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MARCH 16-18 & APRIL 12-13
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MEETING SCHEDULE
All Board meetings are held at the Community Center and begin at 6:00 pm (unless otherwise noted)

February 22
March 14
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April 11
May 9
May 23
June 13
June 27
July 11
August 8
August 22
September 12
September 26
October 10
October 24*
November 14
November 28
December 12

*Board Workshop
MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

As the school year started the school district had a deficit fund equity in the red of -$2.355 million dollars. At the time, the district was placed under the authority of the Michigan Department of Treasury which required additional financial scrutiny and reporting. At the Board of Education’s December meeting, a revised budget showing a positive fund balance of $882,732 was approved. Shortly afterward, official notification was given which moved the district from the authority of Treasury back under the Department of Education. This is great news and is the first step on our way back to financial stability.

While there are several inspiring programs to share, I wish to add insight to our Spanish Immersion program at Bishop Elementary School. It is the only language immersion program within the county and one of only a handful in the State of Michigan. I have had the pleasure of visiting all three Spanish Immersion classes. The Spanish classrooms, like nearly all of the classrooms at Bishop Elementary, are multi-age where different aged students are combined into the same classrooms. Students have the opportunity to mentor younger students and be mentored by older students. The High/Scope model of instruction focuses on self-directed learning and responsibility. The daily schedule is designed to accommodate individual needs and interests.

On my recent visit, the curtain was down as I entered the room, a sign to all that enter – today is 100% Spanish within the classroom. The classroom walls are dressed with posters and artifacts written in Spanish. At this point in the year, the teachers’ lectures are not present in two languages, only Spanish. Questions are presented and arms quickly rocket to the ceiling with confidence to respond. Students begin to work in small groups and the subject at the moment is mathematics. A small group is rolling dice creating and solving math problems orally in Spanish, some are completing worksheets and others are doing problems on a tablet. The teacher is conversing in Spanish with a small group of students regarding their work. The subject math is the “what” is being taught - and the “how” – various differentiated instruction is not our students’ focus of the hour. I had the privilege to ask students what they enjoy about the class and overwhelmingly second only to my teacher is “I’m learning to speak Spanish.” In the future, I plan on highlighting many of the fantastic programs offered here at Lincoln. With 20 high school and 10 middle school athletic teams, talented fine art performances, and varied extracurricular opportunities, student interests are met at all levels. I hope you will take the opportunity to visit our facilities and experience what makes our district so wonderful – our staff!

Sean R. McNatt
Interim Superintendent of Schools

ONLINE ENROLLMENT

Enrollments for grades K-12 are now being 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, 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 734-484-7099 with questions.
ABRAHAM LINCOLN STATUE RESTORATION
AND RELOCATION PROJECT

The Abraham Lincoln Statue Preservation Committee is continuing work to preserve the statue. The vision for the new location will feature sidewalk access to the Lincoln Plaza, commemorative pedestals for the 13 one-room schools that became Lincoln Consolidated Schools, and complementary landscape. The new location will become a community/school focal point and treasure for future generations of Lincoln students.

To Donate by Mail:
Lincoln Consolidated Schools
Business Office
8970 Whittaker Road
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

Checks Payable to
“Lincoln Consolidated Schools”
Please write LINCOLN STATUE in memo line

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CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Many wonderful things have been happening in the Lincoln Consolidated Schools Curriculum and Instruction Department. I am so proud to collaborate with the amazing staff members that work to continually improve the way we serve our students. There are two powerful changes that have occurred during this school year.

The first change is related to the curriculum alignment required action that was identified during the Lincoln Consolidated Schools AdvancED accreditation process. The recent adoption of the elementary standards based report card will be instrumental in helping us to vertically and horizontally align district curriculum. The migration of the report cards to PowerSchool before the end of the school year will improve communication with parents of elementary students. This important shift would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication from district administration and teaching staff.

The second change has to do with the way we assess student learning. During the end of November, first through eighth-grade students took a computer-based test called Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). Students will take the test again at the end of February and May. We will be using the MAP test scores to determine student instructional levels and to measure academic growth throughout the year. MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for a child’s level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. With MAP tests, we can administer shorter tests and use less class time while still receiving detailed, accurate information about a child’s academic growth. You will be receiving a parent report with the MAP assessment scores for the first and second testing session during early March.
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.

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 484-7070.

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

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.
REQUIRED CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS FOR MICHIGAN SCHOOLS

**All doses of vaccines must be given with appropriate spacing between doses and at appropriate ages to be considered valid.**

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* Current laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable instead of immunization with antigen.
2015 - 2016 LUNCH PRICES

Elementary ...................... $2.45
Middle School .................... $2.70
High School ...................... $2.70
Milk (purchased separately) .. $0.75
Breakfast .......................... $1.20

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

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 allgoodh@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.

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.

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

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

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

Breakfast @ Lincoln!

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

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

Breakfast is available at all buildings within Lincoln’s district. The price is $1.20 and menus can be found at each school or on our website at lincolnk12.org. If your children qualify for free or reduced-priced lunch, they also qualify for free or reduced-priced breakfast!
For your convenience the transportation hot line is updated twice a day. The line will inform you of any school closings, school delays, road closures, or late buses during the school year.

**Transportation Hot Line:**
(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.**

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**SPANISH IMMERSION AT BISHOP ELEMENTARY**

Lincoln Consolidated Schools offers an exciting program to immerse students in the Spanish language while teaching the elementary curriculum. Immersion teaches the same elementary school curriculum as any other elementary school classroom in the district, county, and state. The primary difference is that the language of instruction will be Spanish in this classroom. Specials and assemblies will remain English for these students. The Spanish Immersion students will also fully be a part of the multi-age Bishop Elementary School and will experience the High/Scope approach to curriculum delivery. One of the significant benefits of this type of program is that children are immersed in a second language when they can learn it naturally. Students in these programs develop a near native fluency that, when nurtured, can allow bilingualism to flourish.

To learn more, contact Jeremy Reed (jeremy@lincolnspanyimmersion.com). Visit www.lincolnspanyimmersion.com to learn more about our program, as well as language immersion and its benefits.
OH WHAT FUN....
Young Five and Kindergarten students from Brick Elementary entertained parents with their delightful voices. Their hard work and practice made the event a big hit with parents and extended family. The students did an outstanding job!

BOARD OF EDUCATION APPRECIATION
In recognition of School Board Appreciation month, students from around the district showed their appreciation for the volunteer work done by the Lincoln Board of Education. Board members were presented with student artwork and a performance by members of the LHS band.

RUN, RUN, FAST AS A MOUSE! WE DECORATED A GINGERBREAD HOUSE!
Children participating in the Model GSRP preschool program and their families were invited to decorate gingerbread houses. Mrs. Shelton and Mrs. Selter greeted and assisted families during the event. The sounds of talking, laughing, and festive music filled the air, while candies covered the gingerbread houses. After families completed their gingerbread houses they enjoyed punch and cookies. The best part was they got to take their creations home to enjoy!

‘TIS THE SEASON OF GIVING
Ms. Johnson’s Young Fives and fellow Brick students gave of their hearts to our four-legged friends at the Huron Valley Humane Society. The donations of treats, beds, toys and bags of food will keep the pets wagging their tails into the New Year!

WINTER BLAST!
Open the door to the Young Five class at Childs Elementary and brrrrrrrr-it's cold in here! We are working in a winter blast. Students are discovering snow and ice during center time by using pans of ice as skating ponds and cold playdough which is really snowdough to make snowballs.
On Friday, January 29th, Bishop Elementary held its first annual Winter Fest. Each classroom selected songs, poems, or acts to perform in front of their parents, the interim superintendent, and a local daycare. Adam Zemke, our local state representative was also able to make an appearance. Song selections ranged from “I’m a Little Snowman” and “Hot Chocolate,” to “El invierno está llegando” and “We Shall Overcome” in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The highlight of the event was when our students presented a graph depicting the number of hats, gloves, and scarves our Bishop community collected for local students in need. After all of the hard work of performing, the students were able to go back to their classrooms with their parents to enjoy a yummy hot chocolate!

SUPERINTENDENT TOURS SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAM AT BISHOP

On January 12, 2016, Mr. Sean R. McNatt, Interim Superintendent toured the Lincoln Spanish Immersion program at Bishop Elementary with Mr. Scott Menzel, Washtenaw Intermediate School District Superintendent, Dr. Heshimu Green, Director of Human Resources, and Mr. Kevin Upton, Director of Curriculum and Instruction. The group visited students in grades Kindergarten through fourth grade, interacting with students showcasing lessons conducted primarily in Spanish.

This unique educational opportunity is offered at Lincoln Consolidated Schools and is the only program of its kind in Washtenaw County, and one of the few language immersion programs in Michigan. In this program, students learn the same curriculum as students elsewhere in the school, county, and state. However, the language of the classroom is Spanish. This allows students completing the program to leave elementary school fluent and literate in two languages. Interim Superintendent McNatt stated, “I am so delighted with the program, it is a shining star within TEAM Lincoln.”

BISHOP WINTERFEST

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S.T.E.M. TALLEST TOWER

Mrs. Engelbert’s first grade students used their STEM knowledge to build the tallest tower they could using only raw spaghetti and mini marshmallows. The tower had to balance a note card at the top and support a little turtle for at least 10 seconds. They were given no instructions to follow on how to create it, they had to decide everything except the materials to use and problem to solve on their own. The class enjoys doing these types of activities almost every week. They often build towers using various materials to see how each is different. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) is definitely a fun way to get teams involved in the creative process!
S.T.E.M. NIGHT AT BRICK ELEMENTARY

Join us at Brick Elementary for a fun filled family night on Thursday, Feb 18th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Students can team up or compete with their family members in engineering challenges. Don’t worry- the little ones can join in the fun! The event is FREE and food will be provided. Please RSVP when your child brings the form home- it will help us ensure we have enough refreshments for all the families who attend. We look forward to seeing you on the 18th!

CHILDS COLLECTED LINCOLN PENNIES FOR STATUE PLAZA FUND

How much money do you have when you collect 2,942 pennies? What about 252 quarters? The students in Mrs. Sloan’s fourth grade class at Childs Elementary found out when they planned and carried out a service project to raise money for the Lincoln Statue Plaza Fund. They put collection “Lincoln hats” in all of the classrooms and in the other elementary buildings. They also collected returnable cans, had a bake sale, received the profits from the school Harvest Dance, and sold handmade holiday cards at the Lincoln Senior Center. This gave the class a chance to learn about concepts such as persuasive writing and economics as they did something meaningful for the community. The students were able to present the Statue Committee with a check for $760.62. Way to go students of Lincoln Consolidated Schools!

CHILDS ROLLERS SKATE NIGHT

The Childs PTO held a family skate night at Rollers Skate Park on January 14th. It was a great turnout with 123 skaters! Many first time skaters took to the rink to test out their skills and did really well. This was a great event bringing families together in our Childs community.
LITERACY NIGHT AT CHILDS

On Friday, December 7th, Childs hosted a Literacy Night. The theme was “Snowmen at Night” based on the book by Caralyn Buehner. Children and their families gathered in the cafeteria where they participated in over 15 literacy, math, and craft stations. Children also enjoyed literacy-based technology games in the technology lab. The evening’s activities allowed children and their families to come together and share their love of reading.

LIVE MUSIC AT BRICK!

Mrs. Engelbert's class experienced musical instruments. They have seen the Lincoln High School Marching Band perform at Brick a few times this year, and in music class with Ms. Robbins they had been studying about brass, woodwind, string, and percussion instrument families. Most of the children are very interested in the instruments. They had a chance to touch and hold a real trumpet, clarinet, saxophone, and a flute in class. They passed each instrument around while listening to and watching a video of a professional playing that instrument to hear its true sound. Students discussed the range of high and low notes each instrument plays and compared their size to the sounds. They also got to see and play on a set of bells and a snare drum Mrs. Engelbert brought in to use. There are some pretty good musicians heading up to fifth grade band in a few short years! The next day students each wrote about which instrument was our favorite and why. Another great immersion lesson for the kids to experience something they may not have access to at home.

BRICK FIRST GRADERS HAVE FUN WITH STEM!

The first graders in Mrs. McNeal’s classroom have been doing a variety of activities in class related to STEM. Students have been working in small groups on activities such as “Sticks and Bricks” where they build towers using one small wooden cube as the base. The challenge is to build a structure as tall as they can balanced on the one cube before they fall using tongue depressors (sticks) and the small cubes (bricks). Students have also tried this activity using a small plastic cup as the base. The structures they have built have been pretty amazing!

Students also built small robots and the challenge was to see how many classroom objects they could get the robots to balance on. They had to place the weights just right on the robots to get them to balance on objects. They balanced them on chairs, doorknobs, desks, fingers, and even some noses!

Recently, students were given a piece of paper and a 3-inch piece of scotch tape. The challenge was to use only those materials to build something that would hold a hard covered book for 10 seconds. Students worked with a partner and created paper structures to hold the books. It was great to see so many great engineers at work solving all these challenges!

Next up: building bridges!
GETTING TO KNOW YOUR PALS

November was “Epilepsy Awareness Month.” The Childs fourth grade PALS group from Mrs. Sloan’s class participated in morning announcements and encouraged everyone at Childs to wear purple to show their support for people with epilepsy. The PALS group plans on educating and encouraging sensitivity towards people with disabilities throughout the year. A couple of the students researched epilepsy and wrote the following article for the school’s monthly newspaper:

Authors: Lauren and Elias

Epilepsy is a disorder where cell activity in the brain becomes disrupted, causing seizures. What is a seizure? There are many different kinds of seizures. Less dangerous seizures can be less scary. Some examples are staring off into space, twitching of a body part, or behaving unusually. More dangerous seizures are called grand mal seizures. An example of grand mal is falling over and shaking. The person does not know this is happening. The person may stop breathing or bite their tongue. If you have epilepsy, try to avoid stairs.

BRICK MAKER SPACE OPENS

A Maker Space is a place where people share tools and ideas to make things. The Brick Maker Space was made possible by obtaining competitive grants funds from the Michigan STEM Partnership and the 2015 Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Regional Chamber E3 Award.

Brick students were involved in the construction of the Maker Space every step of the way. They assembled the red stools that are used in space. Brick students helped to determine how the grant funds would be spent. STEM assemblies were held where purchases for the Maker Space were suggested. Afterwards, the students completed surveys that asked them to rank order the suggestions. The Brick students’ favorite? The 3D doodler– which is a pen that literally writes in the air. The Brick Maker Space will also include a 5’ x 5’ LEGO wall, snap circuit kits and “makey makey” circuit boards that connect everyday objects to computers.

Periodically, expert guest “makers” will help Brick families to make such things as bird houses, stuffed animals, musical instruments and 3D printed products. Students will use also use the Maker Space for STEM instruction during the school day.

Why does Brick have a Maker Space? Because making things is a great way to learn things. Also, making things is fun!

BRICK STEM AFTER SCHOOL BEGINNING

LEGO WEDO ROBOTICS STUDENTS HARD AT WORK
LMS STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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The Optimist Club provides a plaque and a gift card to the winner. The winner for the month of December’s Student of the Month went to seventh grade student Malcolm Batten.

ART STUDENTS MAKE HOLIDAY SEASON MERRY

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ART STUDENTS MAKE HOLIDAY SEASON MERRY

Mrs. Czaja’s Art 2 students were really in the festive spirit this holiday season. They designed beautiful handmade Christmas cards for Mrs. Baldwin’s third grade students at Childs Elementary. Mrs. Baldwin’s students were thrilled to receive these creative pop up cards on their desks on the last day before Winter Break. The high school students really made the third graders holiday merry and bright. It was a great way to start this holiday season.

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WOLVERINE EXPRESS VISITS LHS

Faculty members from the University of Michigan Ann Arbor visited 31 9th – 12th grade classrooms to discuss topics including their own personal college journey, college requirements, college prep needed during high school, the college application process, the importance of college, college life, and specific information about their particular field of expertise. These topics provided students with information to think deeply about their own post-secondary choices. A separate group of 60 students were invited to sit in on small-group panel discussions. This amazing opportunity allowed many students to network with professors and for some this connection has led to personal college mentorships. The LHS staff also made lasting connections with U of M faculty. The LHS Counseling Department made this experience possible and plans to work hard to continue this tradition.

LHS MARKETING STUDENTS EXCEL AT THE MICHIGAN DECA CONFERENCE AND COMPETITION

Congratulations to Sophia McPherson, Jon Kedroske, and Chris Kersey in qualifying for the DECA State Conference in March at the COBO Center in Detroit.

Sophia received top honors receiving three medals for the written, judged, and overall in the “Principles of Business Management” event. The team of Jon Kedroske and Chris Kersey received a state qualifying score in the “Buying and Merchandising” event.

Mr. Mike Bargardi’s Marketing II students competed in the DECA District conference and competition at Eastern Michigan University on January 7th where over 500 students from neighboring school districts competed in various DECA events. DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) is an organization whose objective is to support the development of marketing and management skills in career areas such as hospitality, finance, sales and service, business administration, and entrepreneurship.

The Marketing and Marketing II classes are open to all Lincoln High School Students. Contact Mr. Bargardi (bargardim@lincolnk12.org) at Lincoln High School via email for more information on these courses for your high school student. These students also gain employability skills working in the Splitter Express school store.

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL CHOIRS HAVE MUCH TO SING ABOUT:

December is always a busy month for musicians, as music makes our celebrations special. This year, on Christmas Eve, our mixed Vocal Essence ensemble volunteered to sing at the Villa at Parkridge assisted living facility. Students and parents were gracious to donate their time. Thank you!

On January 9, members of Lincoln’s Men’s Choir participated at Male Vocal Arts Day at the University of Michigan. Students worked with Dr. Eugene Rogers and University of Michigan’s Men’s Glee Club, culminating in a performance in Hill Auditorium for parents and the community.

Also in January, Lincoln Choirs headed to Disney for the first time! They sang at Downtown Disney and participated in Disney’s AMAZING Performing Arts Workshop. Students learned audition skills and actually participated in a recording session.

In February, Split Dimensions and Vocal Essence will be singing with the Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra at Washtenaw Community College under the direction of Adam Ricciento.

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LHS THEATRE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES ITS TWENTIETH SEASON

The excitement around Mr. Martin Jacobs 20th year of LHS Theatre Department productions continues after a successful production of “Pippin” last November. The production was very well received despite the winter storm that reduced attendance for the Saturday show. “Pippin” challenged the cast musically and choreographically, with many actors saying afterward that it was their favorite LHS show yet. A fantastic job by everyone involved!

Think Shakespeare is boring? You have never seen Lincoln Theatre do it! Next on the Department’s horizon is a one-act adaptation of Shakespeare’s “Hamlet”, set in an insane asylum, with lots of blood, gore, violence, and disturbing imagery. This is not a kid-friendly show. “Hamlet” will be performed 4 times, 1 of which is open to the (mature) public on Friday, February 12 at 7pm at the PAC. Tickets are $5, available at the door and online at www.LincolnTheatreBoosters.org/tickets. But the primary performances are the MIFA Districts and Regional festivals, and the Mid-Michigan Theatre Arts Festival at Garber High School in Essexville, MI. The competitions run three consecutive weekends from January 30 to February 13.

Double Shakespeare! “All the world’s a stage” this spring when the Theatre Department performs “As You Like It,” another Shakespeare play, for the spring dramatic play. “As You Like It” will be performed May 12 – 15 at the LHS PAC. Tickets go on sale April 11 at www.LincolnTheatreBoosters.org/tickets. New this show: A limited number of special on-stage seats will be available.

First Annual Film Festival will be held Friday March 25! Any high school student may submit an original, short, digital movie for judging. Rules and instructions on how to submit will be posted on www.LincolnTheatreBoosters.org.

Finally, each year, one or two Theatre Department students choose, stage, and direct a children’s play to perform at a couple elementary schools and day care centers in the area. This year’s show is Dr. Seuss’ “Green Eggs and Ham”, directed by Emily Hollen.

For further information, call 484-7075 or 484-7004, or send an email to LincolnHSTheatreBoosters@gmail.com. More ways to keep up with Lincoln Theatre:

• Join our Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/603748009747865
• (new) We’re on the web! http://www.lincolntheatreboosters.org/

Parents and students who participate with Lincoln Theatre are highly encouraged to join our email mailing list, as this is our primary means of communication. Please send a request to the email address above to join.

Schedule of Events:
First Annual Movie Competition
March 25, 2016

The Children’s Show: Green Eggs and Ham
April 28-29, 2016

As You Like It
May 12-15, 2016

Theatre Awards Night
May 20, 2016

Final call for lasting LHS Memories!
Yearbooks are still on sale until they run out! Hurry, don’t delay! Order yours today at: www.jostensyearbooks.com

Contact Ms. Wollam for any questions, 734-184-7000 ext. 7661 or wollam@lincolnk12.org
Attention Class of 2020
Students and Parents:

Join us for the
Class of 2020
Parent Information Night

Wednesday, February 17th
6:30pm—8:00pm

Lincoln High School Performing Arts Center
7425 Willis Road, Ypsilanti MI 48197

- Learn what to expect as a freshman parent at Lincoln High School
- Ask questions of administrative and counseling staff
- Learn about all academic programs and athletic teams
- Take a tour of the LHS facilities led by current Link Crew leaders

We look forward to meeting all of our future class of 2020 parents and showing you the incredible things going on at Lincoln High School!

Any questions can be forwarded to
holden@lincolnk12.org,
makarewich@lincolnk12.org,
mientkiewicz@lincolnk12.org
or contact the LHS Main Office at
734-484-7004

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ATTENTION KROGER SHOPPERS!

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

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

Go to www.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.

Lincoln High School (Parent LINC) 90998
Lincoln Middle School 83684
Bishop Elementary 91476
Brick Elementary 83681
Childs Elementary 83521
Lincoln High School Band 82565
Lincoln High School Soccer Program 83184
Lincoln High School Link Crew 91659
Lincoln High School Swimming 91311
LHS Class of 2016 92910
LHS Class of 2017 90018

Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number.

LINCOLN RAILSPRINTER RETURNS!

The Lincoln Railsprinter is celebrating its fourth year! Thank you to those who have participated and volunteered each year to make this community 5k run/walk a huge success! This year’s Railsprinter will take place Saturday, April 23, 2016 so mark your calendars!

The Railsprinter’s mission is to bring together the entire Lincoln community (and beyond) to have a fun time exercising and socializing on our beautiful, huge campus. The secondary purpose is to buy things that are needed for the campus. The first year, we made enough money to purchase 18 light pole banners and hardware to hang them. They looked fantastic and were SO festive. They hung for less than a month when massive winds knocked down almost all of them.

The following year, we used the money to buy Splitter recycling bins for the football field and gyms, and stencils and paint for school improvement projects. With last year’s funds, we again have enough money to hang more banners with super wind resistant hardware, and professional hangers of banners. We plan to get the banners done over the winter and have them hung in the spring…depending on the weather, just in time for Railsprinter #4!

It’s been a process, but we appreciate all the encouragement, support, and patience. Also, thank you to Lincoln Athletics, Aubrees, G&G Bakery, Kroger, and Benitos, who have sponsored us each year. Please register for the fourth annual Railsprinter, April 23 on lincolncommunityeducation.com. Thank you!
Lincoln Community Education
www.lincolncommunityeducation.com

ADULT FITNESS
Water Aerobics
Zumba Classes

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS
Bricks 4 Kidz Lego Classes
Young Rembrandts-Power of Drawing Classes

COMMUNITY POOL HOURS

Adult Lap/Swim
Mondays/Wednesdays 7:30 - 9:00 pm
Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Family Swim
Saturdays 1:00 - 3:00 pm

MARTIAL ARTS
Adult, Family, and Youth Programs

YOUTH ATHLETIC PROGRAMS
Lincoln Riptides Swim Club: 5 years to Middle School
Youth Soccer: 4 years to 6th Grade

YOUTH SWIM LESSONS
Swim Lessons: Ages 2 to 10 years old

Check website often for added classes!
2015/2016 Athletic Information

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC OFFICE HOURS
8:30 am-Noon and 1:00-4:00 pm Mondays-Fridays
www.SplitterNation.org

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

Club Sports require a separate fee:
*HS Lacrosse       $250

Athletic Office 734-484-7013
Community Education Office 734-484-7007

Scan to Pay Fee online
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7th and 8th Grade
Athletic Participation Fee
$100
($50 for students receiving free or reduced lunch)

6th Grade
Athletic Participation Fee
$35 per season

6th Grade
Soccer: Lincoln Rec Soccer
www.lincolncommunityeducation.com
Track: MS Athletics**
soos@lincolnk12.org
Baseball and Softball offered by Lincoln Little League
www.lincolnllb.net

7th and 8th Grade
Track Boys/Girls
guziel@lincolnk12.org
Soccer-intramural
moffettk@lincolnk12.org
Baseball and Softball offered by Lincoln Little League
www.lincolnllb.net

**A MHSAA Physical and Consent Form is required to participate in Middle School Athletic programs. Visit splitternation.org for form(s). Click the Railsplitter HQ tab to download forms.

**Pre-registration is required for community education programs.

Athletic Office 734-484-7013
Community Education Office 734-484-7007
Are you 55 years old or older and are looking for something NEW? Then the Lincoln Golden Ages Seniors are looking for YOU! We are a group of area seniors who enjoy being social and LOVE to have fun! Our Center offers a variety of educational, social, and physical activities such as yoga, fitness, cards, bingo, community resource speakers, computer classes, quilting and craft classes, monthly trips, and intergenerational activities with our Lincoln students. We are also involved in community outreach projects. The Center is open Tuesday through Friday. Membership dues are $15.00 per year. A hot lunch is also provided four days a week for a nominal fee. If you are ready for a change, stop by anytime to receive a copy of our newsletter and take some time to visit with us. If you call two days in advance to schedule lunch, your first lunch is our treat to you! Make us your “home away from home.” We are located in Brick Elementary, west entrance. You may also contact us at (734) 483-8366 or (734) 484-7000 ext. 7557.

Our members are encouraged to participate in all activities at the Center.
2015-2016 MASTER CALENDAR

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

February

15 No School
26 Students Released Early; Professional Development PM; Secondary dismissal 12:28 pm; Elementary dismissal 1:35 pm (Childs 1:20 pm)

March

4 End of Marking Period - Elementary
24 Students K-5 am only; Parent-Teacher Conferences in the pm & evening; 6-12 Secondary full day*
25 No School
31 Students K-12 report AM only; Teacher Compensatory Time PM. Last day of classes – Spring Recess

April

1 - 8 No School - Spring Recess
11 School Resumes
22 Students Released Early; Professional Development PM; Secondary dismissal 12:28 pm; Elementary dismissal 1:35 pm (Childs 1:20 pm)

May

24 Senior Final Exams; Students K-12 report full day
25 Senior Final Exams; Last Day for Seniors; Students K-12 report full day
26 Students Released Early; Professional Development PM; Secondary dismissal 12:28 pm; Elementary dismissal 1:35 pm (Childs 1:20 pm)
27 - 30 No School - Memorial Day Recess
31 School Resumes

June

14 HS/MS Final Exams; Students 6-11 report AM only; Students K-5 report full day
15 HS/MS Final Exams; Students 6-11 report AM only; Students K-5 report full day
16 HS/MS Final Exams; Students K-11 report AM only; Teacher Work Day PM; Last day for students and teachers

* HS/MS Parent Teacher Conferences To Be Determined

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
• 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.

SCHOOL CLOSING PROCEDURE

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

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

School Hours 2015 - 2016

Elementary - Childs
8:35 am to 3:36 pm
8:35 am to 11:36 am am only
8:35 am to 1:20 pm early release

Elementary- Bishop/Brick
8:50 am to 3:51 pm
8:50 am to 11:51 am am only
8:50 am to 1:35 pm early release

Middle School/High School
7:35 am to 2:40 pm
7:35 am to 10:41 am am only
7:35 am to 12:28 pm early release
Fall 2016 Classes are Forming Now!  
~ Children must be 5 years of age on or before **DECEMBER 1st** ~ 

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!

**PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS**

- **Thursday, February 18**  
  6:30 p.m.  
  Bishop Elementary  
  484-7074

- **Tuesday, February 23**  
  6:30 p.m.  
  Brick Elementary  
  484-7031

- **Thursday, February 25**  
  6:30 p.m.  
  Childs Elementary  
  484-7035

**Spanish Immersion Information Nights**  
6:00 p.m. at Bishop Elementary  
Wednesday, February 24  
Tuesday, March 15

For more information about our Kindergarten Programs, visit [www.LincolnK12.org](http://www.LincolnK12.org) or call 734-484-7035.