

The Lincoln Ledger

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As our school year winds down and faculty, staff, and students look forward to Summer Vacation, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and guardians for all of your support during the school year. Your commitment and involvement with school projects, assemblies, and fundraisers has helped create a community atmosphere and a partnership between the school and the community. Thank you for allowing us to work with your children.

April 27th was Administrative Assistant's Day. Our clerks and clerk aides do an outstanding job supporting our faculty and staff all year long. They truly are the backbone of the school. Their constant support and loyalty help make Lincoln School the special place that it is. Thank you for all you do for The Lincoln Family.

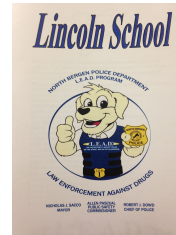
May 3rd was National Teachers' Day. Lincoln Teachers are dedicated professionals. They are committed to the success, safety, and development of your children. Concerning our profession, I'm reminded of a story I saw on the news on September 11th. A second grade girl was interviewed by a reporter on that terrible day. Her school was evacuated after the attacks. When asked if she was afraid, she said, "No, I was with my teacher." That statement speaks volumes about teachers. Teachers, thank you for all you do. Your work is greatly appreciated.

May 11th was School Nurses Day. The school salutes our nursing staff for the great job they do keeping our school, children, and staff healthy. Our nurses educate the school population on a wide variety of topics including Dental Hygiene, Nutrition, Safety, Vision Screening, and Immunization. They are a reliable health resource for our faculty and students. Their work is critical to the well being of our school. Thank you, for all you do and for keeping us healthy.

Have a great summer.

Fran Pastore

LEAD Graduation & LEAD Day



Two things every fifth grader loves to hear. LEAD, Law Enforcement Against Drugs/Alcohol/Violence, is the state program for our fifth graders. Officer Joe is a wonderful teacher, who the children respect, and listen to when it comes to the LEAD curriculum.

On May 25th, Lincoln School's fifth grade held their LEAD graduation in the gymnasium. Officer Joe led the ceremonies with the keynote address by our principal, Mr. Pastore. In attendance were Mr. John Belluardo and Mr. Andy Becker, two of North Bergen's leaders in the LEAD program. Plus numerous parents, relatives and friends of our fifth graders. It was a great success!

On June 1st was LEAD Day, held at the park behind Lincoln School on 64th street. This was an all day affair of fun and games where ALL of North Bergen's fifth graders get to let loose and have a great time. One attraction that is especially beloved is the dunk tank.

Overall, the LEAD program is a valuable curriculum designed to teach our children about good decisions, and staying away from drugs, alcohol, and violence.

Frank Bafumi

Events and Activities

Talent Show



Once again our students, with the help of our staff, delighted us with their talents. A variety of new performances and new faces were the perfect combination for a great show that was enjoyed by students and their families. Dancing, singing and having a good time was the tonic of this year's Talent Show. At the end, we were gladly entertained by the new emergent group called "The Referrals", composed of a few of our teachers and Principal!

Spring Concert



Thanks to the hard work of our music teachers, Ms. Costales, Mr. Zandomenego, and Mr. Murphy and the Lincoln School Chorus, the 2016 Spring Concert was a huge success! We were able to enjoy a nice selection of songs and music pieces performed by our students. It was also the last performance for the 8th graders graduating this year. Good luck to all on their future endeavors.

Prom Night

Thursday, June 2, 2016 was the day our 8th graders will always remember. Prom Night!! Lincoln School's 8th Grade Prom was held at The Empire Club in Little Ferry. Students and teachers enjoyed a beautiful night of dancing, eating and just having fun. All the young men and young ladies looked amazing and were able to share a beautiful, unforgettable night with their friends.

Eugenia Diaz

Lincoln School Scoop

Flag Football



First downs to Touchdowns- That's How We Roll!!! On June 7th, the 8th Grade Flag Football Tournament was held at Bruins Stadium. Flag Football is a yearly event that lasts a whole day in which twelve eighth graders

represent each school from North Bergen. Boys and girls join together to play four exciting games. The students have three weeks of practice before they attend the tournament. GREAT JOB LINCOLN LIONS!!!! Let's rise as ONE. Everyone had a great time on such a beautiful day!!!



Track

Simply UNTOUCHABLE!!! Congratulations to Coach Nelson Baiza for winning the 2015-2016 Track and Field Championship on May 23rd. He could not have done it without the support of Mr. Burdette, Mr. Pein, Ms. Fuda, Mr. Garcia, Mr. Murphy, and Ms. Perez. Coach Baiza has been coaching since 2004 and won the championship two years in a row (2014-2015). He believes in being firm but fair, and incorporated 7th and 8th students who were willing to work hard. Coach Baiza states that as a team, you "Pick up an athlete when they are down". The Lincoln Lions practiced 3-4 times a week for an hour and fifteen minutes in order to prepare for the events such as 100 meters, 200 meters, 800 meters, and the long jump. Their strength consisted of being top tier athletes as well as getting faster and stronger beating their time every week. Due to everyone's hard work and dedication, Lincoln School is in celebration for their victory. THINK Victory, BE Victory and VICTORIOUS things will Happen!!!



Carla Deschamps

Did You Know?

North Bergen educators work more than 8:30-3:00. As part of a professional development plan, teachers are completing webinars on the SimpleK12 website. Simplek12.com offers teachers positive input and strategies for each facet of the classroom. Simplek12 webinars can be completed at home, after school, and on the weekends. Educators are given certificates after each webinar is completed. To explore what your child's teacher is experiencing, please visit the SimpleK12.com website.

Vanessa Conroy

Health News

On April 15, 2016 our Lincoln School 1st and 2nd graders had an oral health program presented by the New Jersey Children's Oral Health Program. The students learned about taking care of their teeth with proper brushing and flossing, visiting the dentist twice a year for checkups and eating a healthy diet. Each student received a new toothbrush to take home.

May was Healthy Vision Month. The National Institute of Health reminds us all to make eye health a priority by following these steps:

1. See the eye doctor for an exam;
2. Live a healthy lifestyle;
3. Know your family eye health history;

4. Use protective eyewear when playing sports or doing certain jobs;

5. Wear sunglasses to block out UV light when needed. Following these steps can help keep eyes safe and healthy.

May was also Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month. Its peak time for asthma and allergy sufferers. Talk with your doctor about the best treatment plan. Understand what triggers your symptoms for example pollen, grass, trees and ragweed. Reduce dust and pollen in your home by keeping sheets, carpets and curtains clean. Bathe pets that go outside more often. Do not smoke indoors or near anyone with allergies or asthma. Symptoms of allergies can include itchy nose, runny nose, congestion and sneezing. Symptoms of asthma can include cough, wheeze, trouble breathing or a tight feeling in the chest. See your doctor for testing and a treatment plan.

June is National Safety Month. As the summer approaches we would like to remind everyone to be safe biking, driving, swimming and playing outdoors. Remember to wear sunscreen when outdoors and a bike helmet when riding. Keep your home safe with smoke detectors and CO2 monitors. Be aware and safe on the road and eat a well-balanced and healthy diet.

Nurse Nancy Higgins, R.N.
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Lincoln School Retirements

Through education and inspiration you have helped our students soar. The staff and students of Lincoln School would like to congratulate two of our most special teachers on their upcoming retirements:

Mrs. Karen Ondira has been a first grade teacher at Lincoln School for 36 years. She has been very active with many school programs and groups. Mrs. Ondira is the moderator of the student council. She has organized and run the holiday store, Pennies for Patients' donations and the holiday cake sales. She has been a past JV and Varsity cheerleading coach for NBHS and past teacher union representative. Mrs. Ondira has mentored countless teachers during her tenure who have benefitted from her expertise. She is a role model, mentor and friend who has touched the lives of so many students, generations of families and coworkers. Decades of parents still come to her for educational and parental advice. We will surely miss her ability to multitask, and the way she cares for her friends and fellow colleagues. The steady dependable way she has about her has been a source of comfort to all of us at Lincoln School.

Mr. Thomas Guido has been a Special Education and resource room teacher for 36 years at Lincoln School. He

has been an important figure here. Mr. Guido was the teacher union representative for 26 years and past PTA Vice-President and treasurer. He has been an extraordinary help to our CST assisting with district projects, testing and supply/book orders. He is an expert in APA and DLM testing. Mr. Guido has mentored many new teachers over his years providing them with the expert teaching knowledge he is so proficient at. His ever-present sense of humor and wit has added so much to the instructions and fun of learning for both his students and coworkers. Quite simply the kids love him! (and so does the staff!!) No matter what is going on he has retained the ability to find humor in all situations. His cleverness as a teacher has given him the ability to do the impossible with students no matter what their level of learning ability has been. We will miss his smarts, wit, kindness and presence.

*FOR ALL THE LESSONS STUDENTS REALLY DID HEAR,
FOR ALL THE LIVES YOU'VE CHANGED THROUGHOUT
THE YEARS.*

*ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT SECURE IN THE KNOWLEDGE,
YOUR LEGACY WILL FOREVER BE REMEMBERED BY
YOUR STUDENTS AND COLLEAGUES.*

CONGRATULATIONS AND ALL THE BEST

Family Fun Math Night

On May 17th, the North Bergen School District held its annual Family Fun Math Night. All students enrolled in the district's Title I program were invited to come enjoy a night of fun at North Bergen High School. Educators throughout the district were present to teach and play math-themed activities with our students. These engaging games and projects explored topics including number sense, probability, geometry, logical thinking and measurement. A special thank you to Ms. Eugenia Ramos, Director of Title I, for having orchestrated this event, as well as a few of our own Lincoln School teachers that were present: Ms. Roos, Ms. Rowlands, Ms. Vasquez, and Ms. Arroyave!



Jaclyn Roos

The Environmental Club



The Environmental Club consists of 25 7th grade students. These students are responsible for weighing and collecting recycled paper on a weekly basis. They also participate in the annual Calendar Contest. The whole school also participates in

a Crayola Crayon recycling contest. This year Lincoln School placed 1st in the collection of crayons in North Bergen. The Environmental Club also hosted various presentations by the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission for the school.

Valerie Gongorra

Counselor's Corner

North Bergen Summer School for Grades 4-8 begins on June 27, 2016. This is for students that have failed one or two classes for the school year. Your child will be scheduled for summer school with their school counselor by June 21, 2016. After you receive the application and letter from your child, you must register your child at North Bergen High School, June 23rd from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 24th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m, June 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost of summer school depends on certain factors. On the letter you receive from the counselor will be a monetary amount. That amount needs to be paid in cash or money order at registration. Please remember that a student may not be absent for more than two days. Students must not wear flip flops or cargo shorts. They must wear their uniform shirt. If you have any questions regarding summer school, please contact me at denglese@northbergen.k12.nj.us or smiler@northbergen.k12.nj.us.

Diana Englese

More from Mr. Pastore

Superintendent's Meet and Greet



In April, Lincoln school hosted a meet and greet by Dr. George Solter for parents of Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten students. Dr. Solter explained that despite being underfunded by the state by over 30 million dollars, the North Bergen School District is preparing our students to be college and career ready. Topics discussed included North Bergen's partnership with Hudson Community College and the STEM Program. The STEM program targets select students who show an aptitude for Science, Technology, Mathematics, and Engineering. In September, 2016 North Bergen will induct its second class of the STEM cohort. Dr. Solter also outlined his five year plan for the district. He focused on increasing the district's use of technology. He also explained to parents how The Wilson Reading Program for grades two and three, Learning Ally and Big Universe online reading

programs, leveled readers, and cross content instruction would increase students' opportunity to succeed.

Feather the Clown



In May, Lincoln School second graders were treated to a presentation by the one and only, Feather the Clown. Ms. Feather spoke to our students about their feelings and emotions. She taught them how to be positive and how to react to different situations they may face.

Adopt-A-Charity

On March 24th, 2016, Lincoln School held a school wide Dress Down Day to benefit a children's charity. Teachers donated money, and all students voted for their choice of charity they wished to adopt. We are proud to announce that in the name of our students, we donated \$425.00 to The Make A Wish Foundation. Thank you everybody, for your generosity.

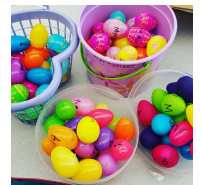
Fun Facts



- More than 60,000 people are flying over the United States in airplanes right now.
- If 33 million people held hands, they could make it all the way around the equator.
- The bloodhound is the only animal whose evidence is admissible in court.
- A ten gallon hat will only hold $\frac{3}{4}$ of a gallon.
- Of all the words in the English language, the word "set" has the most definitions. The word "run" comes in close second.

Kindergarten News

Springtime has been very exciting for the Lincoln Annex students! Before Spring Break, the students enjoyed Easter activities in many of the classrooms. The students made baskets, bonnets, and one class even had an egg hunt in one of the Annex playgrounds!

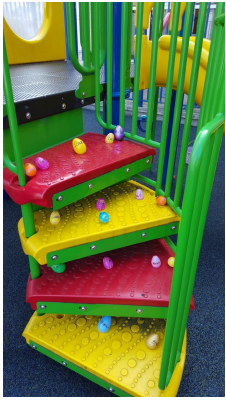


The students have also enjoyed learning about the life cycles of plants and butterflies. Students in several classrooms were able to observe the transformation of caterpillars into butterflies. The students then participated in releasing the butterflies. To extend their learning of the butterfly life cycle, the Lincoln Annex



students went on field trips to World of Wings in Teaneck, NJ. In the museum, the students enjoyed the butterfly atrium, reptile exhibition, and

live animal demonstration.



wish them well in 1st grade. We would like to urge the parents to continue to read to their children every day

As summer approaches, more exciting things are happening in the school! Very soon, the kindergarten students will be having their Pete the Cat themed graduation ceremony. Before school is out for the summer, many classes will be having their end-of-the-year beach parties in the school playground. The Lincoln Annex teachers would like to congratulate the kindergarten students on their amazing progress this year and

over the summer and review the skills taught throughout the school year. Please remember that the North Bergen Free Public Library is an excellent resource to help your children find “just right” books to read over the summer. Have a wonderful summer!

Diana Ferrer

Note from the Co-Editors

Inaya Jaafar & Stephanie Lubroth

The Co-editors and all the Lincoln Ledger staff would like to wish everyone a very happy, healthy, and safe summer!

See you in September!