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May 2007

Dear Lincoln Community,

The 2006/2007 school year is coming to an end and as I look back on this year, I am proud of the many accomplishments we have had despite the financial uncertainty from the State of Michigan.

Our elementary schools have piloted math programs and will be deciding on a new program for the upcoming school year. After-school foreign language programs have been an exciting addition to our elementary schools. Our middle school partnered with the WISD on a math/science grant and because our teachers are taking a leadership role, the middle school will be receiving Smart Boards free of charge. These interactive, computerized boards allow students and teachers to communicate as they work in the areas of math and science. Our high school has started an after-school credit recovery program, which allows students who have previously failed a class to make up a credit, allowing the student to graduate on time.

The Lincoln Educational Achievement Foundation (LEAF) not only came into existence this year, but it raised enough money to award grants to nine teachers for special projects. LEAF also formed our first community festival and brought a carnival to Lincoln Schools.

Just two weeks ago our school community voted for two seats on our Lincoln Board of Education. Congratulations to President Kim Samuelson, who won her second term on our Board. Congratulations also to Mr. Jeremy Keeney, who was elected to a four-year term on the Board of Education. I would like to personally thank Mr. Jeff Stokes for his service on the Lincoln Board of Education. In my two years at Lincoln, it has been a privilege to work with Jeff on numerous projects and committees.

I would like to thank the community for supporting the Headlee Override on the May ballot. Unfortunately, our recreational millage request fell short by a small margin. I will continue to work with the Community Education and Senior Citizens Programs to identify other funding sources.

Our district is facing some tough financial times and our Board of Education will be making some difficult decisions in the next month. Over the last five years we have been supplementing our costs with our fund balance. Unfortunately, this year we will have spent down our fund balance, and next year we will be facing deficit spending.

Graduation will be held at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center on June 1st. Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate the graduation of the Class of 2007.

Have a safe summer!

Fred Williams
Superintendent

School Hours 2006 - 2007

Elementary
8:40 a.m. to 3:41 p.m.
8:50 a.m. to 12:01 p.m.
12:36 p.m. to 3:47 p.m.
8:40 a.m. to 11:41 a.m.
12:40 p.m. to 3:41 p.m.

Middle School/High School
7:40 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.
7:40 a.m. to 10:41 a.m.
11:39 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.
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All Board meetings are held at the Community Center and begin at 7:00 p.m.

June 11
June 25

The Lincoln Educational Achievement Foundation (LEAF) recently completed its first ever grant awards cycle to fund innovation and creativity throughout Lincoln schools. LEAF President Steve Gray (pictured at right) attended the April 16th Board of Education meeting to publicly acknowledge several faculty members who submitted successful grant applications. In total, LEAF distributed $3,000 to fund programs ranging from large scale land-form models for 7th grade science students to supplies for an after-school academic team centered on advanced math and grammar concepts.

LEAF is a non-profit (501c3), volunteer organization that raises money to support academic enrichment programs at Lincoln Consolidated Schools. For additional information, please visit http://www.lincolnleaf.org
Lincoln Senior Heidi Guck was awarded a $500 scholarship by the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemans Association coaches. Heidi will attend MSU in the fall. In addition, she is a recipient of the MSU 4-H scholarship that will provide her a quarter tuition for four years. Heidi is a dedicated Lincoln student and active within her community on many levels.

Congratulations to Lincoln Senior Amanda Nemeth, two time National Champion as an eleven year member of the Hockettes Synchronized Ice Skating team at the Cube in Ann Arbor. Amanda is a third generation Lincoln alum. We are proud of her and wish her well.

Singers Tamra Edwards (senior) and Paul Bowling (junior) auditioned and won seats in this year’s MSVMA Regional Honors Choir. The choir performed on December 2 at Northville High School. Congratulations to these fine singers for their hard work and preparation!

This year’s Ypsilanti Chamber of Commerce E3 Award winners for Lincoln were teachers, Jackie Shock and Nancy Bielak for the Bessie Hoffman Elementary Career Fair, a multigrade program designed to start kids thinking about college and career training at the elementary school level. The E3 Awards - Exemplary Educational Endeavors - are given each year to programs in area schools that serve “as a model of excellence that can be perpetuated at other schools.” Lincoln Schools had seven nominated programs submitted to this year’s competition.
Looking to the Future at Lincoln Schools
Richard Schaffner, Curriculum Director

It is spring at last, and with spring comes new challenges and the potential for great new opportunities! A part of our challenge is changing the face of mathematics and its increased emphasis on new topics, objectives, and assessments. Forecasting these changes, the Director of Curriculum, in conjunction with the District Math Committee and the Board Curriculum Committee, has recently decided to adopt the Kent County Collaborative Core Curriculum (KC4) to replace the existing K-8 mathematics curriculum. KC4 is aligned with the Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations, as well the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics standards. It is utilized by many school districts in Michigan.

High School Curriculum Enhancements. Lincoln High School is also overhauling its curriculum and developing all new course outlines to meet the new High School Content Expectation guidelines for incoming freshman next year. Full implementation of the new math curriculum and new programming K-12 is scheduled for the fall, upon the approval by Lincoln Consolidated School Board of Education in June.

Foreseeing a Technology-Enhanced Future. Lincoln Schools is working in conjunction with the Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) and through additional grant sources to provide an opportunity to install Smart Boards in math classes at the secondary (6-12) level, with training scheduled in the fall. This technology has been piloted since 2004 at Lincoln High School by AP Math teacher Dan Stearn. These large interactive computer whiteboards offer a bundle of possibilities that are nearly limitless!

Project Lead the Way. In addition, the Director of Curriculum, along with Middle School Principal Lynn Cleary, created a partnership with Eastern Michigan University College of Technology Education to develop and implement a pre-engineering program available to seventh and eighth graders next fall. Project Lead the Way, a non-profit organization, is in several schools around the country. Lincoln Middle School will be only the second school in Michigan committed to this program by fall. Similar to Mr. Nuzzo’s T.I.D.E. (Technology, Innovation, Design and Engineering) program in the high school, Project Lead the Way is an integrated math, science, and technology program using project based learning aimed at getting kids hooked on higher-level mathematics and engineering as a career path. The goal is to expand this program as more interest generates and to offer many different PLTW options in all grades. For more information, contact the Middle School or the Curriculum Office.

These are just a few of the exciting opportunities unfolding as we continue to honor our commitment of excellence to our students by seeking out new and exciting opportunities that will further enhance our students’ academic experience. Lincoln Schools is truly a great place to learn, and now is a great time to be a student at Lincoln!
Lincoln Fight Song

Fight on --- for Lincoln High School
Far be her fame.
Fight fair forever
Greater be her name --- Rah! Rah!
Rah!
On --- for Lincoln High School
Hail the Grey and Blue.
Ever for her glory
Our best to you.
Lincoln Early Childhood Services

The Early Childhood Center, located in Model Elementary School, offers a range of comprehensive services for children from birth through age 5. The center utilizes a model that emphasizes that parents are a child’s first, best, and most influential teachers.

The Early Childhood Center also includes classrooms for Michigan Readiness, Early Childhood Developmentally Delayed, and the integration of Lincoln’s Early–On Program with First Steps Washtenaw. The goal of the center is to establish a primary prevention community available to all 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

We are now accepting applications for the 2007-2008 pre-school program. Children who will be 4 years of age by December 1, 2007 and meet income guidelines are eligible. For eligibility information, contact the Early Childhood Center at 484-7070.

First Steps Washtenaw

Enrollment for the First Steps Washtenaw program is ongoing. This program offers play groups for children birth through age 5. Families enroll in First Steps when they attend their first playgroup session. Call the school office for the schedule.

Any parent or guardian with concerns about their child’s development are encouraged to contact the Lincoln Early Childhood Center at 484-7070.

Need Before- or After-School Care?

Bemis Farms Preschool and Daycare in Saline provides preschool and before- and after-school care in the Lincoln Consolidated Schools. Programs include:

- Pre-Kindergarten
- K-Wrap Enrichment
- Extended Care

Bemis Farms also provides all-day or half-day care for those days when Lincoln Schools are closed for conferences, in-service training, or weather. For an informational or enrollment packet, please call 734-944-1709 or visit us online at www.bemisfarmsdaycare.com.
The District Technology Services Department continues to implement cost saving measures while continuing to support the district’s state-of-the-art technological environment. The Washtenaw Intermediate School District working with local district technology directors, has been working to consolidate technology equipment purchases, maintenance contracts and services as a means to contain costs. The Lincoln Technology Services budget utilizes around 1% of the district’s $44 million budget. Although this represents a small percentage of the district’s operational budget, each and every dollar saved helps contain district expenditures.

Additionally, the Lincoln District has implemented other cost saving items in the areas of telecommunications and energy education. To save on telecommunications, the Lincoln district has changed local and long distance telecommunication providers and renegotiated our Nextel/Sprint cell phone contract, saving the district $30,000 over the next school year. In the freshman year of using the Energy Education Program, the Cost Avoidance Project Reports show the district on course for predicted savings as a result of district-wide energy conservation efforts. The annual report will be presented to the Lincoln Board of Education in August.

What’s Going On?

**Lincoln Food Service hits the web:** Parents will be able to access student account information via the Internet starting with the 2007-2008 school year. Parents will be able to deposit funds, track purchases, and monitor their child’s lunch accounts.

**District Safety and Compliance Council:** A District Crisis Team subcommittee, consisting of administrators, social workers, and psychologists, has adopted a Suicide and Homicide Threat Procedure for district staff. The procedure outlines the steps to evaluate the credibility of a threat, flow of information, chain of command, and follow-up documentation. The procedures will become part of the district’s staff handbook and crisis response procedure manuals. All district staff will attend professional development sessions this next fall to review the procedures as part of a mental health awareness campaign.

**Lincoln’s New Web Presence:** Lincoln will be updating their web page design and functionality starting this next fall. We are excited to offer parents the ability to subscribe to email distribution lists that will send out communications in real time, conduct online surveys, and will send email reminders of upcoming events. We see this as a major step forward in improving our ability to communicate with parents and community.
DISTRICT DRIVING & PARKING SAFETY

The Augusta Township Fire Marshall has requested the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department to begin strict enforcement of vehicles violating fire lane parking restrictions. Any vehicle found to be in violation of the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code will receive a citation for the violation discovered by law enforcement. Vehicles found illegally parked in fire lanes can and will be towed at the owner’s expense.

Additionally persons parking illegally in the designated handicapped parking zones will be cited. These designated handicapped spaces are clearly marked and photos of the violation will be taken for evidentiary purposes. This violation is a $150.00 fine.

The district’s law enforcement officer will be conducting random patrol enforcement DISTRICT WIDE. Citations will be issued for persons found in violation of the Motor Vehicle Code. This includes stop signs and speed limits on district property.

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.lincoln.k12.mi.us
- Comcast Cable Channel 22 (available in York, Augusta, Van Buren, and Sumpter Townships)
- The Communicator Newsletter

If you have any suggestions, comments, or questions feel free to contact John McGehee at 734.484.7000 ext. 7274
jmcgehee@gw.lincoln.k12.mi.us

LINCOLN WEB ADVISORY TEAM

Lincoln Consolidated Schools is redesigning the district website. We’re looking for community volunteers to serve on the Lincoln Web Advisory Team. The advisory team will provide guidance and advice to the district on matters related to the website, including design, training, and promotion of the site.

If you are interested, please contact Vicki Coury at 734.484.7000 ext. 7121 or couryv@lincoln.k12.mi.us.
Develop a home fire escape plan today…
It could save your life tonight!

If a fire occurred in your home tonight, would your family get out safely? Everyone must know what to do and where to go when the smoke alarm sounds. Take a few minutes with everyone in your household to make a home fire escape plan, following the instructions below:

1. **Draw a floor plan of your home.**
   You should draw a floor plan for each level of your home.

2. **Include all possible emergency exits**
   Draw in all the doors, windows and stairways. This will show you and your family all possible escape routes at a glance. Include any features, such as the roof of a garage or porch, that would help in your escape.

3. **Show two ways out of every room, if possible.**
   The door will be the main exit from each room. However, if the door is blocked by smoke or fire, identify an alternate escape route, which could be a window. Make sure that all windows can open easily and that everyone knows how to escape through them to safety. If windows have security bars, equip them with quick-releasing devices.

4. **Does anyone need help to escape?**
   Decide in advance who will assist the very young, older adults or people with disabilities in your household. A few minutes of planning will save valuable seconds in a real emergency.

5. **Choose a meeting place outside.**
   Choose a meeting place a safe distance from your home that everyone will remember. A tree, street light or a neighbor’s home are all good choices. In case of fire, everyone will go directly to this meeting place so they can be accounted for.

6. **Call the fire department from outside your home.**
   Don’t waste valuable seconds calling the fire department from inside your home. Once you have safely escaped, call the fire department from a cell phone or a neighbor’s home.

7. **Practice your escape.**
   Review the plan with everyone in your household. Walk through the escape routes for each room with the entire family. Use this walk-through exercise to check your escape routes, making sure all exits are practical and easy to use. Then hold a fire drill twice a year and time how long it takes. In a real fire, you must react without hesitation as your escape routes may be quickly blocked by smoke or flames.

*If you live in a high-rise apartment building, contact the building management for information on your building’s fire safety plan.*

Remember:
- Plan two ways out of every room, if possible.
- Hold a fire drill twice a year.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and outside all sleeping areas.

For more information about home fire escape planning, contact your local fire department.

*This article courtesy of the Fire Prevention Division of the Augusta Charter Township Fire Department.*
CHILDS MEDIA CENTER WELCOMES PATRICIA POLACCO

Award-winning author Patricia Polacco will be visiting Childs Elementary School on June 1st. She will be speaking to our students during the school day about the history behind the stories she writes and how she overcame her challenges with her learning disability. She has written many children’s books including *The Keeping Quilt*, *Thank You, Mr. Falker* and, most recently, *Something About Hensley’s* which features one of our students.

On the evening of June 1st at 7:30 p.m., the community is invited to enjoy Ms. Polacco’s presentation and book signing at Childs Elementary School. Patricia’s presentations are not that of your typical “storyteller.” Her presentations deal with not only her books, but also her learning disabilities, her family, heroic teachers in her life, and the pain she suffered from teasing. Due to the limited seating, we will be selling tickets from May 14th to May 27th for $1.00 in the Childs Media Center. Ms. Polacco will be signing books following her presentation. Books will be available for purchase the evening of the event.

LINCOLN DISTRICT WIDE K-12 ART SHOW

The 26th annual District Wide Art Show will be held May 22, 23, and 24th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the High School media center/turned art gallery. With thousands of wonderful student art pieces on display, it is both exciting and amazing to see how talented our Lincoln youth are. The show features a wide range of different types of art including a variety of sculptures, ceramic and jewelry pieces, paintings, and drawings from our students in grades K-12. Parents, community members, staff, and students are all invited to browse through the art gallery and view the fabulous art work. The Art Department teachers would like to congratulate all students who have work on display and encourage them to continue in their art endeavors. We would also like to thank the hundreds of parents and community members for their support of this years District Wide Art Show and encourage our youth to strive for success not only in their academics, but also in their Art!
LHS MEDIA CENTER HOSTS ANNUAL TEEN POETRY SLAM

Pioneer High School English teacher Jeff Kass, an acclaimed local poet and Poet Laureate for the Ann Arbor Public Schools, returned to perform at Lincoln High School April 5th in honor of National Poetry Month. Kass brought along his troupe of five accomplished teen poets, most of which attend Ann Arbor Schools, and performed live poetry to the LHS student body in the form of a poetry slam. Poetry slams are growingly popular spoken-word performances where amateurs and professionals alike take turns at the microphone reciting or free-forming their own often-original poetry.

The annual event is always free to students, as Kass’ troupe was sponsored by the Lincoln High School Media Center Program’s fund raising, organized by Kyle Kipp, LHS Media Specialist. The money was raised by food sales, as well as donations from local businesses including Pfizer Inc., Ypsilanti Kiwanis Club, General Motors Corp., and Benito’s Pizza.

Also bringing down the house were surprise guest appearances by Lincoln High School students Megan Carey, Jalynn Jones, Alex Sprout, and Andrew Timmerman, as well as LHS support staff member Joel Erby.

Being one of the most highly anticipated and inspirational high school assemblies of the year, Kipp looks forward to treating Lincoln High School students to the event again next April, with the help of continued fund raising support.

For Parent Advisory Team Information, check online at www.lincoln.k12.mi.us.
Check your individual school’s web site.
LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL CHOIRS
Mrs. Karen Nevins, Director

This year’s choirs are stronger than ever. Women’s Chorus has grown to develop an exceptional First Division rating at festival. Men of Lincoln saw excellent growth in numbers with the registration of several new freshmen singers and first time upper classmen wishing to sing. With so many new singers these men produce a mature choral sound everyone loves to hear! Meanwhile, Concert Women have met the challenge of more challenging literature; and Split Dimensions continue to live up to their legacy as ambassadors for the community! Both choirs received straight I’s at festivals!

Split Dimensions debuted a piece from Coldwater High School student composer Costas Daphnis at the October 25th fall concert. A second piece was premiered at the Senior Center’s anniversary luncheon. Superintendent Fred Williams spoke of his delight for the fine work these girls were doing. Mrs. Nevins post-commissioned these pieces to honor 2006-07 Split Dimensions. Recently elected by MSVMA colleagues to conduct the 2007 Region A and 2008 State Honors Choirs (Grand Rapids), Mrs. Nevins has included this piece in her concert program.

Delighted that this year’s Holiday Concert was not cancelled for snow again, it was a fine show! The concert featured the Holiday Booster Choir’s comic rendition of the “Twelve Days of Christmas.” The piece got rather rowdy as Mr. McGehee took the part of ringmaster of dueling sopranos, Mrs. Micik and Mrs. Withrow, as they challenged one another for the position of “Five Gold Rings.” Superintendent, Mr. Williams and McGehee looked quite dashing as they portrayed “Lords a-leaping” and all the men brought the audience to hysterics as they portrayed “eight maids a-milking.”

The MSVMA District Solo and Ensemble festival was at EMU on February 10th. Several students prepared solos and ensembles for excellent ratings. Split Dimensions, too, participated in this festival as a large ensemble. Lincoln High School choirs co-hosted the MSVMA District Middle School Choral Festival at the high school on March 23rd and 24th where both Lincoln MS and HS choirs participated. Lincoln choirs fared well, sending MS and HS choirs on to the state level.

Choir students traveled to Chicago on May 5-7th to see “Wicked,” the Blue Man Group, and various Chicago Highlights. The year will end with the annual Pop’s Concert Cabaret on May 23rd, the Choir Awards Banquet 4:30-6:30 on May 29th, and a Mixed Concert Choir performance at Commencement. In celebration of a fine year, students will make their annual amusement park trip on June 12th.
“And the nights over Baghdad were whiter than the days”

LHS DRAMA ENDS SUCCESSFUL YEAR WITH ARABIAN NIGHTS

“Come into my house, stranger.” So commands one of the many characters in Mary Zimmerman’s Arabian Nights, a dramatized version of The Thousand and One Nights of ancient Arabia. This fantastical production was the choice for the spring drama of the Lincoln High School Drama Department.

“The show in general was good for me to start with. The lines aren’t at all difficult to memorize, and I get to hold a knife to a girl’s throat all day – what’s not fun about that?” joked sophomore Rick Meurs concerning his first role.

Meurs plays Shayrar, a king whose wife cheated on him and leads him to marry and kill a virgin every night to avoid heartbreak. When Shayrar takes in Scheherazade, played by sophomore Amanda Sumrall, she tells the vengeful king tales every night to prolong her execution and protect her sister Dunyazade, played by sophomore Rachel Gottman.

“This show was so different from Beauty and the Beast!” exclaimed Gottman, who portrayed Chip in the fall’s musical.

This production proved to be quite a challenge for many Drama Club members who are used to less symbolic scripts. Nights is full of archetypes, a departure from last year’s The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie, a fiercely realistic, deep drama.

“Through the long hours, the sleep deprivation, the massive amounts of junk food, I still find the experience rewarding – even if the reward may be being sleep-deprived and being a few pounds heavier,” remarked junior Analea Lessenberry, who portrayed Jane in the competition play, Identity Crisis.

That play, along with The Man in the Bowler Hat, comprised Lincoln’s entry into the regional MIFA competition, as well as the Mid-Michigan Theatre Festival. At the same time as the competition plays, Lincoln showcased students’ directorial abilities through its One-Act Festival. Junior Sara Bamrick and senior Mitch Goldsmith both elected to direct and produce their own shows starring students not cast in the competition play.

The beginning of the year found the Drama Club at a peak; ticket sales for Beauty and the Beast exceeded any previous show. Starring senior Jansen Withrow as the Beast and senior Liliana Nowaczewski and Sumrall as Belle on alternating nights, Beauty and the Beast set a new benchmark for the department.

And with Arabian Nights and the touring Children’s Show both on the horizon as of press time, the year is surely looking up and setting a solid precedent for next year, when the department is looking to tackle Macbeth!
FIRST GRADERS REWARDED AT CAMP READ-A-LOT

On April 25, 2007 Ms. Bieber and Mrs. Boterenbrood’s classrooms held their annual “Camp-Read-a-Lot” at Brick Elementary. This was a reward for students working hard to meet their reading goals for March is Reading Month. The two classrooms had a camping-like atmosphere where students were involved in reading and camping crafts based around a camping theme. On this day students dressed like campers and brought in their favorite book to read. Students read stories inside a tent, played Frog Pond Math, fished in the Mixed-Up Reading Pond and made a camping craft. Students enjoyed a “fish bowl snack” during “Camp-Read-a-Lot”.

Ms. Bieber and Mrs. Boterenbrood would like to thank all of the parents who donated materials and their time for this fun event. This was a great success!! Awesome job first graders for meeting your reading goal for the month of March!

BRICK’S READING MONTH HAPPENINGS

“Read Around the World” was March’s theme for Reading Month at Brick. We had continent-themed posters in the halls for students to recommend books to others, and also to find recommendations from others. We had a great time finding out all the books our school loved. A reading contest was held as well. Each student was challenged to read 20 minutes each night. If the student read 560 minutes for the month, he or she earned a free Kids’ Meal from Applebee’s. We had 223 students earn their goal! Classes challenged each other weekly as part of our contest. Each class tried to read more minutes than the other classes in their grade. The weekly winners earned the “Reading Cup” trophy for that week. Most grades’ challenges were very close, so the trophies continued to move from room to room each week. We were very spirited readers! The school read 310,126 minutes total for the month of March! At the end of the month, the ten classes who earned an average of 560 minutes per student were entered into a raffle for classroom pizza parties. Those lucky class winners were Ms. Bieber, Mrs. Throne, Mrs. Fouchey, Miss Yost and Ms. Modzelewski. Another activity during reading month was our Literacy Night featuring a special guest speaker, Mrs. Jan Hale. She is the grandmother to two of our students, Kayla Hale and Cassidy Hale, and also a special friend and former colleague of Mrs. Hendricks. Thanks, Mrs. Hale! We had a terrific time with your stories! Attendees earned a coupon for a free cone at Hershey’s Ice Cream and Grill.
A DAY AT THE BEACH

Lying on colorful beach towels, wearing Hawaiian shirts with vibrant leis and reading under the palm trees is how kindergartners spent their time at the Model Elementary Annual Beach Day. As a reward for reaching their reading goals, the children were encouraged to bring their beach towel and favorite book to enjoy “on the beach”. Everyone had a great time!

FIRE SAFETY MAKES SPARKS AT CHILDS

On March 29th, the students at Childs Elementary were amazed by Johnny Lighting as he performed magic to reenforce the message of fire safety. With help from audience members and a little slight of hand, he reminded the students of different fire safety tips. On hand were members of the Prevention Division of the Augusta Township Fire Department.

REDNER PRINCIPAL GETS SLIMED!

By Redner Students, Lorrynda Walthall and Lauryn Hood

April 18th and the Redner cafeteria is filled with kids. On April 18, 2007, all these kids get to see their principal walk through slime! Principal David Northrop, of Redner Elementary, made a deal with the whole school. If they read at least 800 hours, he agreed to walk through slime. If students read 700 hours, he would be taped to a chair and rolled down the hallway. If the students read 600 hours, they would see their principal get wrapped in toilet paper. Redner students read over 1,000 hours and saw their principal do all of these crazy things. First he picked three volunteers from a treasure chest to wrap him up in toilet tissue. Next he was taped to a chair and pushed down the cafeteria walkway. Devin McCallister, Cameron York, and Jacob Rogers pushed him around taped to his chair. Finally, THE SLIME! Mr. Northrop took off his shoes and socks and wiggled his toes, then put first his toes in the slime, then his feet in. And believe it or not he ate it!

What a great way to encourage reading!
LHS STUDENTS RECIEVE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

On Monday, May 21st, over 300 students from the high school will be honored for their academic achievement in an assembly with their parents and administration. Students needed to earn a 3.2 GPA for the two preceding semesters to participate in the program. Students will receive their academic chenille letter and a certificate. During their succeeding years, the student earns a lamp of knowledge to acknowledge their status and honor.

Also during this assembly, the senior scholar athletes will receive their awards from Athletic Director Mr. Sid Wright. Some of the honorees include four-year athletic participants, seniors with a 3.5 GPA participating in at least one sport in their last year, or with a 3.2 GPA in two sports during their senior year. Students and their parents look forward to this annual event.

ACADEMIC GAMES TEAM COMES HOME STATE CHAMPS

Brick’s Academic Games team was at the State Tournament in Grand Rapids and did a fabulous job! They were the State Champions in Presidents, 2nd place in their division in Equations, and 3rd place in their division in Onsets. The students who competed were: Andrew Hart, Hunter Bullock, Nick Ciaramitaro, Imani Small, Kayla Hale, and Jason Craven. Their coaches were Jane Yang (a Lincoln High School senior) and Lisa Malboeuf (a Lincoln High School teacher). We are all extremely proud of this group of students who did so well their first year of competition.

LMS QUIZ BOWL

On March 10, 2007, the Southeast Michigan Middle Level Administrators’ Association sponsored the annual Quiz Bowl at Mill Creek Middle School in Dexter. Fifteen Lincoln students representing grades 6, 7, and 8 participated in this challenging and fun event that tests students’ knowledge in all academic subjects. Everyone had a great time!
LHS STUDENTS ARE WINNERS AT THE CCNA ALL ACADEMY DAY

Last May students from Lincoln’s Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) class participated in an All Academy Day where Local Cisco Academies from all over southeast Michigan gathered to test their skills against each other. In a friendly competition where small teams of students were created from random groupings of attending academies, Lincoln had students in both the first and second place winning teams. CCNA is a demanding class on par with AP classes and has a provision for transfer of credits to eligible students attending the networking program at Henry Ford Community College. The program helps prepare students for other computer related courses and can assist with rewarding career opportunities right out of high school. Our students are excited about the challenge of this year’s CCNA All Academy Day again taking place at the Henry Ford Community College M-TEC Center.

Anthony Bielak, Eugene Peterson, and Sam Bunker (left to right) are current CCNA students and participants in the Cisco CCNA All Academy Day.

Eugene Peterson is a current Lincoln CCNA student and second place winner in the Cisco CCNA All Academy Day competition.

TURNING THE T.I.D.E AT LINCOLN

Mr. J.T. Nuzzo’s advanced Research & Experimentation class, as do all the pre-engineering design and technology classes, deals with T.I.D.E. (Technology, Innovation, Design, Engineering). Currently the class is designing and building full-size working Hovercrafts.

For current progress on this exciting interdisciplinary unit visit the Technology & Design student web site at: http://web.lincoln.k12.mi.us/Buildings/HS/nuzzo/index.html. Click on Research & Experimentation 2006-07.

L to R back row Doug Britton, Daniel Ostrowski, Alan Navarre, Matt Zielinski, Jacob Tran, Kyle Shahinian

L to R front row: Joseph Bullock, Vince Snyder, Mr. Nuzzo, Tony Briones, Alex Aldridge, Scott Holmes
IT'S TOOL TIME!

Model Elementary students were enthralled as parents shared the tools of their careers and hobbies during Model’s “Tool Time” day on April 26, 2007. Parents shared information on careers as a Stamping Consultant, Electronic Sales Representative, Nurse Practitioner, Commercial Roofing Company Owner, Professional Hair Designer, NICU Nurse, EMT, Physician’s Assistant, and Chemist.

BESSION HOFFMAN MIDDLE HOUSE TAKES ON HISTORY

Students in the Middle House (2nd and 3rd grades) at Bessie Hoffman Elementary wrote and presented reports about “Honorable Americans” as part of a late winter homework assignment. The results were impressive and diverse. The students’ projects graced the hallways for others to read and enjoy throughout early spring.

Currently, the Middle House students and teachers are embarking on a study of colonial life as a lead-in to studies of the American Revolutionary War. A sample of some of our activities would include Mrs. Shock’s class making wooden “trenchers.” Also, after reading one of the “If You Lived . . .” books together, they reenacted the once-per-month activities men would often do with their sons. These involved races, wrestling, and shooting. (Students used racing, shooting paper wrappers with straws, and arm-wrestling.) Mrs. Cannon’s class made homemade gingerbread using a recipe from the 1700’s.

Mrs. Taylor’s class recently published their own book of fables, with a contribution from each student. Copies are in the Bessie Hoffman Media Center for public reading.

Ms. Cline’s class had a pizza party on April 20th to say goodbye to their student teacher, Ms. Bartlett. The students enjoyed having Ms. Bartlett, and all the activities she planned for them.

THEY'VE GOT CHEMISTRY

Redner 5th graders in Mrs. Boles, Ms. Duncan, Mrs. LaFrance, and Ms. Verbeke’s classrooms researched chemical elements in Mrs. Ryburg’s technology education lab. The students demonstrated what they learned by making PowerPoint slide shows, 3D models, and posters, which they presented in their regular classrooms.
MODEL JUMPS ROPE FOR HEART
Physical Education teacher Mr. Ron Thornton coordinated the annual Jump Rope For Heart fund raiser at Model Elementary. Jump Rope for Heart promotes the value of physical activity to elementary school children while showing them they can contribute to their community’s welfare. Thanks to the remarkable efforts of Model Elementary School families, $1,054 was raised for the fight against heart disease and stroke.

REDNER’S PAJAMAS FOR PETS
The cost of new Pajamas that will impress all of your friends = $15.00
The cost of wearing your Pajamas at school = $1.00 or 1 can of pet food or pet toy
The opportunity to help creatures great and small in our community = Priceless

In light of the recent cuts in grant funding for the local Humane Society, and to teach children to care about all creatures great and small, Redner’s Student Council and Giving Committee joined together and created a fun-filled Friday event for the month of February. All proceeds raised went to the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

In all, Ms. Von was able to present them with three boxes of food, one box of toys, and $477.00! GREAT JOB, REDNER!

1ST ANNUAL DISTRICT-WIDE CHESS TOURNAMENT
The Childs Elementary Chess Club hosted its first ever all-District Chess Tournament on Friday, May 11, 2007. The tournament was open to all Lincoln District students from grades 1 thru 5 who know how to play chess. All participants received a medal and were entered into a drawing for a new chess set.
LHS FRESHMAN TAKE ON GLOBAL WARMING

The staff and students of the Lincoln Freshman Academy spent the week of April 30, 2007 learning about Global Warming. Within each core subject area, classes were dedicated to informing students of the issues surrounding this ongoing dilemma. On May 3rd, the 2010 class spent two hours gardening; many plants and trees were planted outside of the high school freshman wing. Items and supplies were donated from the community and the Lincoln Education Association. In addition, recycling items were brought in prior to the event to stress the overall importance of recycling. Due to this, students wrote letters to administrators and school leaders addressing reasons as to why a district/school-wide recycling program should be implemented. All students and staff learned that multiple proactive measures can be taken to combat the effects of Global Warming.

EARTH DAY AT BESSIE HOFFMAN

The Bessie Hoffman Lower House celebrated Earth Day by cleaning up the school grounds. Each child was supplied with a plastic glove and a shopping bag to collect litter from around the school. The litter was then sorted by its type (glass, paper, tin, plastic, miscellaneous) and discussions and readings concerning keeping our earth clean, conserving resources and being a responsible earth inhabitant followed throughout the next week.

WORLD TOUR

During the eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C., the eighth graders that stayed at Lincoln Middle School went on a world tour of their own with their fellow classmates. Each eighth grade team was assigned a continent and the students then designed a travel brochure on the country of their choice on that continent. The students then planned a station that the other students could visit highlighting some aspect of their continent or country. The stations included: continent maps, country flags, art, food, dance, music, and much more. The eighth grade corridor has been transformed into a global showcase of culture, as the students have posted many of their projects there.
PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY SPONSORED BY NAAPID

On Monday, February 12, 2007, Lincoln Consolidated Schools hosted Parent Involvement day sponsored by NAAPID (Nation African American Parent Involvement Day). Each school sponsored activities designed to get parents more involved with their children's educational lives. When parents are involved with their children and involved with the school, their children experience greater academic success. All parents were invited and encouraged to attend.

Held during Black History Month, students performed musical pieces, presented plays on African-American History, and designed “African American Hero” posters. Parents were invited into the classrooms and treated to lunch in the cafeteria.

LMS CELEBRATES CINCO DE MAYO

Cinco De Mayo is a national holiday in Mexico. On May 5, 1862, General Zaragoza and his Mexican forces defeated the French in a battle at Puebla. The battle symbolized the strength and determination of the Mexican people.

Here at LMS, the students are taught as much culture as possible during the year. The students learn about the holidays, art, and dance. This evening the students will be dancing Cha Cha Cha, A Cumbia, Tango, La Raspa (The Scraper), and Los Machetes, which are traditional dances of Mexico.

La fiesta began with dinner (Mexican dishes) and the High School Jazz Band. Then the students did their presentations. The evening ended with the students singing a song about La Piñata and taking turns breaking it. Thanks to Sams Club for their donation and the teachers (Mr. Gordon, Ms. Bonilla, Mr. Armstrong, Ms. Boyd, and Ms. Looker) that participated in the program.
LHS CHOIRS TAKE THE WINDY CITY BY STORM

Members of the Lincoln High School Choirs took Chicago by storm. We visited the Windy City on an educational mission (of course, there were the inevitable shopping trips). Early Saturday morning, we boarded the coach for the drive, arriving shortly before noon on the Magnificent Mile. Afterwards we went to a production double header of “Wicked” and the famous “Blue Man Group.” During the Blue Man performance, two of our group were included in the festivities of the show. Sunday started with a brief trip to the Museum of Science and Industry. Many of the group went to see the coal mine exhibit, or the featured exhibit of the revamped U-505 submarine, or the doll house and miniature circus, or carved boat displays; so much with so little time. Then off to the Chicago Underworld, where we met a “gangster that goes by the name of Pork Chop.” He took our bus hostage and while driving around Chicago, he showed us many of the highlights of Chicago’s Underworld hot spots. Then it was off to Tommy Gunn’s Garage for their Underworld Interactive Dinner Theatre of song, dance, and skits; where both Mrs. Nevins and Mr. Jacobs got into the act. Monday began our way back to Lincoln with a visit to the top of “Big John,” the John Hancock Building, featuring spectacular views of Chicago’s skyline, Lake Michigan, and various states. Our last Chicagoan stop was at the famous Navy Pier; we shopped, ate, went on rides, and toured the boats in the harbor. Finally, the trip back to Lincoln started, as did listening to the students discuss the fun they had in the Windy City, the places they want to revisit later with their families, and the things they learned about Chicago they never knew before. Great fun!

MODEL STUDENTS BLOWN AWAY BY RED CROSS TORNADO SAFETY

On April 24, 2007, kindergartners at Model Elementary attended an assembly on tornado safety. Members of the Washtenaw Red Cross performed a skit for the students to learn the basics of tornado safety. The children helped out with sound effects and demonstrated their attentiveness by answering questions from the performers.
THANK YOU to everyone who shared their time and talents with Lincoln Schools this past year!

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Elementary students from around the district show off their talent at each school’s annual talent show.
LINCOLN GOLDEN AGES SENIOR CENTER

Are you 55 or older? The mature adults of the Lincoln School District would like to invite you to join us at the Lincoln Golden Ages Senior Center. We are always busy creating crafts, going on trips, playing cards and bingo, enjoying educational classes, learning to dance and, of course, exercising with the best instructors in Washtenaw County. The membership cost for the entire year is only $10.00, with activities such as swimming, art classes, meeting new friends, sharing hot meals four days each week, and much, much more. Stop by and meet these warm, friendly people. The center is located in Brick Elementary, west doors. For more information, contact the Lincoln Senior Center at 734-484-7000 ext. 7557.

ARE YOU A SENIOR CITIZEN IN NEED?

Would you like information about services to which you may be entitled? Do you have questions about Housing, Taxes, Home/Yard Maintenance Issues, Spousal Care, Care Giver Care, Abuse, Drug/Alcohol Issues, Legal Services or any other concerns?

A new neighborhood program called Community Volunteers can help you learn more about, and connect with, agencies and services that are available to assist you. To learn more about this exciting program call one of your community volunteers who is trained to help. This program is committed to maintaining your confidentiality.

Mary Domas or Edna Smith
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LINCOLN YOUTH FOOTBALL/CHEERLEADING CLUB
Openings on all squads for football & cheerleading for ages 8 - 14

Practice begins August 8, 2007. Practice is held five days a week until school starts, then four days a week with a game on Saturday or Sunday.

There will be a total of eight games, four home and four away. The game times are usually: Freshman - 12:00 noon, JV - 2:00 p.m. and Varsity - 4:00 p.m.
The players are asked to be there two hours before game time for warm up, weigh-ins etc. Home games are held on the Lincoln High School football field. You must provide transportation to all games.

Visit our website at www.lincolnyouthfootballclub.com
Jennifer LaBombarbe
734-483-3975
For Athletic Schedules, check online at www.lincoln.k12.mi.us

PUBLIC NOTICE
The annual report of the ORLO H. WRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP FUND is available at the address noted for inspection during regular school hours by any citizen who so requests.

Lincoln Consolidated Schools
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JUNIOR EQUESTRIAN TEAM MEET
Saturday, June 2nd
at the Sanford Rd. Fairgrounds

Students interested in competing on the high school team during the meets in September, contact Roxanne Mayville at 484-7006 or Mrs. Kelly Huling at 484-7055 with their information

For Clubs & Activities information, check online at www.lincoln.k12.mi.us.
## May
- **9** No students a.m.-NCA/School Improvement; Students report p.m. only
- **24** Senior Final Exams (4th, 5th, & 6th hours); K-12 full day of school
- **25** Senior Final Exams (1st, 2nd, & 3rd hours); K-12 full day of school; Last day for seniors
- **28** Memorial Day Recess—No classes

## June
- **1** Commencement—7:00 p.m.
- **6** HS/MS Final Exams (1st & 2nd hours); Students 6-11 report a.m. only; Students K-5 report all day
- **7** Only p.m. kindergarten reports; no a.m. kindergarten; HS/MS Final Exams (3rd & 4th hours); Students 6-11 report a.m. only; Students 1-5 report all day
- **8** HS/MS Final Exams (5th & 6th hours); Last day for students; K-11 report a.m. only; Teacher workday in p.m.; Last day for teachers

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**Summer Striders Running Program**  
**6/11/07 - 8/11/07**  
M-W-Th., 7:00 p.m.  
(meet at tennis courts)

A FREE running program geared for beginner to advanced runners. All school-aged students and their families are invited. Weekly raffles. Mileage T-shirts will be given to middle school runners who complete 100 miles during the summer. Mileage documentation due 8/20/07.

**Contact:** Jim Opfermann 484-0161
## 2007-2008 MASTER CALENDAR

### August
- 27 New Teacher Orientation
- 28 Teacher Preparation Day
- 29 Professional Development Day
- 30 Labor Day Recess—No classes

### September
- 1-3 Labor Day Recess—No classes
- 4 First day students report Model-Orientation for p.m. kindergarten; no a.m. kindergarten; Bessie Hoffman-Orientation for a.m. kindergarten; Grade 1 reports a.m. only for Parent-Student Orientation; Students 2-5 report a.m. only; Students 6-12 report all day
- 5 Model-Orientation for a.m. kindergarten; no p.m. kindergarten; Students 1-12 report all day

### October
- 31 No students a.m.-NCA/School Improvement; Students report p.m. only

### November
- 2 End of First Marking Period
- 12 Students K-12 report all day; Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences p.m.
- 13 Students K-12 report all day; Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences a.m.
- 14 Students K-12 report all day; K-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences evening
- 15 Students K-12 No school; Teacher comp time in a.m.; Parent-Teacher Conferences p.m. & evening
- 16 Professional Development Day
- 21 Students report a.m. only; Teacher comp time in p.m.
- 22-23 Thanksgiving Recess

### December
- 21 Last day of classes—Winter Recess

### January
- 7 Classes resume
- 15 HS/MS Exams (1st & 2nd hours); Students 6-12 report a.m. only; Students K-5 report all day
- 16 HS/MS Exams (3rd & 4th hours); Students 6-12 report a.m. only; Students K-5 report all day

### February
- 25-29 Mid-Winter Break

### March
- 3 Classes resume
- 11 Students K-12 report all day; Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences a.m.
- 12 Students K-12 report all day; Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences p.m.
- 13 Students 1-12 report a.m. only; a.m. and p.m. kindergarten report; K-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences p.m. & evening
- 14 Professional Development Day
- 20 Students report a.m. only; Teacher comp time in p.m.
- 21 Good Friday—No classes—Spring Break begins
- 31 Classes Resume

### April
- 4 End of Third Marking Period

### May
- 7 No students a.m.-NCA/School Improvement; Students report p.m. only
- 22 Senior Final exams (4th, 5th, & 6th hours); K-12 full day of school
- 23 Senior Final exams (1st, 2nd, & 3rd hours); K-12 full day of school; Last day for seniors
- 26 Memorial Day Recess—No classes
- 30 Commencement—7:00 p.m.

### June
- 4 HS/MS Final Exams (1st & 2nd hours); Students 6-11 report a.m. only; Students K-5 report all day
- 5 Only p.m. kindergarten reports; no a.m. kindergarten; HS/MS Final Exams (3rd & 4th hours); Students 6-11 report a.m. only; Students 1-5 report all day
- 6 HS/MS Final Exams (5th & 6th hours); Last day for students; K-11 report a.m. only; Teacher workday in p.m.; Last day for teachers
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If you're interested in learning more, contact the appropriate department:

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*New registrations for fall are taken at Central Office during summer months by Diane Russell and Margaret Keon.

On the Cover:
Featured student artwork from the 26th Annual Lincoln Art Exhibit.
(clockwise from top left)
Dominique Lamar - 8th grade,
Kaitlyn Yona - 9th grade,
Megan Wolf - 8th grade,
Tamra Edwards - 12th grade,
Blake Boyle, 8th grade and
Cortney Christophel - 12th grade.

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