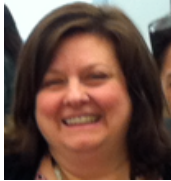


# The Lincoln Ledger

## Principal's Message

The Lincoln School family would like to congratulate Ms. Diana Lawsky for being named as Lincoln School's Educator of the Year. She is a twelve year veteran and has spent her entire career at Lincoln School. She began her tenure as a Kindergarten Teacher, and then became a Computer Teacher in 2008. She has been of great assistance to the staff ironing out our computer problems and helping us maintain our data base system. Her interests include traveling, taking care of her two dogs, Broadway plays, music, and reading. Her favorite vacation destination is Japan, having visited the country three times. She also participates in the Foreign student Exchange Program. Each summer they host two students from Japan. Congratulations on a well deserved honor.



Fran Pastore

## Fun Facts



- The number of possible ways of playing the first four moves per side in a game of chess is 318,979,564,000.
- The sentence "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog." uses every letter in the alphabet. (Developed by Western

Union to Test telex/two communications)

- The only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is "uncopyrightable".
- Stewardesses' is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.
- No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, and purple.
- The name Jeep came from the abbreviation used in the army for the "General Purpose" vehicle, G.P.
- Crayola makes so many crayons in a year, that if you lined them up end to end, they would wrap around the earth four times.
- Recycling one glass jar saves enough energy to run your TV for three hours.
- An estimated 661,000 tons (1.3 billion lbs.) of tire tread are worn off American vehicles every year.
- About 90% of all tires on the road are under-inflated.
- The longest word that can be typed using only the right hand is "lollipop".

## Hello (again) Lincoln School!

After a short while at Kennedy School, I am glad to be back as your VP...it seems as though I never left.

Let me tell you a little about myself...

I am originally from Brooklyn, NY, born and raised. I graduated from Lincoln High School in Coney Island, home to some very famous people (Lee Mazzilli-NY Mets, Lou Gossett Jr.-actor, Neil Diamond-singer, Stephon Marbury-basketball player, and Sebastian Telfair-basketball player). I received my BA from Rutgers University, and I received my Master's degree from NJCU. I began my teaching career here in North Bergen in 1998. I was a substitute here at Lincoln for Ms. Cotugno and Ms. Martoral. Then in September of 1998 I was hired as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Horace Mann School; I taught two years in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 10 years in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Then in September of 2010 I was promoted to vice principal of Lincoln School. I was VP at Lincoln for four years, then I moved downtown to Kennedy School for a few years and now I'm back home.

Everyone here at Lincoln has been welcoming and supportive, and I thank you all for that.

Frank Bafumi

## Did You Know?



Scholastic.com is a great educational website! Parents can find books at slightly discounted prices. The website has reading resources and help for ages 0-13. It offers book lists, recommendations, and parents can see reviews of books made by other parents.

Information about life and learning socially and academically for each age is also provided. Activities, printables, and help for school can be accessed to assist struggling students. This website caters to every age!

Vanessa Conroy

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## Kindergarten News



On November 17, 18, and 19 the Kindergarten classes attended a field trip to the Kerasotes Showplace Theater to watch The Peanuts Movie. It was enjoyable for students, teachers, and chaperones!

The students at the Lincoln Annex were excited when Santa came to visit on December 9 and 10. The Lincoln Annex faculty and staff would like to wish you all a happy and healthy new year!

**We have a new security dismissal procedure in the Lincoln Annex. If your child is a "walker," please make sure that he/she is picked up at the correct exit. If another authorized person picks up your child, please make sure he/she knows the teacher's name and/or room number.**

### Lincoln Annex Teacher of the Year



The administration, teachers and staff of Lincoln School and Lincoln Annex would like to congratulate kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Rita Stampe, for being selected Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Stampe has been a teacher in North Bergen for 20 years. She is also a mother of 3 beautiful daughters. While undoubtedly a devoted Mets fan, her true joy is spending quality time with her family and teaching. Congratulations and thank you for your devotion and dedication to the teaching profession!

Diana Ferrer

### Our Fall Fundraiser Top Seller is....



Willow Farley with her parents with Fran Pastore

## Counselor's Corner

Every month, Lincoln School focuses on a different pillar of character. A certain grade level is responsible for displaying a bulletin board on the topic we are covering for the month. Additionally, all teachers teach a lesson on the topic of the month. The topics covered include: respect, responsibility, citizenship, honesty, fairness, and others. Below is the bulletin board that the eighth grade partook in called: Responsibili-Tweets.



On a different note, at Lincoln School, we are always trying to find ways to improve school climate. Whether it be Student of the Month, our 4<sup>th</sup> grade writing to their new pen pals, or an Ugly Sweater competition for the teachers, we feel that this is a way to make Lincoln School a happy place to be for everyone. We are beginning new traditions at our school that we hope will last for years to come.



Diana Englese



## Lion's School Scoop

Carla DesChamps

Please join the Girls and Boys Basketball team as they prepare themselves for their upcoming victories.

The girls' games are as follows:

Date	Team	Place/Time
1-5-16	Lincoln vs. McKinley	Lincoln/4:00 PM
1-11-16	Lincoln vs. Klein	Klein/4:00 PM
1-14-16	Lincoln vs. Horace Mann	Lincoln/4:00 PM
1-22-16	Lincoln vs. Kennedy	Kennedy/4:00 PM
1-29-16	Lincoln vs. Robert Fulton	Robert Fulton/4:00 PM

The boys' games are as follows:

Date	Team	Place/Time
1-7-16	Lincoln vs. McKinley	Lincoln/4:00 PM
1-13-16	Lincoln vs. Klein	Lincoln/4:00 PM
1-19-16	Lincoln vs. Kennedy	Kennedy/4:00 PM
1-21-16	Lincoln vs. Franklin	Lincoln/4:00 PM
1-26-16	Lincoln vs. Robert Fulton	Lincoln/4:00 PM

## Health News from Nurse Nancy

Higgins, R.N. 201-295-2848



Food allergies are a growing concern that affect 4.6% of children in the U.S. A food allergy occurs when the body has an immune response to certain foods. Eight food groups account for 90% of serious allergic reactions: milk, eggs, fish, shellfish, wheat, soy, peanuts

and tree nuts. Symptoms of food allergies in children may include: a feeling of tingling, burning or itching to the tongue or throat, a feeling like something is "stuck" or tight in the throat, full or tight lips and/or unexplained rashes to the body after ingesting a specific food. Anaphylaxis is a sudden and severe allergic reaction that is serious. Symptoms may be: difficulty breathing, throat tightness, trouble speaking, wheezing, severe coughing or vomiting. Call 911 if you see these and administer Epinephrine (EpiPen) if prescribed by your doctor.

The best way to help your child if you suspect a food allergy is to set up an appointment with a board certified allergist. Forming a partnership between parent/child, doctor and the school is important when sending your child to school with life threatening food allergies. Please come to the school nurses' office to discuss any allergy concerns. Bring documentation and medication orders from your child's doctor. We can then review and discuss the plan and management of their allergies at school.

## Events and Activities

### Parents Night

On November 30, Lincoln School opened its doors to welcome all parents attending our first Parents Night. The turnout was very good and school stayed open until after 9 PM. Also during this time the 8th grade was able to hold their second bake sale to raise money for the graduating class of 2016.

### Winterfest

On December 4, North Bergen held the 2015 Winterfest between 76th and 85th Streets on Bergenline Ave. It was a beautiful winter night where all kids and their families were able to enjoy the rides and good food.

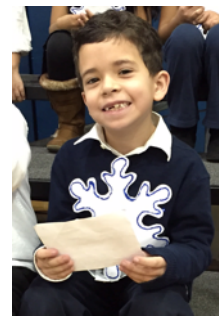
### Christmas Concert

On December 7, The High School Music department once again came to Lincoln School to delight us with holiday music performed by the High School Band and Choir. Our students had the opportunity to enjoy an excellent performance and share the holiday spirit.

### Winter Concert

On December 9, Lincoln School Band and Chorus performed for all our students during the traditional Winter Concert. Our band and chorus work very hard every year, in order to make sure we all enjoy the music and the songs they prepared for all of us.

### First Grade Holiday Show



On December 22, all our first graders, directed by their teachers, performed in their annual Holiday Show. Teachers and students worked really hard to make this show a success and it was attended by our students and parents. At the conclusion of the show, all staff and teachers were invited to sing a couple of songs for our students and it was greatly enjoyed by all!!

Eugenia Perez

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# Lincoln School Spelling Bee!



The halls of Lincoln School buzzed with excitement as it held its 6<sup>th</sup> annual spelling bee on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. 38 contestants from grades 3 to 8 competed for the chance to represent Lincoln School at the county bee on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in New Jersey City University. Our third place winner 7<sup>th</sup> grader *Nylen Quila* won a \$25 gift card and a medal. In second place, 8<sup>th</sup> grader *Mohammed Hassan* won a \$50 gift card and a plaque. We are honored to have our first place winner, 8<sup>th</sup> grader *Robert Feliciano*, represent Lincoln School at the county bee. He won a \$75 gift card and a trophy just before being handed a pile of words to study from all the languages of origin! We would like to wish Robert lots of luck at the county level!! Thank you to all who made this event possible.

Inaya Jaafar  
Spelling Bee Coordinator & Newsletter Co-Editor

## Computer Education @ Lincoln School



Lincoln School is fortunate enough to have two fantastic Computer Education teachers. Ms. Rust and Ms. Lawsky teach grades K-8. This year, the North Bergen school district has adopted Google into

our classrooms. Ms. Rust and Ms. Lawsky utilize Google applications in their classes to enhance the education of our students. Together they strive to prepare our students for the technological time we live in. - Jaclyn Roos

Here is a message from both Ms. Rust and Ms. Lawsky discussing the exciting things they are working on with their students:

"This year has been quite exciting, we are using Modules with the upper grades that enhance student driven learning and working cooperatively. The students are using various Google Applications. For December, they are designing a toy/game or gadget utilizing Google Forms, Google Docs and Google Sheets. The lower grades are learning the basic uses for Google Applications and keyboarding skills. The students seem to love being a GAFE school and so do I!" - Toni-Ann Rust

"The week of December 7-13 Lincoln School will join millions of students all over the world by participating in the Hour of Code. It is a campaign to get students, especially girls and minorities, to complete an hour of code during Computer Science Education Week. Computer science provides a foundation for success in 21st-century careers. Microsoft, Apple, and Amazon are among the companies working in partnership with the organizer of the event - Code.org. I'm so excited that our students are taking part in this worthwhile event!" - Diana Lawsky

## Notes from the Co-Editors...

Inaya Jaafar & Stephanie Lubroth

### Happy Retirement!

In December, our Vice Principal, Ms. Harrington, and our District English Language Arts Supervisor, Mr. Garrison, retired from their respective positions with the North Bergen School District. We would like to thank them for their dedication and service to our students and wish them good luck on their well-deserved retirement.

### Welcome Back!

Also, we are happy to welcome Mr. Bafumi back to Lincoln School as our Vice Principal!

