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Lincoln News

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Opportunities to Bless Others

Lincoln Elementary will be sponsoring two activities this Holiday season to help people within our Lincoln Family and beyond. We will be collecting new/unwrapped toys for area children through the Toys for Tots Organization. We will be collecting toys from November 25 to December 16. We will also be doing our annual Penny War fundraiser December 2 through December 13. Penny Wars is a friendly competition between classrooms. Each classroom will have a collection can sitting outside of their room. Money is to be placed in cans before 9:00am. Students bring in loose change or dollars and deposit bills and pennies in their own classroom's can and deposit nickels, dimes and quarters in other classroom cans. Silver coins count against classroom totals and pennies and dollar bills count for the positive. Classrooms will tally their totals on December 13. These funds go directly to Lincoln families with specific identified needs during the Christmas holiday.

Holiday Spirit Week – December 16–20

This week will provide opportunity for students and staff to celebrate the holiday by dressing with a theme for each day. Monday will be Ugly Sweater/Holiday Shirt Day; Tuesday will be Holiday/Fun Sock Day; Wednesday will be Chix/Fitness Frenzy Shirt Day; Thursday will be Holiday Hat or Headband Day; and Friday will be Comfy Pajama Day. A flier was also sent home this week with the schedule for the week.

All School Sing Along

Lincoln students and staff will be participating in this special Lincoln tradition of a carol sing on December 20 from 9:30am–11:00am. Please plan appointments around this event if possible. The office will be closed during this time.

Winter Weather Alerts

With winter weather looming, ZPS reminds our families that student safety will always be a top

priority when considering the need for school delays or cancellations due to inclement weather. Discussion begins as soon as it becomes clear that potentially dangerous weather is forecasted. Communication within ZPS and across districts occurs methodically and all areas within the 94 square miles that make up ZPS are considered when making a final decision regarding the safety of traveling to or from school in uncertain weather conditions. School cancellations are broadcasted as soon as possible in a district-wide email and through SchoolMessenger, a free text notification service available to ZPS staff and families. You can subscribe to this service by texting "Y" to the shortcode "67587". ZPS will continue to broadcast school closings on TV networks and through the school website.

Lincoln Elementary Spirit Store

We have opened an online Lincoln/Chix Gear Store. The store is open now with gift ideas for Christmas, but will also remain open throughout the school year. Orders must be placed by December 6 for delivery before the holiday. Show your school spirit and order today. Please follow this link to place an order:

<https://thtstores.com/zeelandeastlincoln/shop/home>

Reminder

There is a half day of school on Friday, December 13. Dismissal will be at noon.

Zeeland Recreation Reminders

Zeeland Rec has a handful of upcoming programs that you don't want to miss! Below are some highlights. Visit their website at zps.org to view more details and to register.

Spread the Word

Help us spread the word! Throughout December, ZPS will host tours at our early childhood and elementary buildings to give prospective families a firsthand look at the incredible programs, caring staff, and safe, welcoming spaces that define Zeeland Public Schools. If you know a family searching for the right school, invite them to join a tour and experience all that ZPS offers. Your recommendation can make a lasting difference in our community—let's grow ZPS together.

Bittersweet Ski Club

Bittersweet Ski Club cards are ready to be purchased. As soon as you turn in your

completed form and payment to the office, we can submit your request for your ski club cards. Submit your order soon so you can be ready for the first snow! Remember these cards are available to everyone, so tell your friends and grab a form from the office. All forms and payment are due by Friday, January 10.

Dress for the Weather

As we get closer to winter, please ensure that your students come to school with the proper warm attire (coats, hats, gloves/mittens, boots). Each day, students will be outside for a minimum of 30-45 minutes and preparing for this time with the right clothing is important.

Girls on the Run

The GOTR program is designed to inspire 3rd-5th grade girls of all abilities to recognize and embrace their inner strength and make meaningful connections with others. Registration opened December 1. Practices start the week of March 10 and the 5K run will take place on May 31. Fliers went home with 3rd-5th grade girls earlier this week. Please call the office at 616.748.3350 if you have further questions.

Total Trek Quest

TTQ is a program for 3rd-5th grade boys and begins the week of March 3. Participants in the program will develop positive peer relationships and feel part of a team while working toward individual goals. Practices incorporate strength and stretching exercises while training for a 5K run that will take place on May 10. Registration is open. Fliers went home with 3rd-5th grade boys earlier this week. Please call the office at 616.748.3350 if you have further questions.

Reminders from the Office

If your child is arriving to school after the tardy bell has rung, an adult must come into the office with them to sign them in. If your child is missing school for an appointment, ZPS attendance policy requires a note from the provider. If you are picking up your child early, it is helpful if you call or email to give the teacher advance notice. However, we will wait to call the student down to the office until the adult arrives in the office to sign them out.