




January 22, 2009 Pershing Comet News

Dates to Remember... Please visit our website at <http://pershing.lps.org>

- January 27th – PLC Early Dismissal at 1:33 pm
- January 29th – Report Cards go home
- February 3rd & 5th – Parent Teacher Conferences
- February 13 – Classroom Valentine Exchanges
- February 16 – No Elementary School – Teachers Plan for Instruction



Your child is bringing home Women's Basketball tickets for use on January 24th. If you need more tickets, please contact the office at 436-1160.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held at Pershing on Tuesday, February 3rd, 2009 and Thursday, February 5th, 2009. Grade level conferences are scheduled directly with parents. Conferences are scheduled for 15 minutes. You should receive a reminder directly from your child's teacher regarding the date and time of your specific conference. Please call our office with questions before 4:00 pm at 436-1160.

Specialists will be available for conferences as follows:

	February 3rd	February 5th	Location
Mrs. Marty Minchow	4:00-7:00	4:00-7:00	(Attending individual conferences)
Mr. Dana Wendelin, Physical Education	4:00 - 7:00	4:00-7:00	Gym
Mrs. Tabi Zimmerman, Art	4:00 - 7:00	4:00- 7:00	Room 119, Art Room
Mrs. Lisa Kollbaum, Vocal Music	4:00- -7:00	4:00 - 7:00	Room 130, Music Room
Mrs. Julie Tegeler, Media Specialist	4:00 -7:00	4:00-7:00	Room 142, Media Center
Ms. Lou Anne Miller, Technology Instruction	4:00 -7:00		Room 142, Media Center
Mrs. Danie Leeper, Speech Pathologist	4:00-7:00	3:00-3:45	(Attending individual conferences)
Mrs. Joan Hornung, Special Ed Teacher	4:00-7:00	4:00-7:00	(Attending individual conferences)
Mr. Toben Bunting, Special Ed Teacher	4:00-7:00	4:00-7:00	(Attending individual conferences)
Ms. Susan Gauthier, Special Ed Teacher	4:00-7:00	4:00-7:00	(Attending individual conferences)
Ms. Erin Fitzgerald, Special Ed Teacher	4:00-7:00	4:00-7:00	(Attending individual conferences)
Ms. Jennifer Wagner, School Psychologist	4:00-7:00	4:00-7:00	Room 111
Ms. Maralee Cloran, Nurse	4:00-5:30	4:00-5:30	Health Office

If you are unable to meet with one of these teachers, you may leave a message for them and they will contact you.

Parents Note: This is our behavior expectation for the week. You can talk about this at home to reinforce. Thanks for your help!

Keeping Hands and Feet to Self

What do we expect the student to do?

1. When standing, keep your feet on the ground and hands on your side.
2. When sitting keep your feet on the floor or sit criss-cross. Put your hands on your desk or your lap.
3. Keep your arms and legs still (Do not fidget).
4. Sit or stand quietly.
5. If you want to get someone's attention, say their name in a pleasant voice.

Looking for Ways to Reduce your Taxes in 2009?

The Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools invites the devoted teachers and staff of LPS and the families and friends of students to a FREE seminar on tax efficient charitable giving. The speakers will discuss ways to reduce both income and estate taxes in 2009 while helping your favorite causes. We know you, who give so much of your skills and time to LPS, share in our desire to continue to make our schools great! The seminar will be presented by Andrew Loudon, Attorney with Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Grit, & Witt, LLP and Jaime Hemmerling, Trust Officer and CPA with First Nebraska Trust.

February 23, 2009
5:15 - 6:15 pm
Lincoln Public Schools District Office
Board Room 102

Please RSVP by February 16th to the Foundation at 436-1612.

Breakfast at Pershing

Parents,
Breakfast is served from 7:40 -7:55. During this time a hot breakfast is served. If a student comes in after 7:55 to eat, they will get a breakfast, but it will be a cold sack breakfast.

Dress Code

Students are to dress for school in a way that is not a concern for their safety, or that interferes with learning and teaching. We are beginning to see an increase in saggy pants, and other clothing that are specifically listed as inappropriate for school. Please know that we will ask students wearing these clothes to wait in the office until other clothing can be provided for them by parents or guardians. Also please consider the message that your child's shirt sends. Sometimes messages that seem funny, are actually sending a very negative message. We appreciate your help with dressing your child in a manner that tells them school is important. The rules on dress code are in the Student Handbook on page 5.

Help Stop Underage Use of Alcohol or Other Drugs

The public can help law enforcement agencies stop underage use of alcohol or other drugs. If you hear of a planned underage drinking party, please call the MIP Hotline at 393-444 in Omaha. Nebraska residents who live outside of the Omaha metropolitan area can call 1-866-393-4445 toll free.

You do not need to leave your name, and all information will be strictly confidential.

The MIP Hotline number can also be used to anonymously report anyone who is providing alcohol, tobacco, or any other drugs to young people.

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January 15, 2009

Nominate your teacher

Thank your teacher today. In honor of Nebraska Teacher Recognition Day – Tuesday, March 3 – Lincoln Public Schools and KFOR/KFRX Radio collaborate to thank our educators with the annual Thank You Teacher contest.

Children, teenagers, university students, even grownups can pay tribute to a teacher or professor who has made a difference in their lives – by nominating that teacher for recognition from the Thank You Teacher contest. Six teachers will be chosen and honored at a breakfast on March 3 at the Governor’s Mansion, where the students – and former students – who submit the winning nominations will be invited to attend and read their winning letters.

Anyone who lives in Lincoln/Lancaster County can nominate a teacher in any of six categories: preschool-grade 2, grades 3-5, middle school, high school, university and retired. In addition to a written description, explaining why a teacher made a difference in your life, entries should include the teacher’s name, grade level and school (or contact information), as well as the nominator’s name, address and phone number.

Nominations should be received by **Friday, Feb. 13**, at 5 p.m. and mailed to: Thank You Teacher, KFOR/KFRX Radio, 3800 Cornhusker, Lincoln, NE, 68504.

The event is part of the Nebraska Teacher Recognition activities. Sponsors include Lincoln Public Schools, KFOR/KFRX, the Lincoln Education Association and the Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools.

For more information contact Mary Kay Roth, 436-1609, mkroth@lps.org.

