



February 5, 2009 Pershing Comet News



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

- February 13 – Classroom Valentine Exchanges
- February 16 – No Elementary School – Teachers Plan for Instruction
- February 18 – 4th and 5th Grade Field Trip to Sheldon Art Gallery, also 2nd Grade Field Trip to Ameritas
- February 24 – PLC Dismissal at 1:33 pm
- March 3 – Dress up Like a Book Character and PPTO Skate Zone from 6:00 – 8:00

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!

Expectations For Positive Peer Reporting

What do we expect the student to do?

1. Try to notice or find out positive things about others (sharing helping a friend, honesty, trying hard in school, giving others encouragement).
- 2 Smile and use an enthusiastic voice when talking positively about others.
- 3 Tell your teacher and friends exactly what you like about others (things they are good at or accomplishments.)



School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drills

In order to comply with standards that require the practice of emergency evacuation from school buses, the Transportation Department plans to conduct bus evacuation drills for Pershing on **Tuesday, February 10th**. On that day students will arrive home approximately 15 to 20 minutes late.

For ECSE these drills will run on **Thursday, February 12th**. On that day students will arrive home approximately 15 to 20 minutes late.

Arriving after 8:10

Parents,
If you have children arriving to school after 8:10 they need to go to the front doors.

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.

No School Reminders and Early Dismissal

There is no school on February 16th – Teacher's Plan Day

On February 24th – PLC early dismissal day at 1:33 pm.

March 23rd – March 27th – No School, Spring Break



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.

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