MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Lynn Cleary
Superintendent of Schools

As we approach the end of the school year, plans are well underway to kick off the summer break with enrichment and support programs for Lincoln students in most grade levels. If you are unaware of the course offerings, please contact your child’s building and the office staff will be happy to direct your call to the appropriate department.

We will be offering a summer school program for targeted students in grades 1 through 8 who are in need of extra support in math and language arts. These students will be enrolled by invitation only, as they must meet specific criteria to be eligible. We will also be offering a math camp and journalism camp for grades 3 through 5 if you have interested children. The registration form is available in each elementary school. Engineering camp is also available for middle school students, and the registration form is available on the Lincoln Middle School webpage.

The high school will offer a credit recovery program during the summer months, as well. If you are interested in registering your high schooler, please contact your child’s counselor. There will also be classes offered for students who may have potential conflicts in their fall schedule and want to take classes to avoid conflicts. Courses offered are health, technology, art, and individual sports. This will free space in their schedules to continue with band, choir, foreign language, etc. For students wishing to be prepared for fall classes, we will be offering prep classes to jump start their high school years. These courses are three weeks in length and do not offer credit.

I am happy to announce the permanent placement of Mr. John McGehee as Lincoln High School Principal and Mrs. Mary Aldridge as Principal at Model Elementary School. Also, we will bid farewell to Mr. Sid Wright, Athletic Director, who has spent the last thirty-nine years with Lincoln Consolidated Schools as teacher, coach, administrator, and more importantly, a mentor to many, many Lincoln students.

Finally, I cannot complete this article without discussing the challenges we face next year and for years to come. All of us know the state will be reducing their budgets and we will see reductions as a result of their cuts. In the coming weeks, I will be submitting recommendations to the Board that will include budget reductions, in order to present a balanced budget. Please know that many of these reductions will be felt throughout the district; however, I will continue to do my very best to minimize the impact on student programming. The district is required by law to approve a balanced budget and the Board and I will continue to work this through until we have accomplished our objective.

I wish you a happy and safe summer break and look forward to seeing many of you at the LEAF Carnival the weekend of June 5-7.
After studying about elements in science class Mrs. Trotsky’s and Mrs. Rock’s students were assigned an element to research and present to the class. They prepared a poster board display that emphasized properties and characteristics that made their element different and important. They also brought in edible materials to make an atom of their element. They brought large sugar cookies, M&M’s, skittles, marshmallows, licorice, gum drops, sunbursts, plates, napkins, etc. They had to build their edible atoms in class and label each of the parts. They were able to eat their edible atom at the end of the presentations. The poster boards are on display in the fifth grade hallway.

SMARTBOARDS COME TO REDNER!
Teachers and students are getting acquainted with all the unique features and applications of these interactive boards in various learning settings. For example, Mrs. Nordby applies the touch screen to her study of states and capitals in third grade. The children drag and drop state shapes and capital cities into the correct location. Mrs. Cannon uses the interactive touch screen with her fourth graders for the study of plant adaptations. Mrs. Ryburg demonstrates holographic images of solar and wind power with her fifth graders in technology, who are studying about electricity. Mrs. Kemble uses SMARTBoards for assistive technology. The enlarged words and pictures plus the touchscreen component allow low-vision students to easily take Star reading tests.

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS CELEBRATE EARTH DAY
At Model Elementary, students are learning about taking care of the Earth. Mrs. Martinez and Mrs. Krumrei’s students made recycled paper as part of the activities planned for Earth Day. They read non-fiction books to learn how paper is manufactured from trees. Then, they learned how to make handmade paper using leftover scraps and paper that has already been used and collected during the school year. The children enjoyed tearing paper into small pieces, blending it to make pulp, and then using a screen to make their very own piece of recycled paper. They also enjoyed listening to Shel Silverstein’s story “The Giving Tree” and making a list of the many ways in which trees are useful to us.

Attention Lincoln High School Class of 1994!
The Lincoln High School class of 1994 is excited to announce its 15 year class reunion. The main celebration will take place on Saturday, October 10, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. at the Eagle Crest Conference Resort in Ypsilanti. For tickets and more information please visit www.lhsclassof94.com or call Jennifer Scramstad Lawson at (313) 541-9636.
BESSIE HOFFMAN MIDDLE HOUSE SCIENCE FAIR
Bessie Hoffman Middle House second and third grade students displayed their science fair exhibits with school students and families on Thursday, March 26, 2009. BH students do not all share their projects on the same day, but share “by houses” so other students can question and investigate their findings using the scientific method.

CHILDS IS GREEN!
It’s official! The Roots & Shoots club, guided by Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Sancho, has worked diligently this year to help Childs become an official green school. Students began the year by establishing an ecology club, Roots & Shoots. The club later implemented a letter-writing campaign in an effort to begin paper recycling at Childs. Throughout the year, Roots & Shoots has been responsible for recycling print cartridges, cell phones, batteries, DVDs, and CDs. Most recently, the group observed Earth Day and promoted an ecologically-friendly poster contest. Let’s not forget the adoption of an endangered species from the Toledo Zoo. Keep an eye out for a new bird habitat the group has been working on too.

Childs Elementary joined a number of other schools from across the area achieving this honor. In order to maintain its “green” status, the students of Childs will need to complete ten additional tasks each year. The official flag was presented on April 16, 2009 in Howell.

LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL PALS
Lincoln Middle School has instituted a Peers Achieving Lifelong Success (PALS) Program to promote the independence and socialization of students. The program serves our students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), as well as a large number of peer support students. Both groups of students are benefiting from their involvement in PALS. Students have been presented with opportunities to develop additional friendships, and the program is enhancing the sense of community in our classrooms and in our school.

SUMMER STRIDERS
On your mark - get set - go check your calendars for our 5th season of Summer Striders. Open to all members of the community, their families, and friends. All ages and abilities welcomed for this non-competitive running group. Contact Jim Opfermann at 734-484-0161 with any questions.

Daily Raffles and Prizes • Mileage Shirts, • 5th Annual Ice Cream Fun Run
When: June 8 - July 30 (8 weeks)
Where: LMS Tennis Courts
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Days: Mondays & Thursdays
Cost: FREE!!!

LEAF CARNIVAL
3rd Annual LEAF Carnival
June 5 – 7, 2009
Rides • Games • Food • Fun

Friday, June 5
12:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 6
12:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 7
1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Lincoln High School Main Parking Lot (Willis Road)
Discount ride coupons will be available at area merchants starting in May.

Single Tickets: $1
Wristbands: $20 (ride all day)

The proceeds from the carnival will go to the Lincoln Educational Achievement Foundation (LEAF).

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Lincoln High School Summer Academy
The Lincoln High School Summer Academy is designed to provide students in grades 9-11 opportunities for credit recovery, schedule flexibility with electives, and preparatory classes.

**FOR-CREDIT CLASSES**
- Monday - Thursday
- June 29 – August 6
- 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- 10:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
- In-District: $175
- Out-of-District: $275

**PREPARATORY CLASSES**
- Monday - Thursday
- July 13 – July 30
- 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- 10:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
- In-District: $125
- Out-of-District: $225

**REGISTRATION**
Registration for classes will begin May 18, 2009 in the Lincoln High School Counseling Office. Registration deadline is Friday, May 29, 2009. Registration is on a first come, first served basis, as space permits. All class sections will be determined by final enrollment. Tuition will be refunded only if a course is not offered. No phone registrations will be accepted. Cash or Money Order ONLY!

Lincoln Middle School & Elementary Summer Learning Opportunities
Lincoln Consolidated Schools will be offering several summer learning opportunities for students in grades 3 - 8. More information is available at www.lincoln.k12.mi.us.

**Lincoln Middle School Gateway Engineering Camp**
- Incoming 6th-8th graders
- June 15 –19 & June 22 – 26
- In-District Tuition: $80 / Out-of District Tuition: $100
- 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Lincoln Elementary Journalism Camp**
- Incoming 3rd-5th graders
- July 6 – 30
- Tuition: $50 - 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Lincoln Elementary Math Camp**
- Incoming 3rd-5th graders
- July 6 – 30
- Tuition: $50 - 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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If you are interested in learning more about Lincoln School of Choice, contact the Superintendent’s office at 734-484-7001.