

## Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

### August - September 2016

#### Welcome Back!

It has been a good start to the 2016-2017 school year at Lincoln Elementary School. We are excited to have our students back with us and are very happy to see the new faces throughout the building. One of the first things I heard about Lincoln prior to



joining this school is that Lincoln is a “family.” From my first few moments here, I have observed this to be true. The students, staff, and community here truly care about each other and their school, and this is a wonderful thing to see. It is my hope that all of you accept me into your school family this year.

Good things are happening here at Lincoln. We are preparing for a year of challenges, growth, and learning for each of our students. If you ever need anything, please stop by or call the office. I look forward to working with you and your students this year. As a team... all of us working together, parents, administrators, teachers and students...we have created a special culture here at Lincoln where it truly is “cool” to achieve.

Sincerely,  
Mike Scoles, Principal

#### Findlay Homecoming Spirit Week

In celebration of Trojan Pride, we will participate in Homecoming Spirit Week during the week of September 26-30. Here is the theme for each day:

Monday: Career Day

Tuesday: Jersey Day

Wednesday: America Day (Red, White, Blue)

Thursday: NO SCHOOL!

Friday: Blue and Gold Day

**Go Trojans!**

#### Start Time and Dismissal Plan for Lincoln Elementary

The first bell will ring at 8:50 a.m. and the tardy (late) bell will ring at 9:05 a.m. School dismissal is 3:30 p.m. Doors for breakfast eaters open at 8:30 a.m. and doors for school open at 8:50 am.

**Please do not have your students come to the school prior to the doors opening at 8:50 am** (unless your student is coming for breakfast). Teachers and administrators are in meetings in the mornings and there is no supervision at that time except for breakfast in the cafeteria. In addition, as in past years...**the playgrounds are closed before school!** Students are not to be at the school playing on the playgrounds without school personnel supervision prior to school starting each morning. This is a safety issue.



Dismissal time can be quite hectic because of the downtown nature of our school building. If you need to pick up your child across from the main entrance of the school, please use the crosswalks at S. Cory or S. West Streets.

Breakfast times are 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Students will be able to begin breakfast at 8:30 a.m. We stop serving breakfast at 9:00 a.m. so that students can eat breakfast and then make it to their classroom by 9:05 a.m. (tardy bell and school begins.) If you wish for your child to participate in breakfast, please

make sure they arrive at the cafeteria during the breakfast time. We will be sending late students to their class. It is not possible for a student to arrive at 9:00 a.m., eat their breakfast, and be in the classroom by 9:05 a.m. Many times, the students will arrive early but spend time on the playground and then make breakfast an afterthought. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Older Siblings Picking Up Students After School**

If you have a middle school student picking up a Lincoln student after school, please have your older student come to Lincoln **at dismissal time**. We ask that middle school and high school students **not congregate at Lincoln** for the time period between their school dismissal and Lincoln's dismissal as this has created repeated distractions for our teachers and K-5 students who are still in the process of teaching and learning until 3:30 pm. Older brothers and sisters are welcome to pick up their siblings...but please do so at dismissal time.

### **Aluminum Can Collection**

Lincoln will once again be participating in the Ball Metal Can Challenge. Please send in your aluminum cans so they can be stored on the rooftop garden for the collection. Ball Metal provides money based on the weight of the cans and even gives additional funds to the school with the most cans per pupil/can ratio. Thanks for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ross @ [aross@findlaycityschools.org](mailto:aross@findlaycityschools.org). All cans are due September 30!!



### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Parent-teacher conferences will be held Thursday, October 6, 2016; Tuesday, October 11, 2016; and Thursday, October 20, 2016. The purpose of holding the conferences is to develop the parent-teacher team. Your child will realize that we are working together at the very beginning of the school year to help them become successful learners. Our goal is to have the children responsible for their learning. Your child's teacher will be contacting you to arrange a time convenient for you.

### **Caught Being Good**

The Caught Being Good positive behavior recognition program has resumed at Lincoln again this year. Teachers and other staff members can recognize students for their positive acts throughout the week by giving them a "Caught Being Good" ticket. One part of the ticket lists what the student got "Caught Being Good" doing and the other part of the ticket contains the student's name.



This part is torn off and put into the Caught Being Good bucket. On Fridays during the lunch periods, Mr. Scoles and Mrs. Adkins recognize students who were Caught Being Good during the week. All students who got a Caught Being Good automatically get a frozen ice-pop (like last year). In addition, once everyone has gotten their frozen treat, one boy's name and one girl's name from each grade level are randomly chosen from all of the grade level Caught Being Goods...these students get to choose a prize from the prize box. The only way you can qualify



for the Prize Box is to have a Caught Being Good in the drawing. Good job to all of our students who have been Caught Being Good so far this year!



## Scenes from Lincoln!

Welcome to our new staff members at Lincoln this year!



Lori Huffman  
Intervention Specialist



Nicole Sullivan  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math



Whitney McAfee  
Title I Reading



Mrs. Adkins, Lincoln's School Counselor, is working with Lincoln students this year on developing positive habits that will help lead to success. The Findlay City Schools are incorporating Stephen Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Successful People into the FCS school culture throughout the district. Good job helping our students be the best they can be, Mrs. Adkins!



The Donnell Band and Cheerleaders came to Lincoln on September 9<sup>th</sup> to give Lincoln a real Trojan pep rally! The middle schoolers did a great job and the Lincoln kids showed great school spirit...  
**GO TROJANS!!!**



## Our 5<sup>th</sup> Graders are Lincoln's Leaders...In Action!



Left: Mrs. Hiatt's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class enjoys freeze pops on the first day of school (much needed, very hot!!) Can anyone spot Mrs. Hiatt's son?? Right: Mrs. Hiatt's Language Arts Class doing the "7 Up Sentences" activity for writing.



Mrs. Sullivan's 5<sup>th</sup> Graders are showing excellent Lincoln Leadership by reading to some of our newest Lincoln Trojans in the Kindergarten rooms.



Mrs. Davis' Class has been working on "Birds and Beaks" this school year! In the pictures above, 5<sup>th</sup> graders are using a variety of activities to simulate bird behavior. 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will soon be taking a field trip to Riverbend Park to put their bird knowledge to the test!