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LINCOLN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
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Art News:
Mrs. Conversano

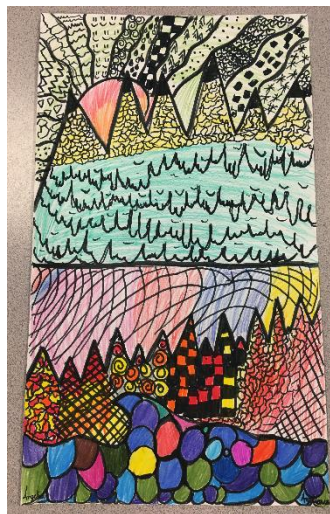
In Mrs. Conversano's Art classes, Pre-K students have been busy learning about autumn colors, and creating a fall wreath. Kindergarten students have explored primary and secondary colors, and have begun crafting a Thanksgiving Turkey. First and Second graders made a fun Frankenstein. Third and Fourth graders are finishing up a zentangle landscape project using patterns, and warm and cool colors. Fifth and Sixth grade classes continue to work on an opposites drawing project: sun vs. moon, day vs. night, and warm colors vs. cool colors. Students in the Gifted and Talented art classes created some amazing illustrations for our school bulletin boards!

Upcoming Events:

November 27: 1:00 Dismissal

**November 28 & 29: No School –
Thanksgiving Recess**

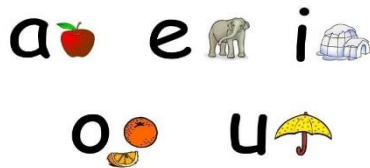
**December 3: Evening Parent
Conferences 7:00pm-9:00pm**



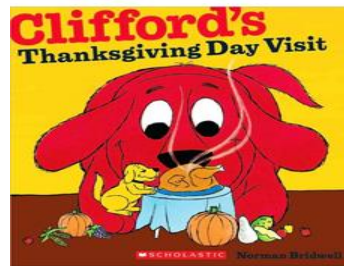
Basic Skills Instruction News: Mrs. Coyle and Ms. Guider

The BSI students have been working hard in Language Arts. Kindergarten through Second grade have been focusing on different aspects of phonics; beginning and ending sounds, long vowel sounds, and the magic e rule. Third through Sixth graders have been working on story elements, identifying the author's purpose, sequencing events in the story, and comprehension skills. Our favorite Thanksgiving books are: *The Pilgrims' First Thanksgiving*, *Arthur's Thanksgiving*, *Clifford's Thanksgiving Day Visit*, and *A Turkey Thanksgiving*. Check them out! We think you will enjoy reading them with your children.

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Dance News: Ms. Butler

K-3 students are enjoying themselves in their weekly dance classes, and we are more than half way through. Kindergarten has been learning about the basic elements of dance: levels, space, and timing with choreography to the song "Proud" by Marshmello. First grade has been putting into practice hip hop dance moves with the song "CAN'T STOP THE FEELING!" by Justin Timberlake. Second grade will soon start on the task of choreographing 8 seconds, or 8 counts of hip hop movement with small groups. Third grade is challenged with the task of working in groups to choreograph 16 counts of movement, including an entrance and an exit, to the song "Fight for Me" by GAWVI. It is great to see students getting creative and working together to problem solve. Stay tuned for after-school dance opportunities, soon to come! Lastly, be on the look-out for some fun facts about arts education brought to you by ArtsEdNOW! Check out artsednow.org for more information.



Ecology Club News:

Mrs. Coyle, Mrs. Dornan, Mrs. McCullough, and Mrs. Salvatore

At our last meeting, the Lincoln School Ecology Club created beautiful pen and pencil holders using old plastic containers. The students decorated their containers with tape and stickers to create something new from something old. They are coming up with wonderful ways to reuse, reduce, and recycle!



English as a Second Language News:

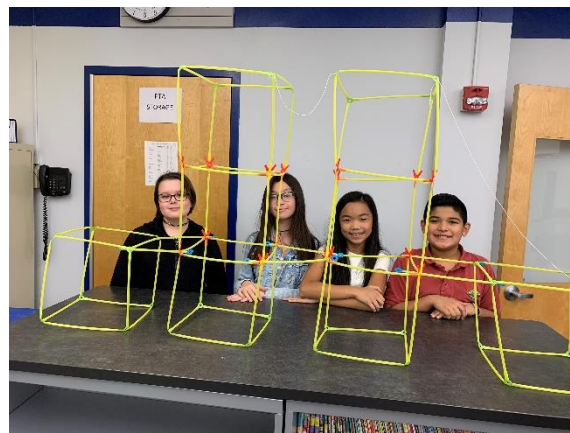
Mrs. Salvatore

Mrs. Salvatore's ESL classes are learning about the first Thanksgiving. They are reading about the difficult journey on the Mayflower and how the Wampanoag people helped the Pilgrims. On Monday, November 25th, we will be having our annual, traditional ESL Thanksgiving feast. Our menu will include turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, cornbread, apple pie, pumpkin pie, apple juice and popcorn. Every year, the students have a chance to vote for their favorite new food. Last year, cranberry sauce won! We can't wait to see what will win this year!



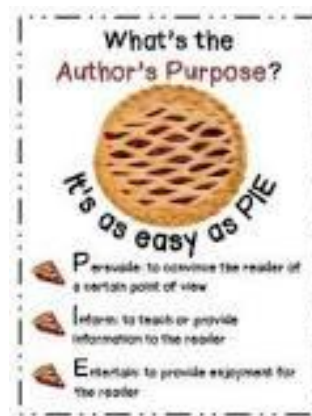
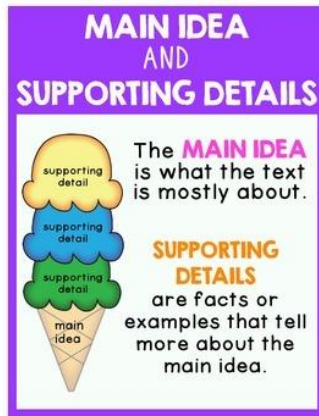
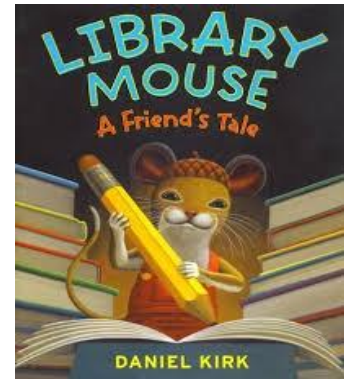
Enrichment/Gifted and Talented News: Mrs. Morris

It sure has been a busy month in Enrichment! The Kindergarten and First grade enjoyed Halloween STEM Lessons, building a haunted house to trap a ghost. Working in groups, the students used Unifix cubes and Legos to build their houses. Working as a team was a central focus in this lesson. It will continue to be a focus in Enrichment this year, as it is a major challenge and important skill. The students also enjoyed hearing a story about the changing leaves, matched leaves to types of trees, and created leaf rubbings. The Second graders completed their Iggy Peck unit. After groups completed their bridge challenge, we went onto learn about 2D and 3D structures, creating them with toothpicks and marshmallows. The Third and Fourth grades continued to work on the engineering design process. They learned about simple machines, and designed and built pumpkin pulley systems. The Fourth graders designed and built awesome marble maze runs. They were tasked with keeping their marbles running for a minimum of 10 seconds. The Fifth graders are completing their "Who Stole the Chocolate?" unit. During this forensic science investigation, the students completed labs analyzing fingerprints, footprints, white powder, soil, bite marks, and chromatography. Maybe we will have some forensic scientists in our future. The Sixth graders are completing their Strawbees bridge building unit. The students did a great job collaborating to design and build bridges that will hold a set amount of pennies, marbles, and bananas!



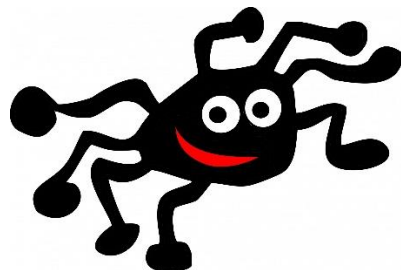
Library News: Ms. Raimo

It's all about character traits and author's purpose in Library Studies. The Kindergarten and 1st grades are learning about inside and outside character traits with *Sam, The Library Mouse*. Besides being tiny and cute (outside traits), Sam is also smart and friendly (inside traits). The 2nd and 3rd graders are identifying the main idea in reading passages by taking a closer look at context clues (supporting details). And the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders are identifying an author's purpose with 'PIE', the acronym writers use when they are trying to *persuade*, to *inform*, and to *entertain* their readers.



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

In PT and OT, some students participated in a Halloween themed sensory activity. They touched different spooky things, like hair, eyeballs, and fingers! Other students made creepy spiders during their sessions, all while working hard on their goals.



Physical Education News: Mr. Fells and Mr. Mazzarisi

In addition to the volleyball unit, students have been participating in physical fitness activities shown through a projector onto the gymnasium wall. Various students that have gone above and beyond during these exercises have received gold medals to wear around their necks for the rest of the day! Although not every student has received a medal, Mr. Mazz and Mr. Fells would like to congratulate all students of Lincoln School for their hard work and determination!



Speech News: Mrs. Dornan and Mrs. McCullough

The month of October kept our students busy learning a variety of language concepts through the use of seasonal activities. Younger students practiced identifying and using locational words with the “I Found a Leaf” booklet. Others learned seasonal vocabulary and colors by completing “The Colors of Fall”. Older students worked on categorization and following 2-step auditory directions containing basic concepts.



Technology News: Ms. Fares

In Technology class, we celebrated Digital Citizenship Week. All of the classes learned about computer basics, such as the parts of the computer, what makes it work, and the computer lab rules. The older students also learned about Internet basics, such as surfing and cyber safety, online behavior, and Internet search tips. We are continuing to brush up on our keyboarding skills using ABCya.com and our typing skills using Typing.com.



World Language News: Mr. Haskaj

In 1st grade, we just finished greetings, goodbyes, colors and the days of the week. We will start the months of the year this week. In 2nd grade, we finished greetings, goodbyes and numbers 0-50. We will also start the months of the year this week. In 3rd grade, we finished greetings, goodbyes, hobbies and numbers 0-100. We will start colors this week. In 4th grade, we finished greetings, goodbyes, and hobbies. We are about to finish numbers 0-1,000 this week. Students had a lot of fun discussing their hobbies and acting them out. They have mastered numbers, know how to say "Today is Monday", "Yesterday was Sunday", and "Tomorrow is Tuesday". Furthermore, students enjoyed talking about animals and their colors. In 5th and 6th grade, we finished singular and plural forms of nouns and adjectives, as well as the definite and indefinite articles. At this time, we are working on greetings, goodbyes and ordering food and beverages in a restaurant. The students' favorite activities are the ball activity, singing songs and working in groups. In addition, they like to watch funny videos in Spanish, with subtitles in English.

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Lunes	Monday
Martes	Tuesday
Miércoles	Wednesday
Jueves	Thursday
Viernes	Friday
Sábado	Saturday
Domingo	Sunday

Ms. Molina

Hola! Students in Kindergarten have been having fun learning their colors in Spanish, using videos, songs, hands-on games, as well as reading books on colors, and how they brighten the world. We will soon be moving on to learning some basic body parts.

