7425 Willis Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
Scholarship Trustee: Rebekah Ward

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.



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Go to www.Krogercommunityrewards.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.

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 am. 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/Twitter	

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

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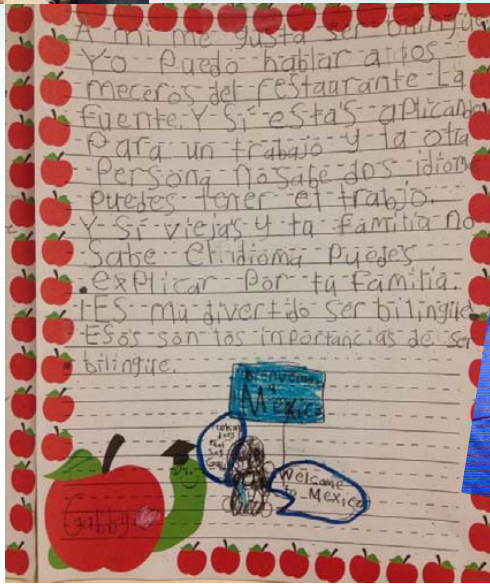
Spanish Immersion

At Bishop Elementary

Give your
student the gift
of a second
language!

Studies have shown that the younger the child is exposed to a second language; the more easily a second language can be learned.

**Call Bishop Elementary to set
up a classroom tour!
734.484.7074**



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:

Brenda González
gonzalezb@lincolnk12.org

Robert Jansen
jansenr@lincolnk12.org

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





COMPOSTING AT BISHOP ELEMENTARY

Even the Kindergarten and first graders at Bishop collect food scraps in our compost buckets twice a day.

MUSIC CLASS AT CHILDS ELEMENTARY

Students from Mrs. Richert's class play instruments to December Holiday songs during their elementary music class. They learned to play an arrangement with different instruments at the end of each phrase of a song. Their timing was great!



GSRP EXPLORE PIZZA DOUGH

At Model Elementary Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), the children enjoyed exploring pizza dough at small group time. They were able to strengthen their fine motor skills through the manipulation of their dough and work on their cognitive development while planning what they were going to make. They learned to be persistent while carrying out their plan and developed their language skills while explaining their creation to the group.

FAMILY WRITING NIGHT WORKSHOP SERIES

Last fall, ELL families participated in a Family Writing Night workshop series. They discussed, illustrated, and wrote about (many times in their home languages) memories of their favorite play places with the guidance of Family Literacy presenters from the Eastern Michigan Writing Project, and ELL teachers Puja Mullins and Amanda Pringle. They learned about strategies like adding details, creating snapshots, and using strong nouns and verbs. Parents also learned strategies and techniques for talking with their children about writing and ways to support their children as readers and writers at home. Families read their finished stories out loud on the last evening of the series, and signed each other's anthologies. This multi-generational and multi-cultural event was enjoyed by all!



HIGHSCOPE AT BISHOP ELEMENTARY

HighScope based Workshops at Bishop Elementary are educational, full of choice, fun, and can sometimes be pretty crafty! Students throughout the building participated in many winter craft and educational projects in the days before Winter Break.

FALL BRICK STEM AFTER-SCHOOL

The Advanced Lego WeDo Robotics class constructed and programmed the Hungry Alligator, Drumming Monkey, and the Roaring Lion. This year Stop Motion Animation was also introduced to an enthusiastic group. The third and fourth graders made storyboards for their action adventures. They filmed their ideas and edited their short videos using Open Shot Editor.

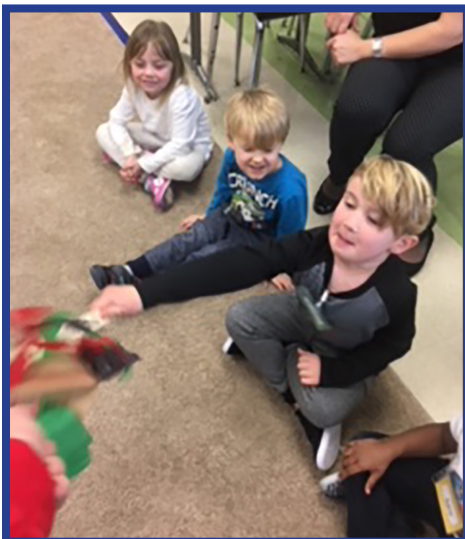
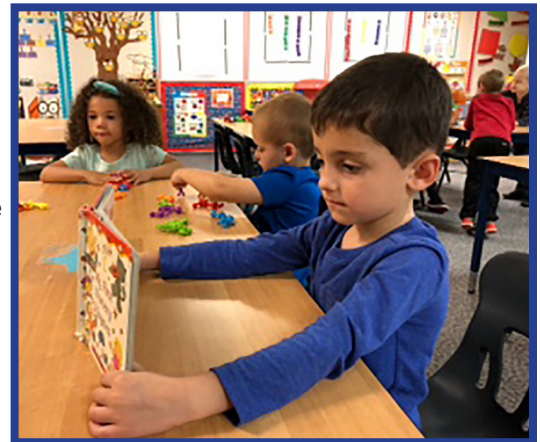


STUDENT RECOGNITION

Jocelyn Butson, fourth grade student at Childs Elementary, was recognized by the Lincoln Board of Education and Superintendent McNatt for her contributions to her school. Way to go Jocelyn. Keep up the good work!

YOUNG FIVES AT LINCOLN SCHOOLS

Lincoln Consolidated Schools offers a Young Fives Program, which is currently in its third year. Classes are offered in each elementary building. Students eligible for the program have birth dates primarily from September - December. This program is designed to encourage growth in many social and academic areas. It introduces pre-reading and writing skills, as well as number sense in an open and creative format. The class follows the school's daily and yearly schedule and provides a smooth transition to Kindergarten.



LAS POSADAS IN SPANISH CLASS.

Mrs. Engelbert's Spanish classes at Brick and Bishop Elementary ended 2017 by learning about Las Posadas in Mexico. We read a book and most of us even celebrated by breaking open our own class piñatas. We learned the Legend of the Poinsettia and colored our own bright red flowers to make a huge display of them in the hallway. It is a lot of fun to learn about other cultures and compare them to our own celebrations. We discussed how different families celebrate each holiday in their own way, even if we all celebrate similar holidays. All around the world people gathering together with friends and family for food, parties, and gifts seem to be the main theme of many celebrations this time of year.

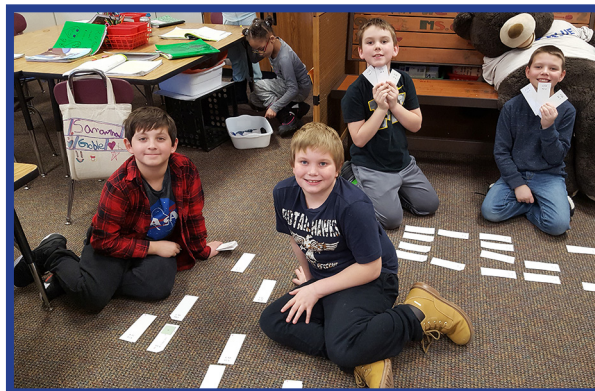


EMU SCHOLAR ATHLETES READ AT BISHOP

Scholar athletes from Eastern Michigan University came to read with students at Bishop Elementary as part of the Second and Seven program. Students loved hearing about college life, why education is so important, athletic scholarships, respect, and how to balance a full life with physical activity.

MATH TIME AT BISHOP ELEMENTARY

Lincoln's Math Expressions program is a perfect fit with Bishop Elementary! Students enjoy playing the many games and activities that support activity based learning...in this case third grade multiplication and division.



MIDDLE HOUSE STUDENTS FIELD TRIP

Students in the Middle House (2/3) enjoyed a field trip to the Natural History Museum in Ann Arbor. It was so much fun to see dinosaurs, learn about Michigan's history, and participate in hands on activities.



MRS. BEREZCZ TEACHER APPRECIATION AWARD

Brick Elementary teacher, Mrs. Berezcz was nominated and won an award through USA Hockey and Kroger as part of their "Goals in Education" program. Mrs. Berezcz was recognized for her outstanding dedication, love for teaching, and her students!

LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL PAPER AIRPLANES

Students in Mrs. Hinderer's PLTW (Project Lead the Way) class used various resources to research aeronautics and then created a variety of paper airplanes. The sixth-graders tested the airplanes and recorded their findings to determine the best designs.



PARENT INVOLVEMENT AT LINCOLN!

Parent (and grandparent!) involvement is a huge component of Bishop Elementary's core belief system. There are so many ways to be involved in your child's education, including participating in classroom activities like our Thanksgiving Feast!

BRICK FRIENDSHIP FEAST AND SECOND GRADE CONCERT

Brick second graders invited friends and family to watch their Thanksgiving Concert and participate in their Friendship Feast.



BRICK STUDENT COUNCIL

During the elections in November, Brick students held their own elections. The brave candidates made posters and delivered speeches to their peers. On November 7th, Brick third-fifth graders voted and these students became the new 2017-2018 Brick Student Council. We are so proud of all the students that took the risk and participated!



THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE KIWANIS DICTIONARY

Third graders throughout the district are presented each year with a dictionary from the Ypsilanti Kiwanis Club. This is a ceremonial gift that the second graders in attendance look forward to receiving.

GINGERBREAD HOUSES AT CHILD ELEMENTARY

In December, the Kindergarten students at Childs Elementary spent a fun filled evening with their parents decorating gingerbread houses. Each family received a pre-made gingerbread house and decorated it with frosting and an array of different candies. Leading up to the event, Mrs. Throne, Mrs. Kettlewell, and Mrs. Daigneau did some fun literacy activities based on gingerbread houses and gingerbread boys. It was an evening of holiday spirit and creativity. The students loved teaming up with their parents and they were proud of their festive creations!





“ALADDIN” AT BRICK & BISHOP

Brick and Bishop Students came together to perform the musical “Aladdin” in December. After months of hard work and meeting new friends, it was a huge success!

LMS STUDENT LEVEL 7 GYMNAST

Milo Staley, eighth grader at Lincoln Middle School, is a Level 7 gymnast attending Infinity Gymnastics in Brighton, MI. He took part in the The Windy City Invitational Gymnastics Meet held January 15, 2018 in Chicago, IL with the following results:

- 1st Place All Around with a 54.2
- 2nd Place Parallel Bars
- 3rd Place Vault
- 4th Place Floor, Still Rings, and High Bar
- 9th Place Pommel Horse



PAPER RECYCLING AT BISHOP ELEMENTARY

Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night...

Wait. No. That's the Postal workers' creed. However, the sentiment still applies for these dedicated Bishop Elementary students.

Once a week, Project Green students give up their recess time to take care of our weekly paper dump. They visit every classroom in the building, gather all of our discarded paper, and wheel it outside. It can be quite a heavy load! To date, they have saved about 6 tons of paper from going to the landfill. That equates to the saving of 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4000 kilowatts of energy, and 7000 gallons of water. Bring YOUR discarded paper to the paper bin at the northwest corner of Bishop's parking lot and help us save some more trees!

DR. STEM AT BRICK ELEMENTARY

Dr. STEM visited Brick Elementary to explore “Magic Beads”. The students made bracelets with the beads and were given the challenge to find out why the beads were magic. They used critical thinking during the exploration of the beads and were found many magical properties of the beads.



NHS VOLUNTEER TO HELP HOMELESS

Members of the National Honor Society have been busy in the kitchen. Over the holiday break members volunteered with the Ypsilanti Hunger Coalition and Ann Arbor Vineyard Church to serve meals to the homeless. On January 16, members spent time after school cooking lasagna, beans, garlic bread, and preparing a tossed salad for homeless families at IHN Alpha in Ann Arbor. The members also participated in an hour of kids' activities led by the staff at Alpha House.

Upon returning from the holiday break, Ms. Schwegeler (advisor) received a \$5,000 grant from Lowe's Toolbox for Education for a beautification project for the Arts and Recreation Center. Planning has begun with the Lincoln facilities director and we are excited to begin the transformation of space this spring.



LHS BANDS

The high school bands are off to a great start for their concert season. In December, the Winter Concert was rescheduled due to weather, but nonetheless, the bands performed a wonderful concert of great music for the holidays. The members of the band also visited the middle school to send Mrs. Tornquist off into retirement with the Lincoln Fight Song on her last day at LMS. Best wishes to Mrs. Tornquist!

The members of the band are preparing for their Festival and Solo & Ensemble performances hosted by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association in the coming months. Preparation for the spring trip to Toronto is also in full swing! We are excited to explore the beautiful historic sights in Toronto and visit Niagara Falls. Stay tuned for a future edition of the Communicator for pictures of the trip.

Special mention to senior, Alex Carr, for his selection into the EMU Honors Band which met January 12-14 for intense rehearsals and culminating performance. Alex auditioned for the ensemble in November and was one of five alto saxophones selected for this honor.

The Lincoln Music Department would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Steven Sharp as the new middle school band director. The program is in capable hands with Mr. Sharp and we look forward to him carrying out the excellent standard set by Mrs. Tornquist.

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL CHOIRS HIT A HIGH NOTE

LHS students spent last semester raising their voices in song. The students worked in harmony to perform two full choir concerts. In addition to these concerts, the Men of Lincoln performed at the University of Michigan Bicentennial High School Men's Choir performance while their female counter parts performed at the University of Michigan's Women's Vocal Arts Day. In November, Split Dimensions joined with Vocal Essence to perform with the Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra. The result of these varied performances was not only beautiful music, but also an opportunity for Lincoln High School students to develop their talent, build self-confidence, and enjoy being part of a group.

High school choir students have a stage on which to shine. This year Rachel Jones tried out and made the Regional Honors Choir!



Looking forward, the LHS choirs will be hosting their third annual Sing-a-Thon, February 23 from 7-11pm at the Performing Arts Center. In March the choirs will be performing at District Choral Festival, in April traveling to Chicago, and in May don't miss out on our famous Broadway with a Splash of Pop Concert. Get with the beat and join us for another semester of high notes.

LHS Performing Arts Department Presents: “The Glass Menagerie”

The LHS Theatre Department will be presenting Tennessee Williams’ “The Glass Menagerie” at this year’s MIFA Theatre competition. The MIFA competition is a 3-round judged event in which high schools stage and perform a 1-act play in 45 minutes. The District competition will be held at Novi High School on January 27 and the regional competition will be at Woodhaven High School on February 10. The Department hopes to be invited to the state level competition for the third year in a row. States will be held at Chelsea High School on February 16 and 17.

“The Glass Menagerie” is a memory play, meaning it is told as a memory of the narrator, Tom. It propelled Tennessee Williams from obscurity to fame and solidified his place among American play wrights. It tells the story of a young man who longs to be a poet yet toils in a shoe factory to help support his family; of a mother who fondly remembers the courting days of her youth while worrying about the extracurricular activities of her son and the lack of social interaction of her daughter; of the daughter who secretly drops out of business school and spends her time playing with her glass menagerie and records, and of a surprise Gentleman Caller who lights a spark in the heart of the daughter and but whose own plans for the future prohibit the outcome being orchestrated by the Mother.

“The Glass Menagerie” script was adapted for this production by Drew Bos, and is performed by Drew Bos, Marlene Goss, Evelyn Harvey, and Nathan King. Unique to the MIFA style production is the important role that the 15-20 crew members play, on stage, to spike and strike the set as part of the adjudicated performance.



Other theatre events coming up:

- Auditions for the spring play (Shakespeare’s “A Comedy of Errors”) will be held the week of February 12
- The Department is working with a California-based playwright to do a staged reading of her original adaptation of Victor Hugo’s “The Man Who Laughs” in early April.
- The Children’s Show, tentatively “Curious George”, will also be performed in April.
- “A Comedy of Errors” performances will be May 17-20.

LHS Theatre 2017 – 2018 Season

“The Man Who Laughs” – a staged reading	Early April 2018
The Children’s Show: “Curious George” (tentative)	April 2018
Spring Play: “A Comedy of Errors” (Auditions week for Feb 12)	May 17-20, 2017 NEW DATE
Theatre Awards Night	May 25, 2017

Like us on Facebook to keep track of booster meetings and future productions: www.facebook.com/LincolnTheatreBoosters.

For further information, send an email to boosters@LincolnTheatreBoosters.org. More ways to keep up with Lincoln Theatre:

- Mr. Jacob’s Theatre Page: <http://mjacobs1701.wix.com/theatre-page>
- Theatre Boosters web page: <http://www.lincolnthatreboosters.org/>
- Theatre Boosters email: Boosters@LincolnTheatreBoosters.org

LINCOLN COMMUNITY EDUCATION

www.lincolncommunityeducation.com

Youth Swim Lessons
April 7-May 19 Fee:\$60
Ages 4-11 years old
For more information and registration
visit: www.lincolncommunityeducation.com



The pool is on the west end
of the High School

**Lincoln
High School Pool
Family Swim
Saturdays
1:00-3:00 pm
\$3 per person**

or purchase a
swim pass for \$40 good for 20
visits/guests
no expiration.

**Wednesday
Adult Water Aerobics Class
6:15-7:15 pm**

Register online or a
\$6.00 drop-in fee.



**Starts
February
7th**

www.lincolncommunityeducation.com

**Class and registration
information online**



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Lincoln Riptides Swim Club

Ages 5 to High School
Summer Season: early June- late July *Championships dates TBA
Questions email Coach at lincolnrptides@gmail.com

Adult Lap Swim
Mondays and Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 pm
High School Pool
www.lincolncommunityeducation.com



\$3 per person
or purchase a pool pass!
\$40 for 20 visits
No Expiration

LINCOLN COMMUNITY EDUCATION

www.lincolncommunityeducation.com

25th
Annual
Summer
Program



Offered to incoming Kindergarten and 1st Grade students

Monday-Friday 9 am- 3 pm

July 16-July 20 Fee: \$90

Model Elementary

**For Information and Registration visit
www.lincolncommunityeducation.com**

www.lincolncommunityeducation.com

MARTIAL ARTS YOUTH & ADULT CLASSES



Tuesdays and Thursdays
Youth Class-5 pm (6 years+)
Family Class-6 pm Adult Class-7 pm
\$35 per month \$25 each additional family member
Location: Bishop Elementary Gym



SPRING 2018 SEASON
Register by April 18

Season: April 21 - June 9
ages 4 - 6th Grade

For more information and registration visit
www.lincolncommunityeducation.com



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 tryout/practice for Lincoln 6th –12th grade sports

1. Get a completed physical from a medical doctor, dated after April 15th of 2017
2. Complete and submit to the Athletic Office the "MHSAA Physical Examination Clearance & Consent Form"

High School Athletic Participation - \$140
(\$70 for students receiving free or reduced lunch)

Middle School Athletic Participation -\$100
(\$50 for students receiving free or reduced lunch)

Pay fees online at www.lincolnk12.org

SPOTLIGHTS



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Exciting finish for one of our Youth Basketball games this morning!
Congratulations to Selah Stanley who hit the game-winning shot in OT for her team #SplitterBasketball



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NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

Lincoln High School Senior Derek Thomason signed with Grand Valley State University to play football. #SplitterPride



ATHLETIC OFFICE

734-484-7013



SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018 | 8:00 A.M. START
FINISH AT THE 50-YARD LINE OF MICHIGAN STADIUM
 5K starting at Schembechler Hall and coursing through the UM campus

**\$12 FROM EACH REGISTRATION WILL GO TO SUPPORT
 SIX LOCAL, NON-PROFIT RACE BENEFICIARIES**



Any additional race revenue after race expenses will be distributed to the organizations as well.

REGISTRATION FEES

DECEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 31 FEE: \$25

JANUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 28 FEE: \$35*

MARCH 1 - APRIL 5 FEE: \$45*

***\$5 DISCOUNT FOR KIDS AGED 5 AND UNDER**

Each participant receives a medal and race t-shirt.

Registration closes April 5, 2018, onsite registration *not permitted* on race day.

VISIT MGoBlue.com/bighouse5k FOR MORE RACE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER TODAY!

Spring Fundraiser

Friday-MAY 18, 2018

Saturday-MAY 19, 2018

11:00AM – 5:00PM



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.

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

FEBRUARY

Acupuncture

Tuesdays
12:30pm-2:30pm

Tai Chi

Thursdays
10:45am-11:45am

Lincoln Golden Ages Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 13
10am-11am

Valentine's Party

Wednesday February 14
12:30pm-2:20pm

Healthyme Demonstration

Tuesday, February 26
10am-11am

Movie Fridays

1pm-3pm,

MARCH

Acupuncture

Tuesdays
12:30pm-2:30pm

Tai Chi

Thursdays
10:45am—11:45am

Steadfast Chiropractic Presentation

Tuesday, March 6
10am-11am

Lincoln Golden Ages Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 13
10am-11am

HomeShare Presentation

Shared housing for senior citizens.
Wednesday, March 14
10am-11am

Matter of Balance

Wednesdays March 21 to May 9th
1pm-3pm
A presentation for seniors concerned about balance.

St. Patrick's Day Party

Thursday March 22
12:30pm-2:00pm

Healthyme Demonstration

Tuesday, March 27
10am-11am

Movie Fridays

1pm-3pm

APRIL

Acupuncture

Tuesdays
12:30pm-2:30pm

Tai Chi

Thursdays
10:45am-11:45am

Home Improvement Presentation

Tuesday, April 3
10am-11am

Lincoln Golden Ages Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 11
10am-11am

Healthyme Demonstration

Tuesday, April 24
10am-11am

Movie Fridays

1pm-3pm,

LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS | 2017-2018 MASTER CALENDAR

approved April 24, 2017

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LEGEND							
	No School		New Teacher Professional Development/Orientation		Parent Teacher Conferences Evening		First Day of School
	Half Day		Professional Development		Half Day/ Parent Teacher Conferences P.M. & Evening		Last Day of School- Half Day
	Early Release		Teacher Work Day	22	K-5 Half Day/Parent Teacher Conferences P.M. & Evening	180	Student Days
	Honors Convocation		HS/MS Exams; 6-12 Half Day/ K-5 Full Day	HS/MS Full Day/ Parent Teacher Conferences in the Evening	183	Teacher Days	
	HS Commencement		Senior Final Exams; K-11 Full Day				
AUGUST							
28 New Teacher Professional Development/Orientation							
29 Opening Day-Teacher Work Day							
30 Staff Professional Development							
31 Staff Professional Development							
SEPTEMBER							
1-4 No School-Labor Day Recess							
5 Opening Day with Students-K-5 Elementary A.M. only; 6-12 Secondary full day							
22 Students Released Early; Professional Development P.M. Secondary dismissal 12:23 p.m. Elementary dismissal 1:26 p.m. (Childs 1:11 p.m.)							
OCTOBER							
25 Students K-12 full day; Parent-Teacher Conferences in the evening							
26 Students K-12 a.m. only; Parent-Teacher Conferences in the p.m. & evening							
27 No School							
31 Students Released Early; Professional Development P.M. Secondary dismissal 12:23 p.m. Elementary dismissal 1:26 p.m. (Childs 1:11 p.m.)							
NOVEMBER							
3 End of First Quarter-Secondary							
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.)							
22-24 No School - Thanksgiving Recess – School Resumes November 27th							
DECEMBER							
1 End of Marking Period - Elementary							
15 Students Released Early; Professional Development P.M. Secondary dismissal 12:23 p.m. Elementary dismissal 1:26 p.m. (Childs 1:11 p.m.)							
22 Last day of classes - Winter Recess							
25-5 No School – Winter Recess-School Resumes January 8th							
JANUARY							
15 No School - Martin Luther King Day							
19 Students Released Early; Professional Development P.M. Secondary dismissal 12:23 p.m. Elementary dismissal 1:26 p.m. (Childs 1:11 p.m.)							
24 HS/MS Exams; Secondary students report half day A.M. Elementary students report full day							
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26 HS/MS Exams; Secondary students report half day A.M. Elementary students report full day End of Second Quarter - End of First Semester-Secondary							
29 No School-Teacher Records Day							
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16 Students Released Early; Professional Development P.M. Secondary dismissal 12:23 p.m. Elementary dismissal 1:26 p.m. (Childs 1:11 p.m.)							
19 No School – Presidents Day							
MARCH							
9 End of Marking Period - Elementary							
16 Students Released Early; Professional Development P.M. Secondary dismissal 12:23 p.m. Elementary dismissal 1:26 p.m. (Childs 1:11 p.m.)							
22 Students K-5 Elementary A.M. only; Parent-Teacher Conferences HS/MS Students report full day; Parent-Teacher Conferences in the evening							
23 Students K-12 report A.M. only- Last day of classes-Spring Recess							
26-30 No School-Spring Break-School Resumes April 2nd							
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6 End of Third Quarter-Secondary							
20 Students Released Early; Professional Development P.M. Secondary dismissal 12:23 p.m. Elementary dismissal 1:26 p.m. (Childs 1:11 p.m.)							
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18 Students Released Early; Professional Development P.M. Secondary dismissal 12:23 p.m. Elementary dismissal 1:26 p.m. (Childs 1:11 p.m.)							
21 Senior Final Exams; Student K-11 report full day							
22 Seniors Final Exams; Last Day for Seniors- Students K-11 report full day							
25 Students K-11 report A.M. only							
28 No School-Memorial Day							
30 Honors Convocation-Performing Arts Center							
JUNE							
1 High School Commencement							
12 HS/MS Final Exams; Students 6-11 report A.M. only Students K-5 report full day							
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 A.M. only- Teacher Work Day P.M. Last Day for students and teachers; End of Fourth Quarter							

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DECEMBER 1st

FALL 2018 CLASSES FORMING NOW!

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

For incoming Freshman & New Students

Wednesday, February 21
6:00 p.m.

Lincoln High School
Performing Art Center
484-7004

For incoming 6th grade & New Students

Wednesday, February 28
6:00 p.m.

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!

Tuesday, February 20
6:00 p.m.

Brick Elementary
484-7031

Tuesday, February 27
6:00 p.m.

Bishop Elementary
484-7074

Thursday, February 22
6:00 p.m.

Childs Elementary
484-7035

Spanish Immersion Information Nights 6:00 p.m. at Bishop Elementary

Thursday, March 8 • Tuesday, March 20

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