

LEOPARD "SPOTLIGHT"

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY



MAY 2011

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

"Life is an endless process of self discovery." James Gardener

As summer approaches, so do warm summer afternoons and lazy days. When sorting among all of the wonderful opportunities provided by the Watertown community and the summer recreation program - remember that children need "balance" in their lives. "Down" time is as important for a child's mental health and development as is "structured" time - as long as there is appropriate supervision. So between the tennis and baseball, maybe after the swimming lessons, I encourage you to schedule in some time to do absolutely nothing at all. Children need to be taught to appreciate occasional periods of quiet time. Thomas Edison believed that the best thinking has been done in solitude.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

...to wear layers! Our temperatures fluctuate many degrees and jacket weather changes to t-shirt weather between morning and afternoon. Skimpy spaghetti strap tops and too short shorts are perfect beachwear, but we ask students to wear shorts of appropriate length and t-shirts or tank tops to school.

MAY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, May 3rd

1st Grade Farm Day

Incoming Kindergarten Open House 5:30-6:30PM

5-6 Band Concert High School Arena 7PM

Wednesday, May 4th

Presidential Mile 4th-6th @MS Track

Bike Safety Inspection @ Lincoln 3:30PM

Thursday, May 5th

Presidential Mile K-3rd @MS Track

AM Kindergarten Program 10AM

PM Kindergarten Program 1:30PM

Tuesday, May 10th

4th Grade Water Festival

3rd Grade Wax Museum

Redlin Art Center 6-7PM

PTO Meeting 5:15PM

Friday, May 13th

1st-4th Field Day 1:30-3:00-PM

Friday, May 20th

Field Day 5th AM 6th PM

Lincoln Leopard Day (wear Blue & White)

Tuesday, May 24th

Last Day of PM Kindergarten

Wednesday, May 25th

Last Day of School

12:30 Dismissal

AM Kindergarten meets NO PM Kindergarten

REMEMBER LUNCH MONEY!!!

There will be no more charging of school lunch the last two weeks of school, beginning May 11th, so that we can get caught up on all the charges by the end of the school year. Students should check their balance. It is available to them every day as they go through the lunch line.

We will carry over lunch account balances until fall. If you are a sixth grade student, or a student transferring to another Watertown elementary school, your balance will be forwarded to that school. You will be assigned a new lunch number at the new location.

If you are relocating away from Watertown, you will need to provide a forwarding address so funds can be reimbursed to you by the business office.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

If your child goes to the Boys & Girls Club after school, we encourage them to ride Bus #78 from the Middle School to the Boys & Girls Club.

GIFTED AND TALENTED ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Information such as newsletters and schedules for WSD Gifted and Talented Program can be located on their website <http://watertown.k12.sd.us/gate/>



Lincoln Library Summer Hours

Our library will be open on Thursdays each week from June 2nd through July 14th, from 8:30-2:30 for all Lincoln students.

Continuing to read throughout the summer is very important.

8:30-9:30	open checkout
9:30-10:00	K-3 story/activity
10:00-10:30	open checkout
10:30-11:00	4-6 grade activity
11:00-2:30	open checkout

*Attend activity session of grade completed.

There will not be any other offerings for reading or math summer school this year.

TumbleBookLibrary is now accessible from home! It is an online collection of over 340 animated talking picture books, 40 chapter books, and 260 puzzles and games that relate to the story just read. Students can read the books themselves or have it read to them. Our subscription allows students to access this wonderful interactive website from home. Just go to our website: <http://watertown.k12.sd.us/schools/elem/lincoln/index.htm> and click on TumbleBookLibrary e-books for kids. What a great way to teach young children the joys of reading in a format they'll love!

LIBRARY BOOKS DUE

All Library Books

Are Due

Monday, May 16th

REMINDER

Parents of prospective kindergarten students may finalize their child's immunizations and bring records to Lincoln by June 1, 2011, to bring records up to date and be ready for the first day of school.



TRACK AND FIELD DAY

Track and Field Day for fifth and sixth grade students will be Friday, May 20th. Fifth graders participate in the morning, sixth graders in the afternoon. Feel free to come over to the high school track and cheer our young track stars on to victory!

THANK YOU SORENSENS

We would like to thank Terry, Lisa & Haylee Sorensen for donating \$250 (all the ingredients used and the proceeds from the sale of cotton candy and popcorn) at our recent Family Fun Night.

Summer Kidscope



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF WATERTOWN



“BGC Studios: Where You’re the Star!”



BIKE INSPECTIONS

The Watertown Optimist Club along with the Codington County Extension Service and Watertown Police Department will be inspecting bicycles for safety concerns at our school on Wednesday, May 4th. They will be located on the cement on the north side of the school immediately following dismissal until 4:00 PM.

Please bring the form that will be handed out in school with the information requested along with your bike. Information on the form will be checked to see if the correct serial number was found, which will enable a lot of stolen bikes to be found. Students who have their bicycle inspected will receive a coupon from Papa Murphy’s Pizza and get their name in a drawing for a free helmet that is being sponsored by Prairie Lakes Hospital SD Emergency Nursing Association. If you have further questions call Jodi Loehrer, Extension Educator 4H/YD, if at 882-6300

Our team is passionate about creating a fun and exciting educational experience for the children of our community to supplement their school year learning throughout the summer months. We offer a wide variety of activities focusing on Education, Life Skills, & Physical Wellness. Please visit our website at www.bgcofwatertown.com to view our weekly activity plans, meal menus, and other helpful parent resources.

This summer we are proud to offer our Summer Kidscope program at two locations. One will be hosted by Jefferson Elementary School and the other will be hosted by Roosevelt Elementary School. Services will begin the day after school dismisses for the summer until Friday, August 5, 2011. Our hours of operation are from 7:30am until 6:00pm Monday through Friday.

Enrollment paperwork is available at the Boys and Girls Club of Watertown, and on our website at www.bgcofwatertown.com. If you have any questions regarding the Kidscope program, please contact us at (605) 886.6666

WE LOVE TO SING IN THE SPRING:

Our morning Kindergartners will perform together at 10:00 on Thursday, May 5th and our afternoon children will perform at 1:30 on Thursday, May 5th, in the Lincoln gymnasium. We will be doing some singing, some of the things from our classroom, some fun things from P.E. and having a really good time. Hope to see you there.

MEDICATION POLICY NOTICE FOR END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Just a reminder if your child has medication left over from the school year. Please come pick up the medication before the end of the school year. I will keep it at the school for two weeks after school is out, then I will be disposing of any unclaimed medication. Medication will not be sent home with your child for safety reasons.

PTO FUNDRAISING

A big THANK YOU to everyone for making our fundraising program a success for school year 2010-2011. After all your “hard work” at clipping, collecting and bringing in Box Top coupons, General Mills will contribute \$1,603.10 to Lincoln School. Land O’Lakes donated \$349.30, Coke Rewards exchanged points for board games used as BINGO prizes at Family Fun Night, Labels for Education 13,383 points turned in just this school year. We are also continuing to save Sunny D Labels....each label = 1 book! All of these programs continue next year so please continue to save over the summer!

LEOPARD PRINT

Thank you to the Parker & Peyton Johnston family for donating the beautiful print of a Leopard that belonged to their grandfather. It is on the wall in the hallway between the kindergarten classrooms



Enhancing educational opportunities for students”



\$2500 AWARDED TO ELEMENTARY HEALTH AND FITNESS CLASSES

Congratulations to all elementary students! Beginning this spring, Health and Physical Education classes will be learning disc golf in HPE classes thanks to the 2011 **Marty Kranz Health & Physical Education Grant**.

The Arrow Education Foundation awarded \$2500 to Mr. Anderson, McKinley; Mr. Hodorff, Lincoln/Jefferson; Mr. Kranz, Lincoln; Mr. Maxwell, Jefferson; Mrs. Petersen, Mellette, and Mr. Rohde, Roosevelt for Disc Golf for Life for the second annual Marty Kranz Grant. Grant funds will purchase 50 golf discs plus 18 mobile disc targets so students can learn in the gym, on the playground or on public disc golf courses around town,

With the equipment, elementary students will be taught disc golf skills, introducing them to a sport for all ages that includes aerobic exercise, fresh air activity, mentally-stimulating challenges and opportunity for fun interaction with friends and family.

**FOUNDATION will CONTINUE to
“ENHANCE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES for STUDENTS”**

Even with cuts in school district funding, you can count on the Arrow Education Foundation to continue to:

- * Carry out our mission with excellence
- *Award grants and scholarships
- *Support Alumni

HARVEST 2011

Join us October 8th at the Watertown Event Center.

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