The Lincoln Ledger







Principal's Message

Welcome to our first edition of *The Lincoln Ledger*. This publication serves as a Home - School Connection that will be available periodically on our website. We want to let you know about programs and events offered by the North Bergen Township, the North Bergen School District and Lincoln School. The Ledger will feature articles from our Lincoln Faculty on a wide variety of topics. We hope it is helpful. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at Lincoln School.

Thank you,
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Meet the Newest Members of Our Lincoln School Family!



Mr. Pena- is one of our 6th grade teachers at Lincoln School this year. He graduated from NJCU and has been teaching for the last 5 years. Before coming to Lincoln School, Mr. Pena was a supplemental teacher at Horace Mann. He also taught 6th Grade Social Studies while living in Florida. In addition to teaching 6th grade this year, he is also our new girls' basketball coach. He is very excited to be back teaching in the North Bergen District!

Mr. Garcia- is the new Lincoln School Gym teacher. He graduated from William Paterson University and has been teaching for the last 3 years. Before joining the Lincoln School staff, he started his career teaching high school students. Mr. Garcia is a member of the school's discipline committee and is currently the football coach for the high school. He is very excited to be teaching at the elementary level this year and leading our high school football team to a winning season!

Ms. Roos- is one of our first year teachers at Lincoln School. She graduated from Kean University with a B.A. in Special Education. She is currently a resource teacher in the 6th grade and a member of the Newsletter Committee. Ms. Roos was once a student here at Lincoln School so she is very excited to be back to start her teaching career!

Ms. Treus- is a returning teacher to Lincoln School. She is currently a member of the Child Study Team and Crisis Management Team. She graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson and has been teaching for the last 8 years. She started her career here at Lincoln School teaching Kindergarten before transferring to Kennedy School. She is excited to be back at Lincoln with old friends and new students!

Ms. Mosleh- is also one of our a first year teachers at Lincoln School. She graduated from Montclair State University and has previously been a long term substitute for the district. This year, she is part of the school's Title I program teaching basic skills in grades 5 and 6, a member of the iPad committee, and Crisis Management Team. Ms. Mosleh is very excited to be starting her teaching career at Lincoln School because she too spent her time here as a student!

Ms. Bauer- is a veteran teacher for the North Bergen School District. She has been an educator for the last 16 years. Ms. Bauer has previously taught grades 1st through 3rd at Horace Mann. This year she is joining our Lincoln School staff as a 3rd grade supplemental teacher. Ms. Bauer is also a member of the Crisis Management Team. She is very excited to continue her career at Lincoln School and use her experience to work with a new group of colleagues and students!

Ms. Finkeldey- is new to the Lincoln School Annex this year as a Kindergarten resource teacher. Before coming to Lincoln, she was a 3rd grade resource teacher at Horace Mann for two years. Ms. Finkeldey has also served in the U.S. Navy reserves for 8 years before moving to the NJ Army National Guard's Reserves. She holds a B.A. in Special Education K-6 and is currently enrolled at NJCU to receive her MAT in Special Education. Thank you for your service both in and outside of the classroom Ms. Finkeldey!

Ms. Carreno- is also new to the Lincoln School Annex this year as a Kindergarten teacher. She graduated from the University of Phoenix and before moving to the Annex, Ms. Carreno was a 5th grade resource teacher. What she is most excited about this year is to witness her students succeed and to share her successes with her supportive colleagues!

Ms. Lescaille- received her masters from Fairleigh Dickinson University and has been a teacher for the last two and a half years. She has previously taught basic skills in grades 1-4, as well as 5th grade resource. This year she is new to the Lincoln Annex, as part of the school's Title I program, teaching basic skills in Kindergarten. Ms. Lescaille is also a member of the Crisis Management Team.

Student of the Month Program

Each month, the homeroom teacher selects a student who demonstrates exemplary character through compassion, honesty, responsibility, respect, loyalty, and leadership.

The "Student of the Month" serves as a role model for all and displays excellent citizenship by working with classmates to promote a positive school environment.

The "Student of the Month" who receives this honor will be rewarded with some special privileges such as a "Student of the Month" Certificate and a luncheon.

Mrs. Harrington, Vice Principal, congratulates all of the "Student of the Month" recipients and is very proud of all of the recipients!

Joanne Colello-Harrington, Vice Principal

Kindergarten News

On Tuesday, September 29, the Lincoln Annex Kindergarten held its Open House. We had a great turn-out! The parents listened to a brief presentation by our school Literacy Coach, Laura Prager, before going into the classrooms. Laura spoke to the parents about the importance of reading aloud to their children at home daily. The parents also had the opportunity to purchase books for their children from our school Book Fair. Our Back to School Night was a big success! The Lincoln Annex teachers strongly emphasize the importance of practicing reading and writing skills not just in the classroom, but also at home. Parents, please remember that the home-school connection is essential for success in Kindergarten!

Diana Ferrer



Lion's School Scoop

Carla Deschamps

Ready to shoot some Hoops!!! Coach Pena and Coach Garcia are working hard to form this year's Girls'/Boys' Basketball Teams while Coach Acosta has already met with the Lincoln Lions Cheerleading Team to prepare for their first cheer. Students in grades sixth through eighth who are interested in Basketball or Cheerleading must have their sports physical forms completed by their doctor by November 15th. Physical forms can be accessed on our school website at www.northbergen.k12.nj.us.

Students who make the team will play twelve games for the season. Practice will be held every day from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Recreation Center, which is located on 6300 Meadowview Avenue. They will play one or two games per week. The most important requirement students should be aware of is that if any student is failing two or more subjects, he/she will be held from practice and any competition until grades improve. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the following coaches: Mrs. Acosta (Cheerleading), Mr. Pena (Girls' Basketball), and Mr. Garcia (Boys' Basketball).



Did you know?

There is an app for that! Check out www.bestappsforkids.com for applications that can be downloaded onto any device. There are many categories to choose from. The application can help you both socially and academically. Check it out!

Vanessa Conroy

Fire Marshall

Fire Department visited our school on Tuesday October 13, 2015 to demonstrate to our 4th graders how to prevent a fire at home and how to stay safe. Our kids were part of this activity brought to them by our firefighters together with a trailer simulating a house.

School Counselor's Corner

This past week, Lincoln School participated in the "Week of Respect" where students were taught about respect, being kind to others, and understanding the power of words. The third grade watched the reading of Mr. Peabody's Apples on their Chromebooks and were asked to write their own story on how to treat others with respect and the importance of not spreading gossip about each other. The fifth and sixth grade with the help of eighth grade PEAK Art students created bumper stickers with slogans for anti-bullying. This week was important because it really allowed teachers and staff to take time to promote empathy and to teach respect toward others. Always, remind your child to be respectful and how to be a good friend to others. The whole school also participated in wearing blue shirts to show our unity and support in the fight against bullying.

Diana Englese



Events and Activities

Open House

On Tuesday October 6, 2015, Lincoln School, as well as other schools in the district, held their first Open House. Lincoln School was greatly surprised to see the great reception this event had from the parents that were able to attend. For the first time our school opened the doors on a regular school night to inform parents and guardians on the school's programs and activities performed in our school day by day. Parents had the opportunity to follow their child's school day routine and talk to their teachers.

Hudson County Fair

On Friday October 9 through Monday October 12, 2015 and after 35 years North Bergen welcomed the Hudson County Fair back to James J. Braddock's Park. Our community enjoyed all the amenities the fair brought to our neighborhood and the kids were able to embrace this tradition very close to home. Rides and good food were the highlight of the Columbus Day weekend!

Halloween Parade

Lincoln School's Annual Halloween Parade took place at 1:30 p.m. during school hours on October 30, 2015. All our students had fun, and it was exciting for all to see their creative costumes!!

Trunk or Treat

Our town invited all children from the community to its First Annual Trunk or Treat, on Saturday, October 31, 2015 at the North Bergen Recreation Center from noon to 2 p.m. It was a huge success!! There were free treats, giveaways and lots of fun. Many took the time to enjoy this exciting Halloween event with the entire family.

Eugenia Perez

News from Nurse Nancy Higgins,

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Wash your hands: the right way

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others.

When should you wash your hands?

- Before, during and after preparing food or eating
- Before and after caring for someone who is sick
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the toilet or changing a diaper
- After blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing
- After touching an animal or animal waste
- After touching garbage

What is the right way to wash your hands?

- Wet hands with clean water and apply soap
- Rub hands together, make a lather and scrub well
- Rub between finger, back of hands and under nails
- Do this for 20 seconds or the time it takes to sing

"Happy Birthday" twice

Rinse well and dry

What if you don't have soap? Use hand sanitizer...its better than nothing.

Teach your children to not touch their faces, nose and eyes because most cold and flu germs enter the body this way. Show your children how to wash to keep healthy year round!

Notes from the Co-Editors...

You've been Ghosted!

Halloween is always an exciting time at Lincoln School, but this year, if your class was "Ghosted," it was a treat! Throughout the month of October, teachers were mysteriously surprised with bags full of treats to share with their students and a cut-out ghost hung on their classroom door. After sharing the treats with their students, teachers had to refill the bag with more treats and "Ghost" another classroom within 2 days. To the mysterious person who started this tradition, thank you for stirring the Halloween spirit. We look forward to continuing this tradition next Halloween!

Lincoln School Teachers and Aides Rock!

From the Kindergarten turning into a world of Superheroes, to the first grade turning Lincoln School into the Hundred Acre Wood, to the 2nd grade becoming Joy, Sadness, Anger, and Disgust *Inside Out* characters, to the 4th grade patrolling as the Grammar Police, to the 6th grade spreading peace, and to the Child Study Team dressed as Minions, Lincoln School Teachers and Aides truly ROCK! Thank you for your dedication and passion and for your amazing creativity!



