Kindergarten Roundup

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Dear Lincoln School Community,

Seems like it was just yesterday I was welcoming your students back to school. Here we are with mid-winter break just a week away. I’d like to welcome our new Brick Elementary Principal, Mr. Don Goven, who started after Christmas. Ms. Aldridge is now back as the Brick Elementary Assistant Principal and Bob Stowe has returned to the middle school classroom. Thank you to both of them for a great job.

The Board of Education has been extremely busy. First, it appears the new committee structure is getting stronger and more successful. Secondly, the Board has hired Michigan Association of School Boards to analyze our district data comparing us with five similar districts. This analysis will also include getting information from local focus groups on their perception of Lincoln Schools and possibly doing an electronic survey of our parents. Our President Ms. Kim Samuelson has volunteered to champion this project with the MASB staff on behalf of the Lincoln Schools. Watch our website for more information on this exciting project; while at the web site don’t forget to sign up for our email distribution list. Get up-to-date news about Lincoln Schools.

Our Director of Curriculum, Mr. Schaffner held two district forums to obtain community input for our Lincoln Schools student achievement plan. Both forums were well attended and very informative. Mr. Schaffner and I want to thank everyone who attended these forums. Once the collection and analysis of the information is complete, we will finalize our plan with short- and long-term goals. We will unveil our achievement plan this spring and I believe you will be impressed with our final plan.

Finally, this May we will be holding an election to fill two board seats. In addition to the board seats we have a millage request for .25 mils for 5 years to help fund community education programs and our senior citizens programs. We will be having more information on this request as we approach the May election.

It is an honor to lead this district for my third year.

Fred Williams
Superintendent

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**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 information:

- **Local TV Broadcast**
  - Channels 2, 4, 7
- **Local Radio Stations**
  - WWJ/WJR
- **Lincoln Website**
  - www.lincoln.k12.mi.us
- **Lincoln Email/Text Alerts**
  - Sign up on Lincoln’s Website
LEAF ANNOUNCES FALL GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Lincoln Educational Achievement Foundation (LEAF) awarded $10,000 in mini grants to 16 teachers and support staff from Lincoln Consolidated Schools. LEAF’s goal is to assist Lincoln teachers and staff with resources for projects that would have otherwise fallen by the wayside due to budget cuts. Grant moneys were awarded to teachers from six schools within the district, and will benefit students kindergarten through 12th grade.

LEAF FESTIVAL RETURNING IN MAY

LEAF will be sponsoring the Lincoln Community Festival once again from May 15th-18th. We are looking for volunteers to assist with our biggest fundraising event. If you would like to help out, please send an email to info@lincolnleaf.org.

LEAF is a non-profit organization made up of volunteers from the Lincoln community intent on raising funds in support of academic enrichment programs at Lincoln Consolidated Schools. We are focused on raising money from the community and then giving it back in the form of grants to teachers for projects that encourage academic excellence at Lincoln. To make a tax-deductible gift or to volunteer, you may contact LEAF at info@lincolnleaf.org or by contacting Toni Micik at 487-7000 ext. 2085.
Life @ Lincoln

Lincoln School Song
(Alma Mater)

Lincoln High, our “Alma Mater”
When we are all far a-way.
To your school we’ll sing our praise
When our voice to thee we raise.
Rising high above all others
This is our flag of blue and gray.
Lincoln High our “Alma Mater”
Growing stronger day by day.
BRICK WELCOMES A NEW PRINCIPAL

Mr. Donald Goven joins the Lincoln family as the new Principal of Brick Elementary. He has been an elementary principal for the past three and a half years. Prior to becoming a principal, he supervised before- and after-school child care, tuition-based pre-school, Head Start and Michigan School Readiness pre-school programs, First Steps Washtenaw Parents as Teachers program, Early-On services, and the first university/school district partnership for the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant program. He also spent 14 years with the Department of Social Services working as a Children’s Protective Services worker.

Mr. Goven is a strong believer in community involvement and at various times has served as a PTO treasurer, been a band and choir parent, and participated in a variety of task force committees for local, district, county, and state initiatives. He enjoys coaching soccer and has coached preschool to high school age children. Welcome Mr. Goven!

LINCOLN ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND COACH TO BE HONORED

Lincoln Athletic Director and Coach, Sid Wright, has been selected for induction into the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame. MITCA is a coaching organization with a membership of approximately 1,200, primarily high school track and field and cross country coaches. Coach Wright was honored at the MITCA Cross Country Coach of the Year and Hall of Fame Banquet on Friday, February 8, 2008 at the Holiday Inn South in Lansing. Congratulations to Sid on this wonderful honor.

KAREN NEVINS TO CONDUCT STATE HONOR CHOIR

Last January Karen Nevins, Director of Choirs, was elected by her Michigan School Vocal Music Association colleagues to conduct the 2008 MSVMA SSAA State Honors Choir.

In October, Lincoln students Paul Bowling, Roxana Hernandez, and Leslie Holbrook auditioned and won seats in the Region C Honors Choir. Leslie Holbrook advanced to the State Honors Choir. The State Honors Choir Concert was held on Saturday, January 26th, as the finale of the 2008 Michigan Music Conference.
LINCOLN ALUMNA RUNS NYC MARATHON

Among this year’s first time runners of the New York City Marathon was Dr. Barbara Karenko of Mount Laurel, New Jersey. She began her running career while attending Lincoln High School, and set a school record for women’s 5km cross country in 1993, which stood for over 6 years. She was also the first female runner in school history to qualify for the state finals in Lansing. Barb was inducted into the Lincoln Hall of Honor of Distinguished Alumni on October 15, 2004.

“Dr. Barb” went on to run cross-country at Michigan State University, both as an undergraduate and while attending medical school. She graduated in 2003 with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree and completed her residency at Genesys Regional Health Center in Grand Blanc, Michigan. Dr. Karenko is currently a second year Fellow in Cardiology at Deborah Heart and Lung Center in Browns Mills, New Jersey.

Barbara finished number 1,699 in the field of women and 9,371 among all participants with a time of 3:53:04. This was her first internationally recognized marathon.

1928 ALUMNA VISITS BRICK ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Hazel (Garlick) Allen and her daughters Beth Miller and Sharon Allen visited their alma mater. Mrs. Allen is a 1928 graduate of Lincoln Consolidated Schools. In a recent visit the family toured the building and shared stories about the school. Brick Elementary students prepared a welcome banner for their arrival. Mrs. Miller was a teacher at Lincoln schools and ran into fellow Lincoln classmate Athletic Director Sid Wright. The family enjoyed the opportunity to roam the halls, reminisce, and meet several of the children.

LHS CLASS OF 1973 REUNION

LHS Class of 1973 is planning for its 35th Reunion to be held this July or August. If you - or someone you know - graduated from Lincoln High School in 1973, please contact Larry Wright at tinman55@comcast.net or 517-688-3695. We are in the process of collecting addresses and/or emails from classmates in order to plan the reunion. We’re planning a more casual get-together for our 35th - no tickets, no formal attire; just getting together to reminisce and catch up.
LINCOLN PARTNERS WITH EMU TO IMPROVE ACADEMICS
Richard Schaffner, Director of Curriculum

Lincoln Consolidated Schools is proud to announce that on January 25, 2008 we entered into the Eastern Michigan College of Education Professional Development Partnership. In April of 2007, EMU invited area districts to a meeting to address the needs in area schools and determine how they could assist us with those needs. Lincoln Director of Curriculum, Rick Schaffner, as directed by Superintendent Fred Williams, attended the informational meeting and over the last several months, worked with EMU to develop a needs assessment to identify ways EMU could support the district academically. After much work and coordination the district entered into a multi-year agreement with the EMU College of Education, in front of the entire College of Education staff at their Third Annual Winter Assessment Conference.

The purpose of this agreement is to formalize this partnership that will allow Lincoln Consolidated Schools to collaborate with EMU in developing projects and services to assist our students. Some of the services provided by EMU will include assistance with school improvement to help bridge achievement gaps; developing pre-service teacher programs that help us in providing additional academic support in our classrooms; helping us in developing programs in literacy, science, and math for summer programs, and much more. Further, there are numerous ways the university intends to help the district staff development needs as we identify them.

Lincoln is fortunate to have the leadership of EMU providing support and professional development to help our district grow and improve in academic excellence. We look forward to our partnership with them.

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL WRITING LAB
Located in the Lincoln High School Media Center

The Lincoln High School Writing Lab is organized by the LHS English Department and is designed to help all students with their writing assignments. The Writing Lab tutors will work with students on papers for any class. Our assistance includes everything from brainstorming to revision, along with proofreading strategies and editing.

Hours of Operation:
- Tuesdays and Thursdays: 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays: Available during all three lunch periods (11a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)
GET CONNECTED!
It’s easier now than ever before to “Get Connected” to Lincoln Schools news & events. Find out about the latest happenings around the district and at your school by signing up now to receive e-newsletters and alerts.

It’s as easy as 1-2-3
2. Click on “Email Signup” on the left-hand side.
3. Subscribe to the distribution list(s).

A confirmation email will be sent to your email address for each list subscription. Confirm your subscription(s) and you will be added to the designated email distribution list.

WANT A GREAT WAY TO TRACK SCHOOL EVENTS?
…the Activities Calendar is the answer
Check out the Activities Calendar on the district website. This easy-to-use tool:
• provides up-to-date school activities and events
• allows you to view and print a daily, weekly, or monthly list of calendar events
• includes a search option to find a specific event
• sends you e-mail reminders for events you select

INFORMATION: HOW AND WHERE DO YOU GET IT?
John McGehee, Director of Technology

There are various educational stakeholders with which the district communicates. First and foremost are parents. Parents join email distribution lists, receive school newsletters, and converse daily with their child/ren to keep up-to-date with school events and program initiatives. Starting in the 2008-2009 school year parents of secondary students will be able to access student test scores, attendance data, and much more via the Internet. This initiative is part of the district’s continuing goal aimed at improving communication between school and parents.

What if you don’t have school-age children? How do you get information about programs and services available to you through the school? What is your preferred method of getting information about how your tax dollars are spent educating the children of our community?

Lincoln values input from all stakeholders whether they have school-age children or not. It is important that we understand your needs and listen to your opinions and ideas. Two-way communication is the key. Without it we can’t be sure if you are satisfied with our performance or benefit from our collaboration. Our goal is to continue to provide quality services to the children, parents, and community.

The community will have an opportunity to let us know which method of communication works best for you. This information will be collected as part of the Lincoln Board of Education’s Community Survey conducted by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Data2Results team. We still encourage you to contact us at (734) 484-7000 ext. 7121 or email us at couryv@gw.lincoln.k12.mi.us with feedback on how we’re doing. Your input is valued and greatly appreciated.
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 five. 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

Lincoln offers two different pre-school programs. Students for these programs must be four years old by December 1st and reside in the Lincoln School District.

Michigan Readiness 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 a private company, Bemis Farms, and located at Model. For more information on this program please call 484-7000 ext. 7308.

First Steps Washtenaw

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

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 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:

- Teacher Consultant Services
- Social Work Services
- Services of School Psychologist
- Speech and Language Services
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy

Contact Nicola Northrop, Early Childhood Teacher Consultant, at 484-7051.
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.

JOIN THE CORP…
THE LINCOLN AMBASSADOR CORP
February 20, 2008
6:00 p.m.
Lincoln Community Center

Do you love Lincoln like we do? We’re looking for a few good … eh, people to join the Lincoln Ambassador Corp. This newly formed group will work with the Lincoln Communications Department to build better community relations and make sure everyone knows what a great job Lincoln does educating our children.

Who can join? Anyone – community members, parents, staff, faculty, and students-anyone with a desire to make sure everyone knows what great things go on here at Lincoln.

How you can help?

- Write web articles for schools and groups
- Take photos of Lincoln events for posting and publishing
- Advise on communications and marketing efforts
- Recruit web page advertisers
- Arrange school tours
- Help build an active alumni association

If you are interested, but are unable to attend or just have questions, please contact Vicki Coury, Communications Specialist, at 734.484.7000 x 7121.

2007-2008 LUNCH PRICES

Elementary ......................... $2.45
Middle School ...................... $2.70
Middle School Premium ....... $3.45
High School ......................... $2.70
High School Premium......... $3.45
Milk (purchased separately) .... $ .45
MODEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PRE-SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday, March 6, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.

This is a special opportunity for parents/guardians to learn about our pre-school and kindergarten programs, meet our teachers, visit our building and learn about our full-day and half-day kindergarten options. Parents of incoming kindergarten students will also sign up for a Kindergarten Roundup appointment. Kindergarten Roundup is the week of April 6th.

We will include information about our programs and services for children birth through age five. This meeting is for parents/guardians. Children will have other opportunities to visit our building.

Parents of children who will enroll in kindergarten are asked to call our office at 734-484-7045 to be placed on our mailing list as we have much information to share! Another way to get on the mailing list is through the Lincoln Schools web page at www.lincoln.k12.mi.us and choosing the Model tab.

SPRING 2008 BESSIE HOFFMAN KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP INFORMATION

Lincoln Bessie Hoffman Elementary Kindergarten Roundup will be held in our building on Monday, March 31st and Tuesday, April 1st. Please call our office at (734) 484-3150 to schedule a daytime appointment—usually lasting one hour. Children attend with their parent(s) or legal guardian.

Please bring the following documentation with you at your appointment time:
- your child’s original birth certificate
- a green health appraisal form signed by your pediatrician
- immunization records
- current proof-of-residency documents

Roundup provides an opportunity for us to become acquainted with you and your child. During your scheduled appointment time, your soon-to-be-kindergartner will participate in a brief screening, while parents complete enrollment paperwork. Mrs. McCoy, Bessie Hoffman Principal, and some staff personnel will be available to answer questions.
THANKSGIVING AT BRICK
On Tuesday, November 20, 2007, Brick Elementary second grade students celebrated Thanksgiving by reciting poems, singing songs, and telling stories about the holiday. At the conclusion of the performance, the students and their families shared a Thanksgiving feast.

BEANIE HOFFMAN THANKSGIVING
The annual Bessie Hoffman Thanksgiving Feast was held on Tuesday, November 21, 2007. It was a great learning experience! The children worked across all grade levels to prepare the entire menu. Math and reading skills were put to use following directions to make pumpkin pie and apple pie from scratch; peel, cook, and sauce the cranberries; and mash potatoes. The children made butter, baked corn bread, and mixed the stuffing. They also prepared the tables with placemats, centerpieces, and dishware. There was a fantastic turnout of parents who volunteered to supervise the preparation, serving, and clean-up.

REDNER’S READING
Mrs. Cannon’s fourth grade classroom has been enjoying a great opportunity with high school students. Three juniors from Lincoln High School have been coming in once a week to read with students. Tyler Cannon, Josh Harmon, and Travis Smith have spent their after-school time getting to know the students and enjoying reading with them. Mrs. Cannon’s students love spending time with the older students and look forward to reading with them. The young men have been great role models for the younger students.
SNOW, SNACKS, AND SONGS

It is no secret that each Friday Bessie Hoffman hosts an assembly full of interesting acts designed and performed by our students. The Friday before winter break offered a special opportunity for our assembly. This was our 10th Annual Snow, Snacks, and Songs Assembly. Each year we dedicate this assembly to the celebration of winter, snow, and ice – it provides a chance for the school and our families to get together before we began our winter break!! Lower House (grades K and 1), Middle House (grades 2 and 3) and Upper House (grades 4 and 5) each performed some song selections honoring winter in the midwest. Some of the music selections were organized by our music teacher, Mrs. Tammey Schoenfeldt. Others were designed by individual students or groups of students. The afternoon ended with a cozy afterglow, where students, staff, and families were treated to a delicious snack of juice and cookies.

LINCOLN TREBEL CHOIR PERFORMS

The Lincoln Treble Choir (LTC) performed for the first time at the Lincoln Middle School’s December choir concert. They sang with great maturity and beauty. There are audio clips of that performance and pictures on the LTC link found on the middle school’s choir website at http://web.lincoln.k12.mi.us/buildings/MS/Micik/index.html

LTC is for fourth and fifth grade students from Bessie Hoffman, Childs, and Redner, and sixth grade students from Lincoln Middle School who want to learn how to sing.

**Students who attend Brick Elementary should see Ms. Robbins for information about the Brick after-school choral program. The choir rehearses Tuesdays from 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the Lincoln Middle School Choir Room. There is a $10.00 participation fee to cover the cost of music. Students may obtain a permission slip from Mrs. Micik. The next concert is Thursday, May 22, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

If you have questions concerning this group or are interested in your child participating, please contact Mrs. Micik at 484-7000 ext. 2085, or via email at micik@gw.lincoln.k12.mi.us.
EIGHTH GRADE CLAY PIECES
by Maggy Bunker, LMS Student
Jessica Allen and Jared Marshall working on their clay pieces in Ms. Wice’s sixth hour art class.

BRICK ART STUDENTS
Third grade Brick Elementary students made clay owls in Mrs. Angel’s art class. They had so much fun constructing with clay and learning many new clay vocabulary terms.

BESSIE HOFFMAN STUDENTS HONOR DR. KING
The Bessie Hoffman Lower House honored Dr. King with a unit of study that emphasized “LOVE”, “PEACE” and “FREEDOM.” Students studied the meaning of each word through a clay box activity; learned a song to remember those big words; made a book about Dr. King; discussed friendly and helpful ways to use their hands; and made their own wishes for a better world.

BRICK STUDENTS HONOR DR. KING
Students from Ms. Curmi’s fourth grade class presented their essays on “What life would be like in the United States if Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had never lived.” Ms. Curmi’s class did three performances for students and staff in Brick Auditorium on January 11, 2008 to honor the memory of the slain civil rights leader. Ms. Curmi addressed the students and shared a slideshow of photos she has collected since childhood. She challenged the students to take the opportunity on January 21st to honor Dr. King by reading more about the civil rights leader.

For Tutoring Opportunities, check online at www.lincoln.k12.mi.us.
REDNER MUSIC ENRICHMENT STUDENTS VISIT SENIOR CENTER

On December 21, 2007, the second and third grade music enrichment groups from Redner Elementary took an exciting field trip to the Senior Center in Brick Elementary. Each grade performed holiday songs separately, including “We Love Christmas” and “Decorate the Tree.” The students finished with a rousing rendition of “We Wish You a Merry Christmas.” The seniors had a delightful time and treated the children to a bag of Christmas candy before they returned to Redner. Music enrichment at Redner involves an extra class of music each week for select students who work on songs, dances, and instruments in more detail.

NORTH TO ALASKA

Bessie Hoffman Upper House (fourth and fifth grade) teacher, Justin Gambino joined educators in a unique opportunity to become involved with a current research project, studying climate change through methane emissions in freshwater lakes, in collaboration with Dr. Katey Walter of the University of Alaska Fairbanks. As part of this study, her outreach includes the involvement and education within public schools from such locations as Alaska, Canada, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

Mr. Gambino spent the second week of November doing field work with Dr. Walter and conferencing with public educators from Alaska, as well as neighboring arctic and subarctic regions.

LHS STUDENT RAISES FUNDS FOR HOSPITALIZED CHILDS STUDENT

LHS student Brandon Boyle collected money at the high school after reading a note his brother brought home from Childs regarding a penny drive for a student battling childhood leukemia. Brandon raised over $300 in his efforts. The penny drive coordinated by Childs PATT Committee member Mrs. Maggie Penhorwood encouraged all the students at Childs to bring in pennies and spare change to help the family with expenses.
CHILD'S THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE DICTIONARIES

The Ypsilanti Kiwanis Club is embarking on a nationwide project of giving dictionaries to third grade students. They came out to Childs Elementary School on Monday, December 3, 2007, and presented Ms. Rioux, Ms. Sancho, and Ms. Peterson’s third grade classes with their very own personalized dictionaries. The students were excited and very appreciative of their dictionaries.

LHS STUDENTS ADDRESSED BY LOCAL VIETNAM VETERANS

Lincoln High School has partnered with the local VFW Post 423 to help ship items to soldiers serving in Iraq. English teacher Ms. Pam Lopez developed the idea from a novel her ninth grade class is reading, “Fallen Angels” by Walter Dean Myers. “I have wanted to do something like this for the past three years and this was the right opportunity.”

Additionally, on Thursday, December 20, 2007, a group of Vietnam Veterans addressed several English and social studies classes in a school assembly. The vets discussed their experiences in the war. This was the culmination of reading the book and learning about that era.

GET SOME CULTURE AT CHILDS!

Childs students are showing off their cultural heritage when they present their annual Multicultural Fair. On Thursday, April 17, 2007 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., each classroom will treat Childs’ families to food, music, and customs of different countries. To travel from classroom to classroom, the students will carry their individual passports. Stationed at various school areas will be professional performers who will entertain visitors with music, dancing, and other cultural talents. Area businesses have generously donated items for the raffle and prizes. Your world will be rocked when you visit the Childs Multicultural Fair!
THE STRESS RESPONSE

In our last installment we defined stress in general, now let’s look at good and bad stress. The stress response (also called the fight or flight response) is critical during emergency situations, such as when a driver has to slam on the brakes to avoid an accident. It can also be activated in a milder form at a time when the pressure’s on but there’s no actual danger - like stepping up to take the foul shot that could win the game, getting ready to go to a big dance, or sitting down for a final exam. A little of this stress can help keep you on your toes, ready to rise to a challenge. And the nervous system quickly returns to its normal state, standing by to respond again when needed.

But stress doesn’t always happen in response to things that are immediate or that are over quickly. Ongoing or long-term events, like coping with a divorce or moving to a new neighborhood or school, can cause stress, too. Long-term stressful situations can produce a lasting, low-level stress that’s hard on people. The nervous system senses continued pressure and may remain slightly activated and continue to pump out extra stress hormones over an extended period. This can wear out the body’s reserves, leave a person feeling depleted or overwhelmed, weaken the body’s immune system, and cause other problems. Next time...stress overload!

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ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES
(AND PARENTS, TOO)

Do you want:
• a rewarding career in health, medicine, mathematics, science, technology, or business?
• a good job with good pay after graduation?
• to earn college credits while still in high school?
• to get a head start on the next part of your life?
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Then you’ll want to apply for the Early College AllianceSM at Eastern Michigan University. The enrollment period for fall of 2008 ends March 25, 2008.

Students who attend the ECA can:
• chart their own, individual career path in high-demand areas in the fields of health, medicine, mathematics, science, technology, or business.
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• learn life management and job skills.
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• graduate with a high school diploma and technical certification or up to 60 college credits.
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Where can you get more information?
Visit:  www.earlycollegealliance.org
Call:  (734) 487-4290
Contact:  Mr. David Dugger, dugger.eca@gmail.com

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
• website email news and alerts

If you have any suggestions, comments, or questions feel free to contact John McGeehe at 734.484.7000 ext. 7274
jmcgehee@gw.lincoln.k12.mi.us
GETTING READY FOR SPRING?

Need Easter plants or flowers?
We have them!

How about fresh-baked items from the seniors’ ovens?
We have them!

and last, but not least ... visit our mini rummage tables for those treasured pieces!

Event: Lincoln Senior Center Annual Spring Flower, Plant & Bake Sale
Day/Date: Monday, March 17th to Wednesday, March 19th
Time: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Location: Brick Elementary Community/Senior Citizen Center
Information: 734-483-8366 or 484-7000, ext. 7557

Orders may be placed in advance, or just drop in and view the beautiful selection of flowers, plants, and baked goods. We can also quote you prices over the phone. Free coffee is always available.

We appreciate your assistance, as this fundraiser helps pay our expenses during the year. Our sincere thanks in advance for your participation!

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, caregiver care, abuse, drug/alcohol issues, legal services, or any other concerns?

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
734-484-7000 ext. 7557
MARTIAL ARTS PROGRAM
Ages 7 years - adult
Free introductory classes
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.
Redner Elementary Gym
$30 per month for first member, $20 per month for second family member, $15 per month for additional family members.

YOUTH SWIM LESSONS
SPRING SESSION
6 months-13 years old
American Red Cross Course
Fee range from $45 to $60
Registration begins April 1st
8 session lessons begin
Saturday April 12, 2008
and Tuesday April 15, 2008

Family/Open Swim
Saturdays 2:15-4:15 p.m.
$4.00 fee per person
children under 4 years free
Pool closed 2/16, 2/23-3/1, 3/21-4/5

YOUTH SOCCER
SPRING SESSION
Saturdays, April 19-June 7, 2008
No games May 24, 2008
$55.00 pre-school
$60.00 kindergarten - eighth grade
Registration begins March 3, 2008
and ends April 3, 2008
*Fall soccer participants may re-sign
up on their fall 2007 team and save
$10.00 when using last season’s shirt.

COMING SOON:
15TH ANNUAL
SAFETY TOWN CAMP
Safety Town introduces safety
awareness and preventative
procedures to children entering
kindergarten or first grade.
Monday-Friday program
9 am-3 pm
Learn fire, stranger danger, electricity,
water, poison, school bus, and bicycle
safety. Dates TBA late July/early August.
LCE is in search of sponsors to offset
the cost of the program or participant
program costs will increase. Please
inform us if your business or service
group is willing to make a donation
to help pay for t-shirts and supplies.
Business/group information will be
printed in our graduation program
and on the back of the Safety Town
shirts. Please contact Chris at 734-
484-7007.
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.

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

Join the Lincoln Athletic Boosters
Second Wednesday of the Month- 7:00 pm
High School Media Center

For Clubs & Activities information, check online at www.lincoln.k12.mi.us.
**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.
14 Professional Development Day

**CHANGE TO MASTER CALENDAR!**
March 19, 2008 - Students K-12 report a.m. only; No p.m. kindergarten; K-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences p.m. & evening. This date change from March 13, 2008 is necessary because of the state-mandated dates for ACT/MME testing.

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

Be sure to check individual school calendars available on the website and sent home with students for details regarding events at individual schools.
SUBSTITUTES NEEDED
Do you love working with kids? Then Lincoln is looking for you!
If you’re interested in learning more, contact the appropriate department:

**Bus Drivers**  
(734)484-7044

**Paraprofessionals**  
(734)484-7002

**Teachers**  
PESG  
(866) 782-7277

SUMMER STRIDERS
It’s never too early to mark your calendars for our 4th season of the Summer Striders.

**When:** Monday, June 9, 2008 - Thursday, August 14, 2008  
**Where:** LMS Tennis Courts  
**Time:**  7:00 PM  
**Days:** Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays  
**Cost:** FREE !!!!!

Daily raffles, prizes, mileage shirts, ice cream, and fun run. Open to all members of the community and their families and friends. All abilities and ages welcome! Contact Jim Opfermann at 484-0161

LINCOLN LITTLE LEAGUE
2008 SEASON
Registration for the 2008 season opens on Monday, January 14th. Walk-in registration dates will be announced. Find out more at www.lincolnllb.org

LINCOLN YOUTH FOOTBALL/ CHEERLEADING CLUB
Registration begins March 10, 2008 for veterans and March 24 for new players. See our website for more details at www.lincolnyouthfootballclub.com or contact Jennifer LaBombarbe at 734-483-3975.

If you are interested in pee-wee tackle football for ages 7 and 8, contact Jennifer LaBombarbe at 734-483-3975 or jlabombarb@aol.

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