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LINCOLN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER  
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**Art News:  
Ms. Kane**

All of Miss Kane's Art students are off to a busy start this school year! Pre-K and Kindergarten have been working on recognizing different colors, different shapes, and creating a fall leaf project. First and Second graders are working on Primary Paintings using our three primary colors, and creating horizontal and vertical lines using a ruler. Third and Fourth graders have been working on creating a landscape with a foreground, middle ground, and background, and adding Zentangle patterns, of their choice, to their landscape. Fifth and Sixth graders are working on creating a Sun and Moon Zentangle Opposites project utilizing skills such as using a compass to create a perfect full and half circle design, using a ruler to create straight lines, and applying the shading skills we learned during the first two weeks of school. I hope everyone has a GREAT school year!

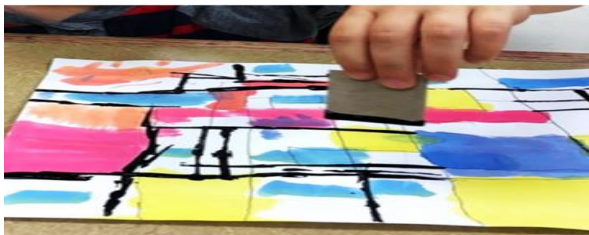
**Upcoming Events:**

**October 14th:**  
**Columbus Day – No School**

**October 17th:**  
**ESL/BSI Night – 7:00pm at Jr./Sr.  
High School**

**October 24th:**  
**1:00pm Dismissal – Professional  
Development**

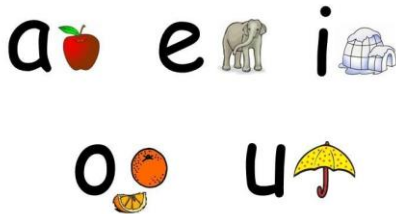
**October 28th:**  
**Marcel Studios' Picture Retakes and  
Makeups**



## Basic Skills Instruction News: Mrs. Coyle and Ms. Guider

Our BSI students are working very hard on their reading skills. First and Second graders have been reviewing their vowel sounds. We are also stressing correct letter formation in their writing. Third through Sixth graders are working on comprehension skills. We have been focusing on identifying facts and main ideas using context clues. Please remind your child to read every night to help reinforce the skills that they are learning in school.

### VOWELS



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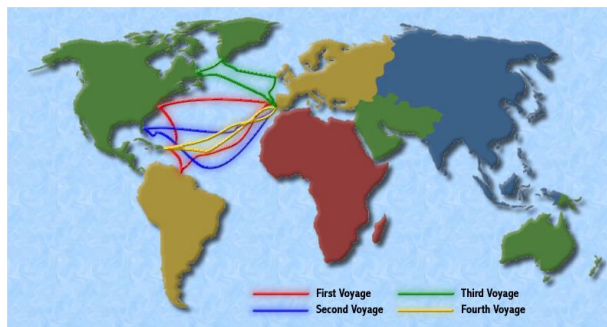
## Dance News: Ms. Butler

Greetings from Dana Butler, the district-wide dance teacher. We are off to a great start!! Kindergarten students are exploring all the elements of dance, such as levels, space, timing and more; while students in grades one through three are learning the fundamentals of hip hop and dance vocabulary, starting with the dances of the 80s and 90s. They are being challenged in areas of rhythm, coordination, self confidence and respect for themselves and others, while mastering the classic dance moves of the era like the top rock, cabbage patch, prep, and raise the roof. Students must choose where to focus their energy and improve a little bit at a time so as not to get overwhelmed. Meanwhile other students are fine tuning their skills to take their technique to the next level.



## English as a Second Language News: Mrs. Salvatore

Mrs. Salvatore's classes got off to a great start! Kindergarten students are learning letters, sounds and new vocabulary that begin with the letters A, B, C, and D. Grade 1 students are learning sight words, phonics and new vocabulary. All ESL students have been learning about Christopher Columbus and his voyages to the New World. They had fun creating maps and timelines to learn about his journeys. Don't forget ESL/BSI Night October 17th! Hope to see you there!

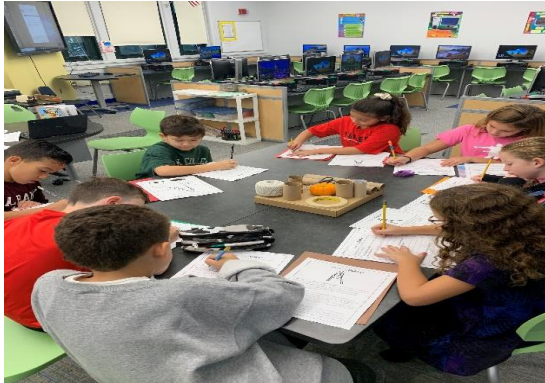


## Enrichment/Gifted and Talented News: Mrs. Morris

Enrichment and Gifted and Talented classes are off to a great start! Students in Kindergarten to Second grade began the year celebrating International Dot Day. This lesson is based off of the beautiful book *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds. In Peter's own words "The Dot tells the story of Vashti, a girl who begins a journey of self-discovery after she is challenged by her teacher to make her mark." The Second grade has begun their Iggy Peck Architect unit, where they learn about various types of bridges, and will be building their own bridges using a variety of materials. The Third grade G & T students have created Pom-Pom Drops and have begun a building unit using the Engineering Design Process to build pumpkin pulley systems. The Fourth graders are busy planning and building their very own marble run mazes. A crime has been committed at Lincoln school, and our Fifth grade G & T class is on the job to solve it, as we begin our CSI unit, "Who Stole the Chocolate?" Finally, the Sixth grade has been introduced to the amazing middle school Strawbees Education curriculum. The Strawbees building system helps develop a curious mind and problem solving techniques. Our first challenges are bridge building.

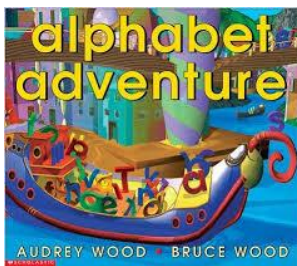
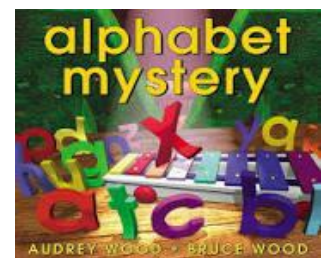


## Enrichment/Gifted and Talented News – cont'd



## Library News: Ms. Raimo

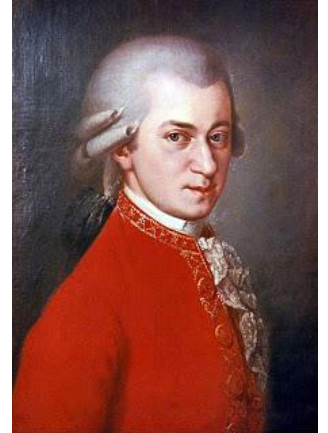
Things are moving upward and onward in Library. Kindergarteners & 1st graders are learning the sounds of letters with alphabet fun books by Audrey Woods. The 2nd, 3rd & 4th grades are freshening up their identification skills about the parts of a book. And students in 5th & 6th grades are going on textbook scavenger hunts, which will help them with their new Social Studies series.



## **Music News: Mr. Arendt**

October has me spooked already! Kindergarten to 1<sup>st</sup> grade students are moving to the music and recognizing a steady beat! 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are learning about the music staff and music notes. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students are reviewing their music theory of the music staff and notes in anticipation of receiving their recorders in October. 4<sup>th</sup> graders are going through intermediate music packets to reinforce what was learned last year. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are learning about the greatest composer in history - Mozart - before beginning to learn their Winter Concert choral music repertoire.

Band members are settling into their new routines. Fall band membership closed on Monday, 9/30. Over thirty 4<sup>th</sup> graders have joined the band this year, and I couldn't be more happy and proud! Band members: practice, practice, practice!!



## **Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy News: Mrs. Davidson, Ms. Graves, Ms. Haystrand, and Mrs. McKenna**

In PT and OT, the children worked hard on their gross and fine motor skills. Students completed obstacle courses, used the swing, and practiced their fine motor skills with themed activities.



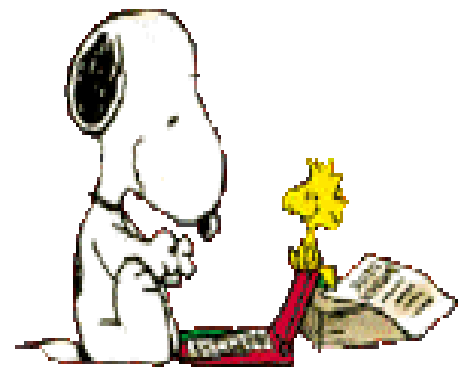
## **Speech News: Mrs. Dornan and Mrs. McCullough**

Speech and Language is in full force addressing the goals and objectives in our students' Individual Educational Plans. Each lesson is adapted to address the student's needs and abilities. Therapy with our younger students may focus on expanding a student's verbal vocabulary, or sentence length. They are also learning to categorize picture cards and identify colors. Our older students are working to continue developing their vocabulary using more age-appropriate words. They are also working to improve their sentence structure, develop verbal reasoning skills, understand inferences and solve problems.

**VOCABULARY**  
**Words Are Important!**

## **Technology News: Ms. Fares**

We have had a great start this year in Technology class! The Pre-K, Kindergarten and First graders are learning about the mouse and keyboard. They are using Keyboard Zoo in order to practice finding the letters of the alphabet on their keyboards. The Second graders are learning to log onto the computer using their own private username and password. They are also working on Google Chrome in order to join their teacher's accounts in Google Classroom. The Third through Sixth grades also logged onto Google in order to join Google Classroom. They then began working on Typing.com in order to brush up on their keyboarding skills. They are also enjoying the typing games that the site provides. We have many exciting projects to work on, in Technology class, this school year.



Google Classroom

## World Language News: Mr. Haskaj

In 1<sup>st</sup> grade Spanish class, we just finished greetings and goodbyes, and will start working on the colors. In 2nd grade, we finished greetings and goodbyes and have started numbers 0-50. In 3rd grade, we finished greetings and goodbyes and will start numbers 0-100. In 4th grade, we finished greetings and goodbyes and will start numbers 0-1,000. Students had a lot of fun greeting and saying goodbye to one another. In 5th and 6th grades, we are working with subject pronouns, the verb *ser* - to be - and descriptive adjectives. Students are able to describe people and things. Shortly, we will start the singular and plural form of nouns and adjectives as well as definite and indefinite articles. The students' favorite activities are the ball activity, singing songs and working in groups. In addition, they like to watch funny videos.



## Ms. Molina

Hola! Welcome back to a new school year in Spanish. I hope you all had a wonderful and fun summer. This year, I'm only teaching Kindergarteners at Lincoln School, so thus far, they have begun learning basic greetings and to answer very simple questions in Spanish. They will begin to learn their colors in Spanish very soon.

¡Hola!

