

# LEOPARD "SPOTLIGHT"

## LINCOLN ELEMENTARY



November 2011

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Our year is well underway and parent/teacher conferences are already scheduled for the first quarter on Thursday, November 3rd and Monday, November 7th from 4:30 - 8:30. It is exciting to have an opportunity to dialogue early in the school year with parents. Along with meeting with classroom teachers, specialty teachers (art, music, physical education) are also available to discuss student progress with parents.

Please try to make the most of your Parent/Teacher Conferences. Conferences are a great way to find out what your child will be learning this year - and what you need to do to help.

Please plan to arrive with ample time to park and get to your child's classroom on time. Fifteen minutes will pass quickly. Teachers have many conferences and even a 5 minute delay can throw off a schedule.

The library will be the home of the Usborne Book Fair that we host each fall at Lincoln. The computer lab will be open and staffed so your child can demonstrate Successmaker, IXL or Earobics, for you. Thank you for putting parent/teacher conferences on your calendars!



### November Activities

Thursday, November 3rd  
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, November 4th  
NO Kindergarten

Monday, November 7th  
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, November 11th  
NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day

Monday, November 14th  
4th Grade Musical  
6:30PM @ Lincoln

Friday, November 18th  
Lincoln Leopard Day  
(wear Blue & White)

Wednesday, November 23rd  
NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Comp Day

November 24th & 25th  
NO SCHOOL  
Thanksgiving Vacation

Wednesday, November 30th  
12:20 Dismissal  
AM Kindergarten meets  
NO PM Kindergarten

## REMINDER TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS

When a student is going to be absent, parents are expected to call the school between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. If no call is received by 9:00 a.m., the school will call the home and make every effort to contact a parent to verify the absence. If no contact is possible, the truant officer will be called. The safety and welfare of students depends on prompt parental contact. A written excuse is not necessary if a phone call has been made by the parent.

## NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH

We would like to thank everyone who was able to join their child for lunch during our National School Lunch promotion. The children enjoyed spending time with their parents and other special adults in their lives. If you would like to join your child on a special day (such as a birthday), call the office before 8:45 a.m. and we will include you in our lunch count.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



Daylight Savings time ends Sunday, November 6th. Remember to set your clock back....



## FIRE ENGINE RIDE

The fourth grade class had the opportunity to write an essay describing why having a fire escape plan is so important for families. Siri Kranz was the contest winner for Lincoln Elementary School and earned a ride to school in the fire truck.

## PTO DUES

WE ARE NOT HAVING A FUNDRAISER TO SELL FOOD OR GIFT PRODUCTS THIS YEAR. We have started PTO dues as a way to have funds available to help support our students and staff. We are asking each family to contribute a minimum of \$5.00. PTO dues are suggested, but not required. Envelopes were sent home with your child(ren) to return your donation. Thank you for your support.

## REMINDER FROM THE LIBRARY

There is a web site that you can check to see if a book has an AR quiz. It can be accessed two ways - from the Watertown School District home page <http://watertown.k12.sd.us/cures/> or go to <http://www.arbookfind.com>.

## HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

The Arrow Education Office at Garfield School has many, many brand new yearbooks from the years of 2006, 2007, 2008 & 2009 that were paid for and never claimed. These will be given away by January 1st or thrown away after that date. If interested call 882-6399.

## AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

### Six words is all you get.

The Watertown Education Association is sponsoring a 6 Word Story contest in honor of American Education Week. Students and staff are encouraged to write a Six Word Story about learning, teaching, education, or life. Examples of this Ernest Hemingway challenge can be found all over online:

Be. Know. Do. Become. Reflect. Repeat. ~the Financial Philosopher

Transfer to public schools. \_World discovered. ~author unknown

Knew everything, then learned to learn. \_ ~Dave Rowley

Visit with your teacher to enter. Prizes will be awarded by grade level across the district, and winners will be announced during American Education Week, November 13-19, 2011. **Six words... Good luck...Can't wait!!**

## BUS SAFETY

The district provides a transfer bus #78 that runs from the middle school to the Boys/Girls Club. We encourage children to ride on this bus rather than walking. We ask that parents have a conversation with their children encouraging them to make the right decision for their safety.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council members have been meeting regularly on the first Thursday of each month. Our CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS project will continue throughout the school year. If you have old, outdated, broken, unwanted cell phones please send them to school with your child and we will forward them to be used for prepaid calling cards for active duty military.

We have also begun our collection of POP TABS for RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE. These pop tabs will be donated to Ronald McDonald House of Sioux Falls. Thanks for your support of this project.

Our Veterans Day Program will be at 8:35 on November 10th. Student Council members are planning this program and will be actively involved in the presentation. Students are being asked to wear red, white & blue.

This year Student Council members will focus on Citizenship, Community Service, and School Spirit. Thanks for your support and encouragement.

Ms. Tesch & Mrs. Huffman  
Student Council Advisors

## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Lincoln School has set first quarter Parent/Teacher conferences for Thursday, November 3rd and Monday, November 7th. Conference slips were sent home with your child(ren).

## FULL BAND PRACTICE

6th grade full band practice at the Middle School - November 7th & 21st -3:40-4:30

5th grade full band practice at the Middle School - November 14th & 28th - 3:40-4:30

## CONFERENCE CHILDCARE

Need some drop-in childcare during conferences? The TUCKS Service Organization will offer baby-sitting while you attend your child's conference. You can bring your children to the Lincoln stage, sign them in, and the TUCKS girls will take care of the rest. A free will donation will be accepted for this service.

## USBORNE BOOKS & MORE BOOK FAIR

We will be having an Usborne Books & More Book Fair on November 3rd and 7th during Parent/Teacher Conferences. Books and materials will be available for you to review and purchase starting at 3:30 on November 3rd. "Reading is a Gift" book fairs are commercial-free and have award-winning, interactive books that are specifically designed for child development and education. 90% of Usborne books are priced for less than \$10.00. Over 50% of all sales will go back to Lincoln School to purchase books they need. Teachers and students will have the opportunity to make "wish lists" of titles they desire. You can shop early, make a personal wish list, or request books from those who are not able to attend by visiting [www.UsborneSchoolBookfair.com](http://www.UsborneSchoolBookfair.com). Be sure to click on Lincoln School prior to purchase. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Huffman 882-6340 or Heide Kuhlman: 605-880-7761 or [gtfaith@hotmail.com](mailto:gtfaith@hotmail.com).

## IS MY CHILD TOO SICK TO GO TO SCHOOL?

Parents are often faced with this decision when their child complains of not feeling well. These guidelines will be helpful to you. Consult your doctor for specific medical advice.

**Fever** - 100 degrees or higher - A fever is a sign of illness. The child should be free of fever for 24 hours before returning to school.

**Sore Throat/Colds/Cough** - Minor cold symptoms shouldn't interfere with your child attending school. A frequent cough and/or constant thick nasal drainage is a sign that your child might be contagious and more comfortable at home.

**Rash** - A rash may cover the entire body or only one area. If the rash is draining, has open areas or is causing the child to itch excessively your child should not attend school. They should also stay home for a rash that is accompanied by other symptoms like fever, sore throat, irritability, or vomiting.

**Vomiting/Diarrhea** - A child who has vomited should wait 24 hours and be able to retain solid food before returning to school. A child with frequent diarrhea should not go to school.

Beth Ries, RN CDE  
Lincoln School Nurse

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Lincoln Family Event**  
**April 12th**

## 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/](http://watertown.k12.sd.us/gate/)

## Sign up for our Listserv

What is a listserv, and why would I want to use one?

A listserv is an email application in which a sender (Lincoln School) can send one email to a whole group of people at one time. People that wish to receive the email need to subscribe to the list. The Lincoln listservs have been created to increase communication through email, and have provided a means for students, staff and parents to receive information about the school. You can subscribe to receive information, and un-subscribe when you change addresses or do not wish to receive the emails anymore.

Lincoln Elementary school has 8 different listservs and you can sign up for one or all of them. There is one for school communications and one for each of the grade levels (K - 6). A form has been provided for you to subscribe or unsubscribe. You are responsible for making sure your email is entered correctly.

To subscribe, go to the Lincoln Elementary School website: <http://www.watertown.k12.sd.us/schools/elem/lincoln/index.htm> Once there, in the blue banner are a set of links. Click on the listserv link. Once you get to the listserv page, choose the grade level you would like to join, and click on that link. That will take you to a forms page ( [http://www.watertown.k12.sd.us/schools/elem/lincoln/List\\_Serve.htm](http://www.watertown.k12.sd.us/schools/elem/lincoln/List_Serve.htm) ) that will allow you to place your name, email address, and subscribe. The same page will allow you to unsubscribe, should you choose to do so.



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For your convenience, the following form has been provided to help manage your WatertownLincoln1stGrade listserv subscription.

**Note: If you don't get a "Welcome Subscription Message" in your e-mail soon after submitting, you entered an invalid e-mail address.**

Your Name:

E-mail Address:

Command:

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Once you subscribe, you will receive an email from the K12 Data Center telling you your application has been received. The Lincoln School then must approve your application, then you will be able to receive emails with timely updates about the school at grade level, or at the all student level throughout the year. You can only receive emails from this list, not send. Please enjoy our communications!