



# LINC LN SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Week of November 29, 2021

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### Upcoming Events:

**December 23rd - 1:00pm Dismissal**  
**December 24th-January 2nd - No School - Winter Recess**



**Mrs. Alkin**



During this time of year, Mrs. Alkin's Friendship Groups have been talking about showing kindness and caring. The children have been telling about the kindness they've shared in the past, and their plans to show kindness in the future. The Third Grade Friendship Group is putting their

discussions in action, by helping to collect new hats, mittens, and gloves, of all sizes, to decorate the Lincoln School Holiday Tree. All donations will be going to the Center for Hope and Safety in Rochelle Park, NJ. This act of kindness will help others in need during this season. Your children are more than welcome to bring in donations anytime before the holiday break. Thank you so much!





## Ms. Butler

The students are really engaging with dance this year! We are beginning with choreography on all levels, which is always a fun challenge. Students in grades K-6 are learning different methods of memorizing choreography, including using counts or sounds, and saying the names of movements out loud. Students in grades 2-6 are connecting

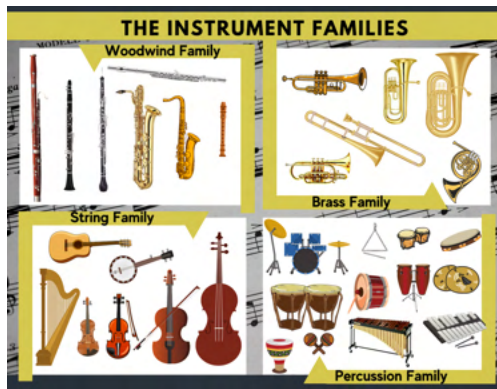


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## Mr. Carbone



Music at Lincoln is flowing along smoothly. Kindergarten, First, and Second Grades are learning songs that reinforce letters, numbers, planets in our solar system, and even how to say hello in different languages. Third Graders are developing their music reading in preparation for playing recorders in January.



Grades Four through Six, having completed learning about the families of instruments, are exercising their creativity in making music, with online step sequencers, and beat makers. Last but not least, our instrumental music program is six weeks into lessons, and progressing towards learning music to perform, at home, for the holiday break.





## Ms. Collova

Happy December, Lincoln School community! As we get a fresh start this month, Art classes are moving on to their next unit. Kindergarten will be exploring texture and printmaking with a fun painted paper collage of a yeti. First Graders will be making a



landscape of a snowy winter scene. Second Graders are learning about illustrators and their important jobs, as they draw a silly polar bear portrait.

Third Graders are finishing up their clay slab owls and moving on to painting them. Fourth Graders are about to start a unit on weaving with cardboard looms, that will challenge their math and fine motor skills. Fifth Graders are finishing watercolor landscapes, and moving on to

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Japanese form of art focused on balance and harmony. Sixth Graders are going to use digital tools to help them complete a portrait of a person they admire. We are so excited to be making art together again, and challenging ourselves - creativity takes courage!



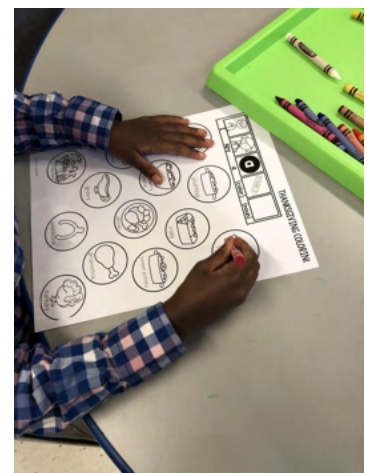
## Ms. Conticello and Ms. Elborki



Happy Turkey Month! This past month, in Speech, we have been using fall, Thanksgiving, and food themed activities to target our students' goals. Our Preschool and younger students have been using pretend food and Playdoh to target requesting objects, following directions, using correct pronouns, describing, and taking turns. Our older students have been using



books to work on reading comprehension, answering WH questions, sequencing, describing, and working on their speech sounds. Two books our students enjoyed reading this month were *Bear Says Thanks*, and *Dragons Love Tacos*. We are thankful for all the hard working students we have!





## Mrs. Coyle and Ms. Guider

It is hard to believe that it's already December! The students in BSI have been hard at work developing and improving their reading skills. We have been focusing on different skills such as phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Students have been utilizing the new LLI reading program, which has been a great addition to our BSI lessons. It is also important that students continue to read every night. Remember all children love to be read to, even after they learn to read.



Our BSI Math classes have been working on math facts, focusing on word problems, while they look for keywords to identify the problem and find the solution. Here is a website for all students to practice math skills. [www.multiplication.com](http://www.multiplication.com). Thank you for all your continued help and support at home.

## Mrs. Davidson, Ms. Haystrand, and Mrs. McKenna



The Occupational Therapy students have been working on fun fine motor Thanksgiving crafts! They also have been engaging in educational sensory activities in their classes!



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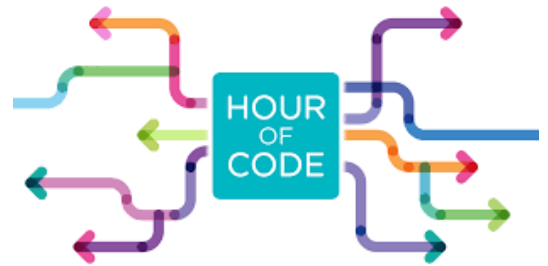
## Ms. Fares

The Lincoln School students are learning to be computer programmers! This month, in Technology class, we have been working on our Computer Science unit. The programming languages we are using are called Blockly and Java



Script, and involve creating code using blocks. We started with the Hour of Code, which included Puppy Adventure, Beaver Achiever, Dragon Blast, Minecraft Adventurer, Dance Party, Star Wars, and AI for Oceans, depending on their grade level. We are going to continue

to work on coding to learn more about programming, and to see how games and apps are created. So far, we have some very talented programmers in our school!



## Mr. Haskaj



In our Spanish classes, we went over classroom commands, days of the week, emotions, and body parts. Students had a lot of fun giving commands to one another, playing Simon Says, watching interactive videos, and singing songs. They were engaged in dialogues, asking and telling each other how they were feeling. Students were reading comic stories, and were able to tell what body part hurt. Furthermore, Second Graders could tell which subject they had on different days of the week. As

a daily routine, students read cultural articles, and play games on Quizizz, Rockalingua, and other websites.





## Mr. Fells and Mr. Mazzarisi



Lincoln School has been experiencing a “Rock, Paper, Scissors” frenzy during Physical Education classes. Students have been taught how to “Throw” out their hands with the correct timing, and which “Signs” beat each other. In the beginning stages, students would battle the computer, and have to perform exercises that corresponded to a win, lose, or tie. Classes then had the opportunity to play “RPS” in a more team oriented environment. Teams would try to score as many points as they could, by hopping through hula hoops to meet an opponent. Then the two students would have a “Rock, Paper, Scissors” battle, until a winner was decided. The winning player could continue hopping, trying to reach the final hula hoop, and then a point would be recorded for their team. The gym was filled with students cheering their teammates on to win every battle! Students continue to

participate in “The Final Five Minute Focus.” Using a big smart board on the stage, students follow along to an array of videos aimed at lowering their heart rate, and calming themselves down. Mindfulness activities and yoga are used to refocus students to be prepared to reenter the classroom setting.

During Health classes, the older students have been learning about different systems of the body, such as the muscular system, and respiratory system. During the muscular system lesson, students learned how the muscular system functions in relation to the rest of the body, and how muscles allow your body to move the skeletal system. Students had the opportunity to use an exercise band to perform bicep curls, to see and feel their bicep muscles moving and contracting.





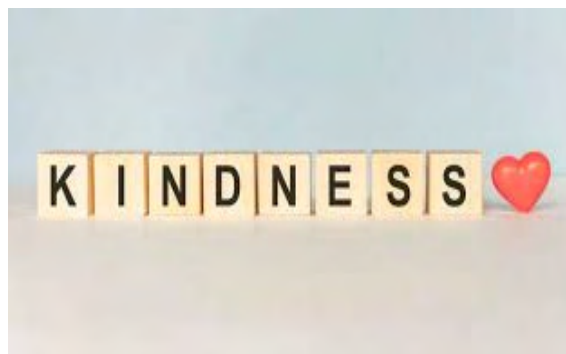
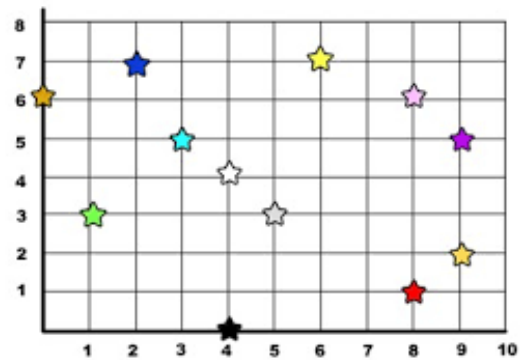
## Ms. Hahn and Mrs. Morrison

Our students are busy learning many new concepts, as well as reviewing previous learned material. They are also busy filling our Kindness Bucket, with letters to their friends, with words of encouragement and positivity.



In ELA, we have been working on guided reading, plot, researching different holidays, opinion writing, and supporting our answers with text evidence. Students have been engaged in a variety of lessons as well as group discussions. We have also been working on grammar, to improve our writing skills.

In Math, the students are working on addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts. We are also working on all operations of decimals, rational numbers, plotting points on the coordinate plane, and word problems. Students are busy working on memorizing their basic facts. They are using IXL, Quizizz, Prodigy Math, and Kahoot to assist in learning. The students have been working hard to master their skills. We are so proud of them, and all of their hard work! 😊





## Mrs. Morris



November was a busy month for Enrichment/Gifted and Talented classes. The Kindergarten completed Thanksgiving STEM projects to trap a turkey, and designed how to fit too much food on a Thanksgiving table (a real life problem for sure!). First Graders completed the Mayflower Challenge.

Groups constructed boats out of tinfoil to see how many pennies they could hold! Next up, the Second Graders designed and built beautiful Totem Poles to represent their lives. The Third Grade G & T class finished their unit on Morse Code, and have

begun planning their next project, Marble Maze Mania! The Fourth Graders have begun planning their own original board games. Finally, the Fifth and Sixth Graders are wrapping up their Forensic Science unit, "Who Stole the Chocolate."





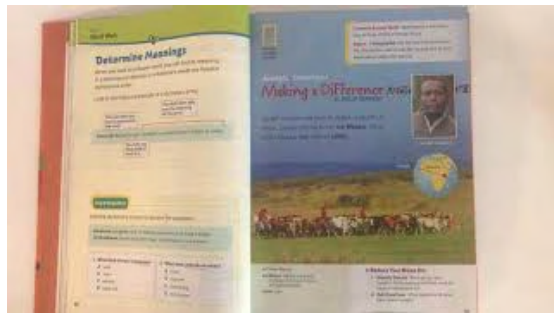


## Ms. Molina

¡Hola a todos! - Hello to all! I hope everyone had a "Feliz Dia de Accion de Gracias" - Happy Thanksgiving. Students read some books on "los colores" - the colors, and "el Dia de Accion de Gracias" - Thanksgiving "en espanol". They had a lot of fun coloring a worksheet on "helados" - ice cream, and a colorful "pavo de accion de gracias" - Thanksgiving turkey. ¡Hasta pronto!



## Mrs. Salvatore



Mrs. Salvatore's 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade classes read a very touching true story about Joseph Lekuton, a boy from a Nomadic tribe in Northern Kenya, called "Making a Difference." Only one child from each family could attend school. His brother was chosen, but didn't want to go to school, so Joseph was able to attend. His school was 600 miles away from his home. The school had no books, pencils, or desks...just a teacher.

Joseph worked hard and was able to attend high school, college in New York, and graduate school at Harvard University.

In the spirit of giving, the ESL students decided we needed to do something to help the schools for these Nomadic tribes. We decided to collect pennies for "The Nomadic Children's Educational Fund," and hopefully we can make a small difference for these students. Pennies are welcome in Room 211!

