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### K-Kids

In K-Kids clubs worldwide, more than 36,000 children are learning leadership through service. Currently, 26 Lincoln 5th grade students serve as K-Kids. They're taking on the responsibility of running a K-Kids club as they plan and participate in community service projects. They assist the elderly with chores or organize community food drives. They serve their schools, raising funds for sports equipment and extracurricular activities. In big and small ways, they're changing the world around them. But the most significant change happens in the kids themselves.



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## Making Progress-Illinois School Report Card and PARCC

In the fall of each year, Illinois schools receive the results of their Spring PARCC assessment. Students and school scores become available publically on Oct. 31.

The 2018 PARCC results for Lincoln's 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> gr. students in Eng/Language Arts (ELA) and Math (MA) are discussed below:

Overall, Lincoln recorded a meet and exceeds rate of 37%. It represents a 4% increase over spring 2017. Twenty one more students met or exceeded state standards over the previous year.

Third grade students scored a 36% average in ELA matching the state average, but below the district avg. of 44%. In math, third grade students met/exceeded

at a rate of 46% (7 pts. above 2017) exceeding the state average of 37%.

In ELA fourth grade students had a M/E average of 38% matching the state average of 38% and just below a district average of 43%. Fourth grade students also recorded a M/E average of 36%, above the state average of 31%, but below the district average of 42%.

In fifth grade, 2017-18 students met and exceeded at 35% in ELA missing the state average by 1% below the district averages of 49%. Fifth grade student had a math M/E average of 29% below the district average of 40% and missing the state average again by 1 point.

Lincoln's Spring 2018 PARCC scores reflect an increase in student achievement over the 2017 scores in 5 of 6 grade tested levels/subject categories.

By the Numbers:

- \* **School average up 4%**
- \* **3<sup>rd</sup> gr. Math up 7%**
- \* **4<sup>th</sup> gr. Math up 8%**
- \* **5<sup>th</sup> gr. ELA up 4%**
- \* **5<sup>th</sup> gr. Math up 9%**
- \* **Four of six tested gr. level/ subjects record high scores**
- \* **ELA growth rate 50.2% above state avg.**
- \* **Math growth rate 56% above district and state average**

For more information, contact Mr. Fletcher or Mr. Roper or go online to [marionunit2.org](http://marionunit2.org)

### Attendance Matters:

#### U.S. dept. of Education and The Brookings Institute by John Fletcher

Student attendance matters for academic performance – The association between poor attendance and lower National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) scores is robust and holds for every state and for each of the 21 urban districts, regardless of size, region or composition of the student population.

Poor attendance is a national challenge - About one in five students in both fourth and eighth grade reported missing three or more days in the month before the test. If that pattern persisted all year, the students would have missed 27 days or 15% of the school year. \*About 3 percent of students missed 10 or more days in the prior month, a level of absenteeism associated with the weakest scores.

For younger students, **research**

**has shown that chronic absenteeism in kindergarten is associated with lower achievement in reading and math in later grades,** even when controlling for family income, race, disability status, and preschool experience. Research finds a pattern across grades – namely chronic absenteeism is high in kindergarten, drops to the lowest rates around fourth and fifth grade, and then climbs steadily through middle school and high school to peak at 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and first grade were less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. **If children don't show up for school regularly they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance**

**that will carry them into college and careers.**

You can help us achieve a building attendance rate of **96%** by having your child arrive to school by 8:00 AM (*signing students in late or signing them out early counts against your student's attendance record and the school's overall attendance rate*) when possible schedule outside appointments after 3:00 PM, and continue to build healthy habits and routines for them at home to ensure they are ready for school each day.



## Lincoln's PBIS/SWIS by Cory Bushue

Lincoln Elementary implements a school-wide Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) program to decrease problem behaviors & increase instructional time. Lincoln has achieved **GOLD Level Recognition** from the Midwest PBIS Network the past 5 years. We track our Office Discipline Referrals (ODR's) using the School-Wide Information System (SWIS).

Lincoln had 56 ODR's during the 1st

quarter this year. The majority (85%) of those ODR's are for physical aggression, non-compliance and/or disrespect. Our PBIS Team meets monthly to create weekly "Wildcat Way" lesson plans to target student ODR's. Some of the scheduled 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter "Wildcat Ways" include; We speak at appropriate times, We play fairly, We speak kindly to each other, We keep our hands to ourselves. These lessons are taught each week by classroom

teachers and by our K-Kids on Wildcat TV.

Please partner with us at home by teaching/discussing school-wide expectations (**Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe**) and asking your child about the weekly "Wildcat Way" (discuss positive examples vs. negative examples). Together we can make a positive difference!

## Lincoln PTO Off To A Great Year

As always, Lincoln PTO has been busy little bees getting the new school year off to a wonderful start. We purchased nylon drawstring bags for birthdays, and provided bouncy houses from Inflatable Fun for the 1st quarter PBIS reward. We have offered spirit wear and bracelets and collected donations for the Marion Police Department Canine Unit for Red Ribbon Week. Our Paragon fund raising looks to be successful as well. We are currently pre-

paring for a fun night of **Bingo, dinner and Scholastic bookfair** for the whole family, come enjoy on **November 15th**.

The main goal for our fundraising this year is to make repairs to the playground. We would like to add concrete to some key areas to eliminate standing water. Thanks to all the families for continuing to support Lincoln's PTO.



## Student Review: Conservation Fair...By Max Motsinger

On Wednesday, October 3 Mrs. Stotlar's Class took a fieldtrip to DuQuoin for the Conservation Fair. One activity we did was going to see snakes; we even got to touch them! We also

learned how to identify healthy lakes and we held dead fish in jars. It was really cool! We got to go in this truck and touch dead animal skins. Also, we saw examples of taxidermy. Then we

learned about trees. Lastly, we talked about what Ameren does. That was our trip to the Conservation Fair. We had a great time!

## News from Mrs. Slone's 3rd Grade Class

It has been a great first nine weeks in this school and classroom. I have met so many people and learned a lot of things. This class was a great class to start with. I have a class of caring and funny kids that are helping me learn the ropes right along with them. They seriously light up my day!

In writing, we have been working on a two different genres. We worked on narrative where students were able to work on folktales. The students were able to pull from their creative side and come up with some very interesting narrative folktales. Students learned what makes up a narrative folktale and how to add fun things like

magic or stories of how something in nature came to be. I hope parents were able to take time to read them at home! We also worked on an informative writing about Columbus. We watched some videos on how to draw Columbus and his ships and the artwork this class produced was amazing!

The class has also been working hard in math. We have made it to multiplication! Soon, they will be earning their "ninja belts" for their multiplication facts. This is always a fun time with learning. At the end of all of our facts we get to do something fun, like a banana split party. I mean, who doesn't love ice cream?!?!?

Our trip to the Conservation Fair was informative and fun. The kids took away some interesting facts from the stations and we were able to enjoy a day of just hanging out together.

One of the highlights of this nine weeks was Homecoming week. The kids loved the dress up days. The kids and I had fun catching candy and all of the fun treats at the parade. It really was a special week!

We love to art in our classroom and I have been excited to have parents volunteer to come in to do some with us! Our class can't wait to do more fall art activities and be creative!

## Elementary Technology Gets a New Teacher



This school year Lincoln Elementary has a familiar face in a new role. Former third grade teacher, Mrs. Landes is the new technology teacher replacing Mrs. Parks who recently retired. Another change to the elementary tech program this year is that students have this

class once a week instead of every other week. Teachers and administrators recognize the need to teach students important digital literacy skills today. Making the computer special weekly, is something teachers have wanted for a long time.

During first quarter, students in Mrs. Landes' classes learned many things. The younger students focused on identifying computer parts, beginner keyboarding, and enhancing important content from their classrooms. They also worked on touchpad skills and finding keys on the keyboard. Older students learned how to care for their Chromebooks and began exploring various Google Apps such as Google

Classroom and Slides. Upper grades also learned how to use a few important keyboard shortcuts. Ask your 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader the shortcut for copy, cut, and paste.

Mrs. Landes plans to celebrate Computer Education Week in December. All Lincoln students will participate in the **Hour of Code** and learn the basics of computer coding. Mrs. Landes is looking for adults who have computer science experience to serve as guest speakers during this first week of December event. Please email her if you or someone you know might be interested.

## Miss Farthing's 1st Graders



In Miss Farthing's first grade, we have new long distance friends! We are pen pals with a first grade class from

Wolf Ridge Elementary in Bunker Hill, Illinois. Each student in our class was paired with a student in Mrs. McLaughlin's first grade class at Wolf Ridge. For our first letters, we introduced ourselves to our pen pal and shared our favorite things about school. We will send pictures with our next letters and practice using questions in our writing. We cannot wait to receive letters in the mail with replies from Mrs. McLaughlin's students. Throughout the course of the year we look forward to learning more about each of our new friends and will practice using our letter writing skills. We will arrange a video chat with the

class at the end of the year so the students can meet virtually!



## Awesomeness in Allardyce's Room

The start of the school year has been great. Our school year is off to a great start. Our class is a group of awesome and amazing girls and boys ready to learn all things 4th grade. We recently were able to go on a field trip to the Conservation Fair at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds, where we learned about Monarch butterflies, water and boating safety, how to be safe with natural gas. We also learned about birds and their sounds that the students might see here in Southern Illinois. A fun time was had by all. We have been studying cells and organisms in science. We

are getting ready to make edible plant and animal cells. Yum. We just created our very own ecosystem terrariums to have in the classroom. Each group has two ecosystems. Our ecosystems include crickets, snails, grasshoppers, earthworms, caterpillars, a pregnant spider, and even a frog. All of these creatures have been brought in by the students. We will be studying our ecosystems to learn about how living and nonliving things work together in an environment and how they depend on each other. Homecoming week was a huge success and

lot of fun. We had many sports teams proudly represented on Sports Day. On Decade day our room was filled with hippies and flower children, some girls from the 80s and a grunge guy from the 90s. There were a lot of tourists ready for travel, some tacky for sure, on Hawaiian/Tourist Day. Of course Blue and Gold day was the best! We painted our faces in preparation of attending the parade to cheer on our Wildcats! Looking forward to what the second nine weeks has in store for Mrs. Allardyce's awesome 4th graders.



## Marion CUSD #2 Media Centers Awarded LSTA Grant

The media centers of Marion CUSD #2 were awarded a **Library Services & Technology Act** grant by the Illinois State Library. The grant project, *STEM + Reading Initiatives = Future Ready Readers*, will help students read critically, for enjoyment, and become life-long readers. To support the addition of Makerspaces, STEM groups, and Robotics teams in the libraries and schools, fiction and non-fiction titles have been purchased on STEM based

topics. To enhance the multiple reading initiative programs, **Million Words Challenge, Lincoln Award, Monarch Award, Illinois Reads**, promoted at the libraries, newly released fiction and graphic novels have been purchased. Both of these sets of titles will be used by CUSD #2 patrons for reading enjoyment and accessing information to increase their success in and outside of the classroom.

As of October 16, 2018, the top 5 students are:

- Charlotte Marlo** with 829,284 words
- Elly Mohr** with 390,651 words
- Winnie Ye** with 275,706 words
- Ashlee Mattingly** with 206,154 words
- Marley Ben Avi** with 148,277 words

## Lincoln Teacher of the Month: Recognizing more through PBIS...by John Fletcher

In January of 2017, Lincoln's universal PBIS team met to discuss the schools recognition program. Each week students throughout the building are recognized for positive behavior and academic achievement. Missing from that effort was recognition for our teachers.

The PBIS planning team created a

Teacher of the Month initiative to highlight the efforts of our great staff members. Teachers are nominated by their peers. Nominations are made through the month in the teachers' lounge. Teachers with the most nominations become the recipient of the T.O.M. title. The selected teacher receives a lunch from **LaFiesta**, a treat from **Simply David's**, and a reserved parking

spot for the following month.

Teachers that received T.O.M. recognitions for 2018-19.

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| <b>May 2018</b>   | <b>Mark Adkins</b>   |
| <b>Aug. 2018</b>  | <b>Kristi White</b>  |
| <b>Sept. 2018</b> | <b>Sharon Pinson</b> |

## K-Kids Serve the Community

Lincoln's K-Kids served the community at the annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 27. This is one of several community service projects that they will participate in this year. The following 26 students participated: **Carson Bruner, Payton Cook,**

**Maddy Dunning, Isa Greer, Will Kelly, Callahan Roper, Sophia Speraneo, Tianna White, Sam Adkins, Lily Newman, Kaylyn Courter, Brayden Hankey, Eduardo Perez, Marley Ben Avi, Cameron Gossett, Maddie Montgomery, Braden Walsh, Charlotte Marlo, Kaylin**

**Wolfe, Callie Collins, Riley Warner, Shadrach Richardson, Briar Powell, Autumn Richey, Adrianna Dunning, Sophia Swinford.**

## Lincoln's Kindergarteners Are Off To A Great Start

Lincoln kindergarteners have been busy learning their letters, sounds, sight words, and numbers, and how to write their names. This month we're also learning and reading about Christopher Columbus, fire safety, and pumpkins and their life cycle. On October 22nd we took a field trip to Breezy Hill Pumpkin Patch and fun was had

by all. In November we will be learning all about Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving. Happy Fall!



## Lincoln Teachers Receive Grant Funding

On Oct. 22nd, the Marion Unit 2 Foundation (501c3) announced the recipients of the 2018 Classroom Grants.

Twenty three grants were accepted representing 40 classrooms teachers and librarians. Total funding for the instructional projects exceeded \$11,000.

Nine teachers from Lincoln had their grants applications approved: **Mark Adkins**, (4th), Lego Mindstorm, **Bran-don Crosson**, (K), Mathseeds, **Melanie Davis** (1st), Mathseeds, **Ashely Farthing** (1st), Mathseeds, **Kelly Holland**, (Title), Library Literacy Fieldtrip, **Jess Landes** (Tech), Breakout Box, **Lisa Pinkston** (K), Mathseeds, **Jenna Stotlar**,

(4th) Lego Mindstorm, and **Marci Tarl-ton** (K), Reaching the Stars. The schools combined grants total \$3209.90.

## Wildcat Way Winners

### “We Are Safe, Responsible and Respectful”

Loston Jeter, Paislee Deathridge, Gabriel Altman, Delaney Wilson, Jaydon Clarida, Elina Wei, Wayne Warner, Carmen Shaffer, Haru Ishii, Khloe Bradford, Andi McWilliams, Travon Marshall, Lucas Carstens, Landon Godbey, Blake Clarida, Katelyn Rhoades, Nevaeh Damron, Leah Jennings, Gianna Carbajol, Shamyia Buchanan, Sophia Speraneo, Braydon Hankey, Kaylin Wolfe, Jared Deaton, Devin Bowers

### “We Come to School Prepared”

Andrew Snra, Olivia Heyde, Cutler Weston, Kasche Kennedy, Jared Tanner, Keighton Baker, Hannah Owens, Devin Eldridge, Lauren Reuss, Vance Burford, McKenzie Dalton, Axson Brotherton, Katelyn Bocook, Nyaasha Johnson, Ashton Norman, Nya'Ajha Curry, Hajime Mishina, Nolan Carstens, Emma Nicotra, Sophia Swinford, Isa Greer, Callahan Roper, Eduardo Perez

### “We Keep Our School Neat & Clean”

MadaLynn Dalton, Landon Futch, Ellie Napiokowski, Nyah Curry, Memphis Leehy, Mattie Hylin, Teagan Brotherton, Autumn Sizemore, Rebekah Boyt, Olivia Maple, Leo Belcher, Jed Pinkston, Lani Sherman, Haylie Owens, Reagan Phelps, Callie Shaffer, Elly Hale, Braylan Gulley, Damien Russell, Shiho Asano, Kingston Lane, Brady Welch, Sophia Dybowski, Lillian Keene, Amaya Hewlett

### “We Are Quiet and Respectful in the Restroom”

Bailee Buchanan, Mila Burgess, Nolan Stone, Zachary Smith, Memorie Maxwell, Olivia Gorsuch, Jackson Alford, Isabella Reid, Peyton Dunning, Elijah Stephens, Khushi Patel, Kalyan Townsend, Ian Sutton, Annaleice Adams, KaLeyiah Townsend, Ilan Ben Avi, Juan Pablo Lopez, Jaxton Belcher, Abbie Dalton, Joshua Tolentino Reyna, Ronique Welch, Callie Collins, Rose Baker, Autumn Richey, Jerry Groves

### “We Go to Our Designated Areas at All Times”

Ionna Braggs, AnnaBelle Webb, Thatcher Rider, Tronzo “MJ” Graham, Jocelyn McVicker, Alyssa Maddox, Michael Lawler, Alionna Cooks, Kylee Fisher, Jaxon Webb, Makayla Shelton, Keegan McRoy, Bre'Aja Williams, Zach Zukas, Jordan Rester, Anna McCarty, Susy Ho, Jaycee Hale, Jace Chick, Shadrach Richardson, Edan Clendenin, Charlotte Marlo, Eduardo Perez,

## “Annie” Includes Actresses from Lincoln School...by Sophia Swinford

Five Lincoln girls are in the Artstarts production of “Annie” this fall. The show will be presented Nov. 15, 16, 17 and 18 at the Marion Cultural and Civic Center. Tickets are now on sale.

Lincoln members of the cast are **Elladi Fetter**, (3rd) ; **Sophia Speraneo**, (5th); **Ali Stephens**, (5th); **Sophia Swinford**, (5th); and **Elizabeth Mohr**, (5th). “Annie” is about a red-headed orphan girl. A very mean lady runs

the orphanage and Annie dreams about her parents coming back for her one day. But a rich man (Mr. Warbucks) sends his secretary to the orphanage to get a red-headed 11 year old to give a special Christmas experience. Annie goes to stay with him at his mansion and she learns that family can be found in many shapes and forms. Notable songs from “Annie” include “Tomorrow”, “Hard Knock Life”, “Maybe”

and “You’re Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile.”

Sponsors are Watermark Auto Group, Heartland Regional Medical Center, Swinford Publications and the Marion Star, Farmers State Bank and First Southern Bank.

## Wildcat Way Winners

### “We Do What Adults Ask Us To Do”

Paisley Gibbs, Ava Kleber-Anciso, Haydyn Wilce, Kaidyn Townsend, Silas East, Liam Burgess, Taylor Davis, Hudson Bryant, Avahlyn Fosse, Lauryn Reuss, Olivia White, Brantley Wideman, Rilyn Ward, Jayden Bevely, Charity Cooper, Braxton Akes, Miley Hale, Layla Carr, Logan Moore, Mylea Middleton, Connor Stout, Nia Blue, Will Kelly, Hunter Hellberg

### “We Come in Quietly and Quickly After Lunch”

Jordan Helton, Avery Fehrenbacher, Lacey Wolfe, Camryn Tate, Amiah Yancey, Audrey Wesley, Madison, Burnett, Makylah Joiner, Zenobia Glispie, Aubree Robinson, Marcus Pefen Jr., Jed Pinkston, Ben Durall, Elias Keck, Kaiser Layson, Luna Ogden, Kaileigh Webb, Sadie Miller, Nya Johnson, Khloe Addison, Riley Warner, Reginae Smith, Kyara Debow, Nateaya Kleber-Anciso

### “We Speak Up When We See Someone Being Teased”

Corrina Serna, Cayla Kobler, Alexandra Haukedahl, Blakely Phipps, Jaylee Thaompson, Bailey Hall, CJ Mohr, Syllus Serna, Khloe Maple, Treston Whitlock, McKenna Zukas, Koltyn McDonald, Brandon Aviles, Brockton Barnett, Lexsey Swayze, Akira McMillan, Kyson Westbrook, Nick King, Ava Hughes, Kaylyn Courter, Teisha Ramos, Quentarius Townsend, Cameron Gossett

### “We Speak At Appropriate Times”

Elliot Christen, Luka Norman, Kaydin Schroeder, Jase Whorton, Nolan Fosse, Bailey Roan, Bryan Cisneros, Michael Cottonaro, Adrianna Davis, Seve Bruce, Kylan Miller, Haru Ishii, Jayden Hale, Brendan Frassato, Beckett Gebhart, Braxton Akes, Alex McWilliams, Kaeyah Chen, Brandon Mattingly, Nathon Campanella, Addison Keck, Anthony Granfeldt, Jakailah Jackson, Tatum Rider

### “We Say ‘Thank You’ When We Receive Something”

Juan Cortes, Katie Gibson, Ebony Glispie, Olivia Pierce, Rylan Bradley, William Evans, Jasper Rainwater, Gabriel Blue, Owen Castellano, Gracie Krainas, Cole Dybowksi, Kinley Slone, Vida Follis, Liberty Sord, Dalecia Petty, Ilan Ben Avi, Rylan Woolard, Lucy Gossett, Olivia Powell, Darin Moore, Tianna White, Shelby Moak, Marley Ben Avi, Frankie Kempiniski, Amaya Hewlett



Thursday, November 15  
PTO Scholastic Bookfair  
Family Bingo  
5 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

