LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

As the summer months come to an end, I can’t help but reflect on what we have accomplished and what we have to look forward as the 2008-2009 school year approaches. What an exciting and challenging time to be the Superintendent of Schools!

As school begins this fall, all staff and students will be studying under a new English/Language Arts curriculum. The Board of Education voted unanimously to purchase the K-12 materials which will encompass the current curriculum benchmarks in this area. The ELA curriculum includes the Treasures program, which incorporates reading, writing, spelling, and grammar in K-5. The middle school will now have grade-level book rooms for grades 6-8 and the high school will have new literature anthologies in grades 9–12.

As mentioned in the summer edition of The Communicator, the community forums addressed raising expectations of our students and we listened. Beginning in September, high school students have the opportunity to enroll in the following AP courses: English, Calculus, American History, Government, Physics, and Biology. It is our intention to expand these offerings for the 2009-2010 school year to include AP courses in Statistics, African American Humanities, Foreign Language, and Chemistry. The high school will also be moving to a trimester schedule for the 2009-2010 school year, which will provide more elective opportunities for our high school students and accommodate all of the high school graduation requirements. We also have over 75 students enrolled in the Early College Alliance SM program with Eastern Michigan University and we will be partnering with The Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology at Willow Run Airport to open the door to a career in aviation technology.

As you know, last May the school district asked community members to vote on a millage to fund and enhance the community education and senior citizen programs. As I have become more familiar with the needs of the community, I have concluded that I should again seek Board approval to place this request on the ballot. My intent, if this millage is successful, is to expand the community education program to what it once was in past years. I would like to see an expansion of the community education program to include such offerings as computer applications, wellness classes, foreign language, and beginning string classes to develop a community orchestra program.

As the Board of Education and I unfold the 2008-2009 district goals and strategic plan, be assured it is my objective to ensure Lincoln Consolidated Schools provides an exemplary educational experience where students develop the foundation for lifelong learning. This is the district mission and by working together, we will succeed in this endeavor. I eagerly await the start of the school year and look forward to seeing many of you throughout the year.

Lynn Cleary
Superintendent of Schools
MASTER CALENDAR

October
31  Full-day and p.m. kindergarten and grades 1-12 report a.m. only; No a.m. kindergarten; No students in p.m. - NCA/School Improvement; End of first marking period

November
10  Students K-12 report all day; Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences p.m.
11  Students K-12 report all day; Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences a.m.
12  Students K-12 report all day; K-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences evening
13  Students K-12 No school; Teacher comp time in a.m.; Parent-Teacher Conferences p.m. & evening
14  Professional Development Day
26  Students report a.m. only; Teacher comp time in p.m.
27-28  Thanksgiving Recess

December
19  Last day of classes—Winter Recess

January
5    Classes resume
13  HS/MS Exams (1st & 2nd hours); Students 6-12 report a.m. only; Students K-5 report all day
14  HS/MS Exams (3rd & 4th hours); Students 6-12 report a.m. only; Students K-5 report all day
15  End of First Semester HS/MS Exams (5th & 6th hours); Students 6-12 report a.m. only; Students K-5 report all day
16  Teacher Records Day—No classes
19  Martin Luther King Day—No classes

February
23-27  Mid-Winter Break

IT'S AN HONOR

Over third of Lincoln Middle School students - 443 to be exact - were honored for their hard work and dedication in a series of events held at the end of May. Students achieving a 3.0 or better were presented with a medal and certificate in front of family and friends.

Special recognition was given to those students holding straight A’s and maintaining perfect attendance.

KUDOS

Seniors Daniel Hoskins, Scott Opfermann, and Rodney Harris were each awarded $1,000 scholarships by the Ypsilanti Rotary Club. High School counselor Rick Ross was on hand to congratulate the graduates.

AMERICA’S WHITE TABLE

By Alex Owen, Brick Elementary Student

The small table is for a soldier’s lonely battle. The white table cloth is for a soldier’s pure heart. The empty pushed in chair is for the missing soldiers; the P.O.W.’s (prisoners of war) and the M.I.A.’s (missing in action). You set an empty plate down. On the plate sprinkle some salt on the plate for the tears of the waiting families. After you put the salt on the plate, put a lemon slice for the soldier’s bitter fate. Then put a black napkin on and it is for the soldier’s sorrow of captivity. Then put a turned over glass for a meal not eaten. Then put a white candle on the table for peace. And last but not least, a red rose with a red ribbon tied around it for hope that the soldiers will come back home. I just want to say that this is making me feel an emotion that I can not explain until now. I have so much gratitude in my American history.

THE HALLS AT LHS

Class of 2008 Seniors Austin Pitch, Geoff Janowiak, and Coleen Huling test drive their team-built, two person Hovercraft for Mr. Nuzzo’s Advanced Research & Experimentation class.

ALL SMILES!

Kindergarten children at Model Elementary School may not always have all of their teeth, but that doesn’t stop them from always have the best smiles!
LINCOLN EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT FOUNDATION

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 COMMUNITY EDUCATION

484-7007
Office Hours:
M-TH 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
F 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Full Class Catalog/Register Online:
lincolncommunityeducation.com

For Athletic Schedules check online at www.lincoln.k12.mi.us

LINCOLN GOLDEN AGES SENIOR CENTER

Located in Brick Elementary, west doors. For more information 734-484-7000 ext. 7557.

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. Bemis Farms also provides all-day or half-day care for those days when Lincoln Schools are closed. For additional information call 734-944-1709 or visit www.bemisfarmsdaycare.com.

BESSIE HOFFMAN EGG DROP “EGGS..TRAVAGANZA”!

The Bessie Hoffman Egg Drop was an egg-citing event! Fifty-eight vehicles were designed by the children from kindergarten through fifth grade. The invented vehicles were designed with the capability to cushion the fall of two fresh eggs from the roof of the school. The vehicles were tossed by Lincoln’s Executive Director of Human Resources, Sylvester Rowan, and Curriculum Director, Rick Schaffner, with the assistance of the Mitchell brothers, alumni of Bessie. The whole school turned out to cheer for success! Check out a sampling of the vehicles on our website at lincoln.k12.mi.us

CHILDS ICE CREAM & POET’S SOCIAL

Childs first graders Alaina Escobar, Devon Rose, Garron Little, and Nicholas Morgan recited poems on Tuesday, May 20th. Authors such as Jack Prelutsky, Joy Cowley, and Shel Silverstein were featured at the Childs Elementary Ice Cream and Poet’s Social.

PIONEER DAY AT MODEL

Model Elementary School’s kindergarten children spent time in the 19th century, as the Tin Cub Adventures traveling Museum of Pioneer Life came to the school. Mrs. Cindy Leidlein was one of many parent volunteers who assisted children like Josie Bledsoe with old-fashioned activities such as grinding corn into cornmeal. Students also washed clothes on a washboard with a wringer, panned for gold, carded wool, rolled bread dough, and talked about the hardships the pioneers endured. Several classes followed up this special event with a visit to Lincoln’s one-room schoolhouse, Lowden.
SCHOOL CLOSINGS
Check the following media outlets for up-to-date school information:
Local TV Broadcast
Channels 2, 4, 7
Local Radio Stations
WWJ/WJR
Lincoln Website
www.lincoln.k12.mi.us
Lincoln Email/Text Alerts
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• www.lincoln.k12.mi.us
• Comcast Cable Channel 22 (available in York, Augusta, Van Buren, and Sumpter Townships)
• The Communicator Newsletter
• website email news and alerts
If you have any suggestions, comments, or questions feel free to contact Vicki Coury at 734.484.7000 ext. 7121 or couryv@gw.lincoln.k12.mi.us.

MILLAGE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE EARMARKED FUNDS TO OPERATE COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Lincoln Consolidated School District, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed .10 mill ($0.10 on each $1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2008 to 2012, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating community recreation programs, including for senior citizens; if approved, the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect for such recreational program the first year of levy, 2008, is approximately $106,786?

FAQ: Frequently Asked Questions
What is this millage?
This millage will raise funds to support Lincoln Community Programs, including Lincoln Golden Ages Seniors, Lincoln Community Education, and Lincoln Recreation programs previously subsidized by the Lincoln Consolidated School District.

How much will the millage cost?
The proposed millage is .10 mill ($0.10 on each $1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years and will cost the homeowner of a $200,000 home $10 per year.

How will this millage be used?
This millage will cover administrative, facilities maintenance, and operational costs previously subsidized by the Lincoln School District. The passing of this millage will support the expansion of programs and help ensure that the participation fees are kept affordable.

When are the polls open?
The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on November 4, 2008. If you are unsure of your polling location, contact your township clerk.