

# The Lincoln Log

February 2010



## From Our PTA President Lee Fruit

Dear Lincoln Families:

It's hard to believe that we're already at the halfway point in the school year. As always, PTA volunteers have been hard at work bringing your child a variety of enriching and educational activities.

The annual **Family Dance** was held on March 22 and was a hit with parents, children and staff alike. Thanks to Chairs Carrie Skelton and Colletta Ball, a fun time was had by all. Special thanks to Lincoln parent Chris Goebbert who volunteered his DJ skills and got everyone up and dancing.

**High Interest Day** was held on Jan. 29, and was once again a huge success. It would be difficult to overemphasize the number of hours and volunteers that go into organizing such an event. Sincere thanks to Sue Rossy and all of the amazing parent volunteers who took the time to make the day so rewarding for students in grades 3-5. Year after year, our outgoing 5<sup>th</sup> graders cite this day as one of the most memorable of their entire Lincoln experience.

On the evening of Jan. 30, the **5th grade Drama Club** held two performances of the musical comedy "KYDZ Radio" Students rehearsed for a cumulative 50 hours between November and January. Chairs Kim Prickett and Lisa Zorrilla and their many volunteers worked tirelessly on behalf of the 56 students who participated. No small effort, their work included sets, props, costuming, lighting, sound, choreography, dialogue and music. Thanks also to Tom Lindsay and Lincoln parent Caren Cosby who provided their directorial and video skills. The final product was nothing short of fantastic, but it was the process of teamwork, dedication, and courage on the part of all that the students will no doubt remember most.

The next general **PTA meeting** will be held on Thursday, Feb. 18 from 9:15 - 10:45 a.m. in the second floor meeting room of the Glen Ellyn Village Offices.

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At this month's meeting we will be electing the Nominating Committee charged with determining a slate of PTA officers for the 2010-2011 school year. We will detail new information regarding our business fundraising partnerships as well as provide information on the current state of the annual budget. As always, we welcome the voice of all of our members and encourage your participation.

We hope to see you this Thursday, Feb. 11 at Lincoln's annual **Science Night**. The event will showcase favorite experiments from years past as well as some brand new ones. If you are still interested in entering an experiment this year, contact Todd Kreissler at [todd@ekstromcarlson.com](mailto:todd@ekstromcarlson.com) as soon as possible.

### Coming up in March...

On March 5, the PTA will host its annual **Fun Fair**. Please note the date change, as this event was originally scheduled for March 12. Come on out and enjoy a fun-filled evening of games and activities for the whole family.

Mark your calendars now for a very special PTA event to be held on March 16. This year, the annual **Fitness Night** will be combined with a spring **Teacher Auction** fundraiser. Your child's teacher (or team) will be auctioning off some very special items. While your children enjoy the Fitness Night activities, you may bid in a silent auction on such items as tickets to a White Sox Game with Ms. Cross and Mrs. Schweikhofer, Glow Golf with the first grade team, a hike and picnic lunch at the Morton Arboretum with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade team, signature tee shirts created by Lincoln staff, and much, much more. Your child will be entered into a drawing to be Principal for the Day just by attending the events on that evening. Keep your eyes out for full details coming home soon in your child's backpack and in the PTA weekly reminders.

It's never too late to become a member of PTA. Log on to One Step ([www.d41onestep.org](http://www.d41onestep.org)) any time or drop a check for \$7 per member in the treasurer's box in the school office. Your membership entitles you a voice in all PTA matters and helps to fund the array of PTA programming in which your child participates.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me any time with questions, thoughts, or concerns at [leefruit@ameritech.net](mailto:leefruit@ameritech.net). On behalf of your entire PTA board, thank you to all those who help make our PTA such a success throughout the year.

Sincerely,  
Lee Fruit  
[leefruit@ameritech.net](mailto:leefruit@ameritech.net)

## From Library Media Specialist Cecilia White

### Books get our vote at the Lincoln LLC!

The week of Feb. 22 is the big vote for the 2010 Rebecca Caudill Award and the Monarch Book Award! The fourth and fifth graders have been busy reading from a list of 20 Caudill nominees and the kindergartens through third graders have been reading their Monarch nominees. Now is the moment of truth! Each of the Lincoln students who have read either 5 Monarch books or 3 Caudill books will exercise their civic duty as citizens of Illinois. They will vote for their favorite book! Lincoln School must submit our totals to the state by Feb. 28, but the official winners won't be announced until March 12<sup>th</sup>. Check back next month for the final results.



Also, the 4th and 5th graders are getting ready to share their love of books with Lincoln students. At the present time, our older kids are creating book trailers (commercials of their favorite book). We are writing the scripts for our book trailers and soon they will be going into the computer lab to create their book trailer using Photostory! Look out Hollywood! Here come some superb movie producers!

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Birthday Book Club:

**Teja Jeleniauskas**  
Happy 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

General Donations:

**The Tolman family**

So let it snow! All we need is a cup of cocoa and a good book to warm us up!  
Miss Cece White  
Lincoln Library Media Specialist

“Reading is the best adventure I can have  
without breaking my glasses!”

*~Harry S. Truman*

## Upcoming Events



### Save the date for Musical Mayhem

Don't miss this fun, annual event that is open to all District 41 students and their parents. Musical Mayhem will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 at Hadley Junior High School. With lots to do and see for everyone, including: Lip sync competition, cake walk, raffle, games, face painting and food for sale.

New this year, Hadley musicians will play music for the Hadley dance in the garage band Jam! The **Middle School Dance/Garage Band Jam** is open to Hadley students only.

Parents, your help is needed. Volunteers are needed to help run Musical-Mayhem in the following areas: a co-chair for Mayhem and someone to co-chair in food, photography, coat check, tickets and a volunteer coordinator. Also if you are not able to volunteer as a chair, perhaps you would be interested to do a shift the night of Mayhem. It will take a large number of volunteers to make this fundraiser successful so your time and effort will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact: Evelyn Cabrera at [evelyn.cabrera34@gmail.com](mailto:evelyn.cabrera34@gmail.com) or 773-716-7840.

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### Science Night fun on Feb. 11

Save the date for Science Night on Thursday, Feb. 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. where parent volunteers will demonstrate the wonders of science in a fun filled event. Some of the science demonstrations include chromatography, fizzy rockets and making Oobleck, slime and flubber.

In addition to needing volunteers for some projects, we are encouraging teachers, parents or student groups to contact Todd Kreissler at [todd@ekstromcarlson.com](mailto:todd@ekstromcarlson.com) to demonstrate a project of their own.

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### Mark your calendars for Fitness Night/Spring Auction

March 16 is the combined **Fitness Night** and **spring Teacher Auction**. Your child will have fun participating in a variety of fitness activities such as yoga demonstrations, martial arts, obstacle course, basketball drills and hip hop aerobics while you bid on some extra special items being offered by Lincoln's own teachers. Look for full details in your child's backpack mail. Don't miss the fun!



## Student News and Thanks

### Congratulations Lincoln Reflections participants



Each year, the PTA Reflections program challenges students to create art inspired by a specific theme. This year students worked with a theme of “Beauty is ...” For the competition students created original artworks in six areas such as film production, literature, photography, visual arts, musical composition and dance.

Congratulations to the many Lincoln students who submitted artwork to the Reflections program. Lincoln School is a part of PTA District 36, which recently completed judging its many Reflections entries. The Glen Ellyn PTA Council submitted 47 entries to move from the school level on to the DuPage County level. Additionally, four Lincoln students were chosen to have their artwork move up to the Illinois State level of judging:

#### Advancing to State

**Lucy Lawrence**, *Beauty Is When I Close My Eyes* Literature

**Steven Ball**, *Beauty Is Bedtime with My Boston Terrier* Photography

**Lukas Breunig**, *Zoo Animals* Visual Arts

**Kellyn Powers**, *Beauty Is the Nature-inspired Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright* Visual Arts

#### Honorable Mention

**Lukas Breunig**, *Beautiful Sunset* Photography

The judges said they were amazed at the level of artistic accomplishment and thought put into the entries.

The entries that are advancing to state will become part of the year-long State traveling exhibit and will not be returned to Glen Ellyn until February or March of 2011. The exhibit will first be on display at the State PTA Convention in Naperville March 12-14. The State Reflections Chair will notify Lincoln School of State judging results around that time.

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### **New laws make cell phone use illegal in school safety zones**

Did you know that Illinois ranks among the states with the most significant driver safety laws? As of Jan. 1, 2010 two new Illinois laws went into effect intended to improve safety for drivers and pedestrians.

**No Cell Phones in School Zones:** The new cell phone law makes it illegal to use a wireless phone at any time while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone. There are exceptions for a person engaged in an emergency and when the phone is in voice-activated mode.

**Text Messaging Ban:** This law makes it illegal to compose, send or read text messages, read or compose e-mail, look at the Internet or otherwise compose or send any type of electronic message while driving.

### **2009-2010 Annual Asbestos Notification**

A copy of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) Asbestos Inspection Reports and Management Plans are available for inspection at the Central Services Office, 793 N. Main St., Glen Ellyn. Plans are also available at each District 41 school office. In the last year, the required Three-Year Asbestos Inspection and Six-Month Asbestos Inspection have been completed. In the summer of 2009, asbestos-containing materials were removed from Hadley Junior High School in conjunction with the boiler replacement work.

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### **Lincoln Log submissions**

This is the fifth issue of The Lincoln Log for the 2009-2010 school year. Submissions to the Lincoln Log are accepted via e-mail to Melissa Erickson at [sejnost@gmail.com](mailto:sejnost@gmail.com). Future deadlines are at 5 p.m. on Fridays, March 5, April 9 and May 7.

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