

Lincoln School December 2009 News

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. The Holidays are such an exciting time of year for all of us. The excitement is truly in the air.

We continue to emphasize our Pups Traits throughout the month of December. We will be focusing on caring and compassion throughout the month of December. The theme for this month is "Gifts from the Heart, not the Mart". The goal is to have students realize there are ways to give without going to the store and buying expensive gifts. The gifts that we will be sharing will touch the lives of others in need. Some of the classrooms will be adopting a soldier throughout the month. Others will be making Christmas decorations for the residents of local nursing homes. Our students will help brighten the holiday season for others. These are the gifts that truly make this season so wonderful. To further extend our generous hearts to the community, we are going to be collecting food items for the Food Pantry the day of our Christmas Program. We will have boxes in the main hallway for any contributions. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The Lincoln School Christmas Program is scheduled for December 4 at 1:30. We hope everyone can join us. The students have been working hard and singing their little hearts out. After the program, the students will be dismissed to their classroom where you may pick up your child. Please let the classroom teacher know that you are taking your child. If someone other than the parent will be picking up a student, a note from the parent is required.

The Christmas room parties will be on December 22nd. We are planning some school-wide fun and activities. Your child's teacher will provide information regarding classroom parties at a later date. The students will be dismissed early on December 22nd. Dismissal times are as follows:

Early 26	1:42
Bus 22 and 4	1:55
Bus 1, 8, 15, 26, 16	2:17

The 5th grade band will be performing on December 8th at FHJHS. The concert will begin at 7:00. I would encourage all of you to come out and support our Lincoln students. The children have been preparing very hard and sound great!

Second quarter will be coming to an end on December 22nd. Grade cards will be coming home January 8th, 2010. Please remember to sign and return all grade cards in a timely manner.

With the cooler temperatures outside, we will often stay inside for PE and recess. However, if weather permits, the students will be going outside for fresh air. *Please* make sure your child is dressed appropriately each day. If the need should arise for school to be cancelled due to inclement weather, you will receive a phone call from our parent notification system. You may also listen to WNOI 103.9 or log on to .wnoi.com.

It is imperative that the school be provided with accurate phone numbers and emergency contact information. I am asking for parents to please keep our office informed when phone numbers change. This information is also used for our parent notification system.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Mrs. Carder

December Calendar

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| December 4 | Christmas Program 1:30 |
| December 7 | After School Enrichment for 5 th grade |
| December 8 | Christmas Concert at FHJHS 7:00 |
| December 14 | After School Enrichment for 4 th grade |
| December 22 | Christmas Fun Day with an Early Dismissal 2:00 |

December 22-January 4 Christmas Vacation

Mark your calendar for the upcoming dates of importance in **2009**.

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| Jan. 4 | Teacher's Institute |
| Jan. 5 | School resumes with the start of 3 rd quarter |
| Jan. 7-8 | Winter Think Link Benchmark Tests |
| Jan. 8 | Grade cards go home |
| Jan. 15 | Early Dismissal for School Improvement |
| Jan. 18 | No School (Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observed) |

March 1-12 ISAT Testing- Do not schedule appointments or vacation during this time.

March 31- April 5 Spring Break