

## Lincoln School News

### March 2010

Dear Parents,

The beautiful spring weather is just around the corner. The students will be going outside for recess as weather permits. Please have your child bring a light jacket or sweatshirt to school each day. It is still very cool in the mornings and many PE classes are held outside.

I would like to commend our students here at Lincoln School for doing a fine job training for the ISAT Olympics. Each week, the students have been taking a "flame test" over various academic skills. The students were given a goal to reach in order to receive a flame. I have enjoyed seeing the smiles on their faces as they eagerly put flames on their Olympic torch. We will have our Medal Ceremony on March 11 at 2:00. Your child may go home with you at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Lincoln School has once again been named as a Spotlight School! This honor is based upon academic achievement and ISAT performance. I would like to congratulate the staff and students for all their hard work and dedication!

The state ISAT test will be given the week of March 1-12. All students need to be here each day unless they are **very** ill. Please avoid scheduling appointments or family trips during this week. This year our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will be tested in Reading, Math, and Science. All 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be tested in Reading, Math, and Writing. We will be having testing sessions each day. Below, you will find some tips to help your child to do his/her best:

- Eat breakfast each day.
- Get plenty of rest the night before. I would suggest each student be in bed by no later than 9:00.
- Dress in layers so as not to be distracted about being too hot or cold.
- Relax and don't become anxious.
- Use a highlighter to focus on important words in the question.
- Do your best!

Our band students have been practicing very hard and are preparing for the Band Solo Contest. This year the contest will be held on March 13 in Mt. Vernon. Ms. Dowden has spent many additional hours assisting our fine musicians. Good luck to all students that are participating.

Mrs. Carder, Principal  
Lincoln School

### **March Events**

March 1-12	ISAT TESTING
March 1	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade After-School Enrichment ISAT Pep Rally
March 6	FAF 3-on-3 Tournament
March 8	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade After-School Enrichment
March 11	ISAT Medal Ceremony 2:00
March 12	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
March 13	District Solo Contest
March 19	Grade Card Day and Dismissal at 2:00
March 29	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Health Presentation
March 30	RIF

### **Upcoming Field Trips for April**

April 12	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Springfield
April 15	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Conservation Day at Charley Brown Park
April 23	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade to St. Louis Arch

**Spring Break**  
**March 31-April 5: No School**

Preschool and Kindergarten Pre-Registration  
March 22-25