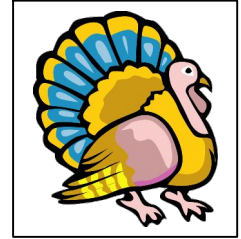




November 6, 2008 Pershing Comet News



Dates to Remember...

- November 7th – PPTO Carnival and Pizza Feed
- November 11th – Veteran's Day at the Flagpole, Kindergarten Chet Ager Field Trip
- November 12th - Pershing Blood Drive
- November 13th – Report Cards Go Home
- November 15th – Bubba's Closet at Pershing
- November 17th, 18th, and 19th, 3rd and 5th Grade Field Trip to Morrill Hall
- November 25th – PLC Early Dismissal at 1:33
- November 26th – November 28th – No School Thanksgiving Break

****Note:** Check Thursday folders for this information. We will be sending out our behavior expectation lesson for the next 2 weeks, so parents can reinforce that skill at home. Thanks for help on this!

LPS Elementary Principals

Present

Bubba's Closet

Saturday, November 15, 8:00 am to 10:00 am

At Pershing

You may donate clothes for Bubba's Closet to Hanger's Cleaners from Oct. 6 – Nov. 8. Clothes will be transported to Pershing where elementary students can pick out items to adopt and use! You are invited to attend and select clothing for your children! This one of the many American Education Week activities planned in Lincoln Public Schools.

**Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup
"Return the Warmth" recycling project supports *Bubba's Closet***

Last spring the LPS high schools participated in *Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup 'Return the Warmth'* program. It was a school contest also sponsored by *Aquafina* and *Sam's Club* to

Great news!! 135,593 pounds of PET was collected at the high schools and the Lincoln community drop-off sites and curbside programs. Three LPS high schools, **Bryan Community, Southeast and Lincoln High**, were in the top 50 schools in the country and **East High, Southwest and Northeast** were in the top 100!! That means that Bubba's Closet will receive **3 - \$1,000 Sam's Club Gift Cards** AND fleece jackets made from recycled PET.

More good news... The top 100 winning schools will each receive 250 kids fleece jackets, so LPS will receive **1,500 kids fleece jackets!** The jackets will be delivered the end of October and will be ready to distribute at Bubba's Closet on November 15 (which happens to be *America Recycles Day!*)

Special thanks to the local affiliate, Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful, which is a program of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department and is partially funded by a grant from the Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant administered by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, for involving the LPS High Schools and Bubba's Closet in this successful event!



SPECIAL THANKS!!!!

Thanks to Ameritas for providing 6 boxes of notebooks for school use.
Thanks to an anonymous donor for providing 2 boxes of miscellaneous school supplies
These donations help our budget go further.
Thanks so much!



PPTO NEWS!!!

Important Dates

Tomorrow!, November 7th – Carnival, Open House and Pizza Feed

November 13th – PPTO Meeting, 7:00 pm

NEEDED VOLUNTEERS

We still need volunteers for the Carnival on November 7th. If you are interested please contact Angie Miller at email address at pershing.pto@hotmail.com

Barnes and Noble Book Fair Pajama Party Storytime and Theme

When: December 10th

Time: 6:30 – 8:00

Where: Barnes and Noble

A percent of all purchases will go to the Pershing media center. There will be a special quest, local author Ronica Stromberg, "The Time-for-bed-Angel."

Pershing Blood Drive

Please look for information that will be sent out soon regarding Pershing Blood Drive.

The Blood drive will be on Wednesday,

November 12th

12:00 – 5:00 PM

In the Gymnasium

For an appointment call 436-1160



Parents/Guardians of LPS students:

You may have read in the newspaper or heard in other media that there have been outbreaks of staph infections in our community and in others. This is not unusual, especially at this time of year. A staph infection can be serious, so we're writing to provide some information that may be helpful to you.

Staph infections, and particularly the MRSA strain, bring questions about the causes of the infection and what can be done to prevent a staph infection.

To prevent staph, or MRSA skin infections, the Center for Disease Control recommends:

1. Keep your hands clean by washing thoroughly with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
2. Keep cuts and scrapes clean and covered with a bandage until healed.
3. Avoid contact with other people's wounds or bandages.
4. Avoid sharing personal items such as towels or razors.

The CDC also notes that, "Staph or MRSA infections in the community are usually manifested as skin infections, such as pimples and boils, and occur in otherwise healthy people." These skin infections frequently look like spider bites or bumps that are red, swollen, and painful. Please contact your healthcare provider if any family member has a skin lesion that does not heal quickly or if the person has any fever.

LPS Custodial staff clean and disinfect locker rooms, bathrooms and other areas on a regular basis. School Health Office staff members reinforce the above prevention steps and work with students who do have scrapes and cuts to be sure they are cleaned and covered. All LPS staff are encouraged to reinforce the need for frequent hand washing which is the best way to prevent the spread of infections of all types.

Additional information is available at www.cdc.gov/; you are also welcome to contact the nurse in your student's school if you have questions.

Neighborhood FOOD program

Will distribute Thanksgiving Food, items from the "Truckloads of Help Program" and a Gift Certificate to a local grocery store for the Thanksgiving Holiday at:

Center for People in Need – 3901 North 27th Street

Thursday, November 20th – 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Friday, November 21st – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Saturday, November 22nd – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm



To be eligible to receive a gift certificate everyone MUST bring the following with them to the special distribution: Identification and a piece of mail with your name and current address on it.

All new families to the program should plan to attend the Center for People in Need's sites.

If you are currently receiving food from the Neighborhood Food Program you must still bring the above paperwork in order to receive the gift certificate.

For very limited food items and the grocery store Voucher you can attend one of the sites below. However, there will not be "Truckloads of Help" items and only limited food items.

Tuesday, November 18th

F Street Rec. Center – 1225 F St. 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

Matt Talbot Kitchen – 1911 R St. 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Thursday, November 20th – There will not be any food at Malone Center or the Oaklake Church

