



Dates to Remember...

- **Thursday, November 12th – Report Cards Go Home**
 - PPTO Meeting at Pershing at 7:00 pm
- **Saturday, November 14th – Bubba’s Closet at McPhee Elementary School**
- **Wednesday, November 18th – Picture Retakes at 6:00 – 7:00 pm at Pershing**
- **Tuesday, November 24th – PLC Dismissal at 1:33 pm**
- **Wednesday, November 25th – No School for Elementary Students – Teacher’s Plan Day**
- **Thursday, November 26th – Sunday, November 29th – Thanksgiving Break, No School**

MUSIC

In music class, all students have been singing, playing instruments, and counting rhythm patterns. Second through Fifth graders are learning about composers by listening and analyzing their music. They are also learning how to read the treble clef note names. All students have learned to sing The Preamble and are now working on The Star-Spangled Banner.



How is MATH and MUSIC related?

Math	Music
Numbers	Counting beats and measures
Patterns and shapes	Rhythm patterns and musical form
Math symbols	Music symbols and notation
Fractions	Counting rhythms – dividing the beat
Sets	Keys and scales
Fractions, multiples, beats, measures	Rhythm and meter
Ratios and proportions	Subdivision of a beat
Problem solving	Transferring music that is written to music that is performed using correct pitch, rhythm, dynamics, tempo, and expression.

Lincoln Public Schools now offers a new Parent Center on the Web site at www.lps.org. Go to the LPS Web and look for the Parent Center along the top navigation bar.

What will you find?

Quick links to LPS info such as:

- Calendars (student, staff, special events)
- Employee address search
- Links to elementary, middle and high schools
- A wide variety of forms: attendance, health, facilities
- Home school lookup
- Honors
- Lunch menus and information for purchasing meals
- Student services
- Publications such as Important Information Booklet, Annual Report, Community News

The site also features a new item called ParentNotes, providing the most current information of interest to parents: services, resources, data and news from around the school district, as well as links to services and resources in the community.


MAKE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR PERSHING CLC 2ND QUARTER CLUBS

Homework Zone

Homework zone meets Monday-Thursday. We have lined up staff from the school to help students get homework done and work on the skills they learn in school. There will be two sections, one for students in grades 2-3 and one for 4-5.


Cost: YMCA Member Fee - \$10.00
 Non Member Fee \$15.00

Picture Re-Takes



Will be November 18th from 6:00 – 7:00 at Pershing Elementary School.

The Lincoln Public Schools resource handbook for free or low cost holiday services is now available. This resource gives locations and contact information for such resources as holiday food distribution, and food baskets. There are also resources for holiday toy distribution and programs for reduced price holiday toys for children. You can access further information by going to the Center for People in Need website at www.centerforpeopleinneed.org, the resources are also posted on the front doors of Pershing, you can also contact Sara Crandall at 436-1160 if you have questions or are in need of additional information



Check it Out! Parent Forums are Online!
 They are at the gifted home page <http://gifted.lps.org>



PARENT FOCUS GROUPS

You & Your Teen in Cyberspace

Parent Forum Focuses on Parenting in the age of new media covers facebook, myspace, youtube, cell phones, predators, bullying, etc.

Monday, Nov. 9
 at 7PM at Southwest High School, 8001 S. 14th Street

Lincoln Public School students in grades 3-5 have taken district-developed Math tests (CRTs) for several years. These tests have been used to determine if a student is proficient on grade level mathematics. In the past, these tests have been administered as end-of-the-year tests after all instruction has been completed. This year students will take math CRTs more frequently and closer to the time of instruction. **The CRTs have been re-organized according to math objectives taught each quarter or semester.**

Below are the CRTs for each grade level and the dates of administration.

Grade Level	CRT	Dates of Administration
4	Quarter 1- Grade 4	October 19-October 23
4	Quarter 1- Grade 4 RE-TEST	November 2-Novemebr 20
3-5	Quarter 2	January 20-January 27
3-5	Quarter 2 RE-TEST	January 28-February 18
3-5	Quarter 3	March 15-March 19
3-5	Quarter 3 RE-TEST Quarter 4	May 17 -28

A Community Conversation....

Help us help all our students graduate from high school – be part of the solution

For Lincoln Public Schools families:

The Lincoln Board of Education, in partnership with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Chapter of the United Way and the Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools, invites the public – and most especially all our LPS students and families – to attend a two-meeting Community Conversation this fall.

The Conversation will address and identify solutions to the major issues that impact students who not graduate from high school: issues that often go far beyond our school classrooms and involve family support systems, poverty, mental health issues, and additional community and societal challenges.

“This is a bold vision for our community as we ask the public to come together and join us in this critical discussion,” said Lincoln Superintendent of Schools Susan Gourley. “We believe in the power of community engagement, as we look for additional ways to improve our graduation rate, one of the most important issues in education today.”

Gourley stressed that students who fail to graduate from high school have a serious and long-lasting impact on the entire community: “The achievement of a simple high school diploma creates measurable benefits that ripple through the fabric of a city.”

A diploma has enormous benefits in increased wages and accumulated wealth – for the individual and for the community, she explained. It also translates into a more comfortable and secure lifestyle for the graduate, fewer health issues, the decreased likelihood of receiving government assistance or going to jail, and the decreased likelihood of continuing the cycle of poverty in families.

The public is asked to join in the conversation and attend two meetings scheduled at Lincoln High School, 2229 J St.:

- **6-8:30 p.m. on: Thursday, Oct. 15**
- **6-8:30 p.m. on: Thursday, Nov. 5**

The October conversation will begin with a presentation explaining and exploring major factors identified in the lives of LPS students who drop out of school. In November, working as a collective, participants will begin to identify community solutions and develop recommendations for how our community might come together to increase the high school graduation rate and lower the dropout rate.

No advanced registration is necessary. Doors at Lincoln High open at 5:30 p.m. The two meetings are free and open to the public. We ask that you consider attending this crucial discussion about our community’s future, and the future of our students.

LPS Emergency Pantry open for LPS families in crisis

The Lincoln Public Schools Emergency Pantry, sponsored by the Food Bank of Lincoln and the LPS School District, has changed its hours starting Monday, Nov. 2.

The Pantry – located in a portable classroom at Lefler Middle School, 1100 S. 48th St. – is a resource available to LPS families who are experiencing a food crisis.

Please help make our LPS families aware of the Pantry and its operation:

- Any LPS family in need should contact the principal or social worker at the school their student attends to obtain a referral card. Then families can come to the Pantry to select a specified amount of food – for up to five times in a school year at no cost.
- If a family has transportation issues, they should contact the school principal and see if they can obtain a food box.

Starting Monday, Nov. 2, the Pantry will be open weekly: 3:30-5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Holiday hours are 3:30-5 p.m. on Dec. 22, 23, 29 and 30 – when food boxes will be available for pick up only.

For additional information about emergency food assistance please go to the Food Bank’s Web site, www.lincolnfoodbank.org.

*For more information contact Alynn Sampson at the Food Bank of Lincoln,
466-8170 ext. 112.*