



# LINC LN SCHOOL

**NEWSLETTER**  
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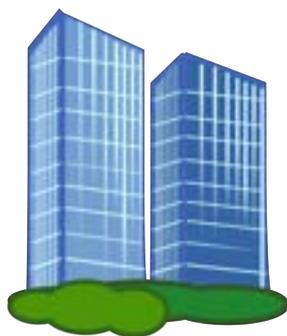
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## Upcoming Events:

**March 29th & April 1st - No School - Good Friday & Easter Monday**



## Ms. Baeza



¿Qué tal? In 4th Grade, the students created and will be presenting a Google presentation with clipart, vocabulary, and sentences in Spanish based on careers. In 5th Grade, the students are writing sentences stating what type of home they live in and what type of home they would like to live in. The 5th Graders have also been reading virtual books in Spanish based on homes. The 6th Graders are working on food and the different categories of foods on the food pyramid. They are writing lists of foods and reading virtual books in Spanish on food. ¡Hasta luego!





## Ms. Collova

Hello Lincoln School! Students have been busy in Art class these last few weeks. We are wrapping up projects and letting our creativity flow with some open-ended Art classes. Students are given a choice in materials and let their imaginations run wild! It is so important for students to have



this opportunity to solve problems, think critically, and be creative without constraints. As Pablo Picasso once said, "Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up." It is my hope that Lincoln students carry some of their childlike wonder into their futures through a love and appreciation for art.



## Ms. Fares



In Technology class, the Kindergarten and First Graders will continue to navigate the Internet using Google. They are searching for ABCya.com, and then spending time learning more about the location of the letters on the keyboard, and then playing some really fun, educational games. The Second thru Fourth Grades are learning all about Google Drive and Google Docs. They are learning to create a new document, type in it, and then do things like copy, cut,

and paste. They are also learning how to work with different fonts, font sizes, colors, and the highlighter. The Fifth and Sixth Grades are learning about Google Sheets, and how spreadsheets can be created and adapted to suit their needs.



Google Docs



Google Sheets

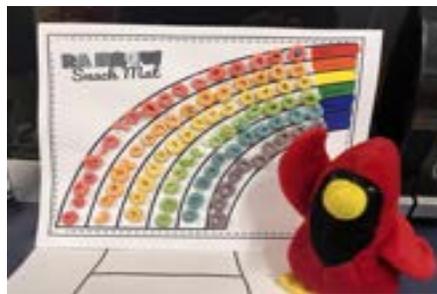




## Mrs. Davidson, Ms. Haystrand, Mrs. McKenna, and Ms. Graves



In PT and OT we are ready to “march” right into spring! We made rainbows with Froot Loops to work on our pinching and gluing skills. We colored and cut out our striped Cat in the Hat hats. We also had fun with some spring-themed obstacle courses. We raced across the balance beam with our teddy bears and sorted them by color. We played with our frogs and tossed them back into the pond. We can’t wait for the warm weather and more fun things in OT and PT.



## RPEA News

The Ridgefield Park Education Association hosted our first of three BINGO nights two weeks ago at Lincoln School. The students enjoyed several BINGO matches along with their families and all our winners got to pick two books and a treat! Thank you to all our families who came out for the night. The RPEA also gifted a book to every Kindergartener in the district in honor of Read Across America week. Both BINGO night and the books were made possible thanks to a grant from the New Jersey Education Association!





## Ms. Molina



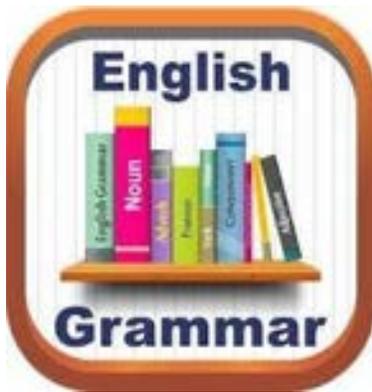
¡Hola y feliz marzo! - Hello and happy March! The Kindergarten students have begun learning "los días de la semana" - the days of the week in Spanish. They're learning that the week begins with "lunes" - Monday in Spanish, rather than Sunday. They will soon begin learning the months of the year. The First Grade students have been reviewing the months and recently began to learn the seasons as well as various weather expressions associated with the different seasons. The Second Grade students had a lot of fun learning about healthy eating as well as becoming familiar with what a basic food pyramid looks like. The Third Grade students continue to learn

about Spain's culture and the education there. They've also been introduced to Spain's most famous literary character, "Don Quixote" and some of his many adventures. ¡Gracias y hasta pronto!

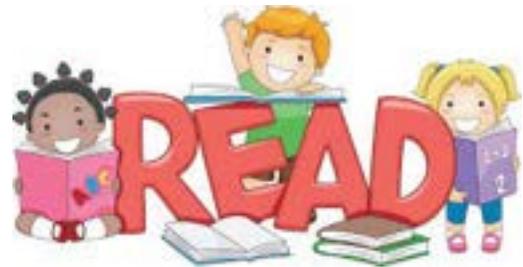


## Mrs. Salvatore

Mrs. Salvatore's ESL students are very happy to be back to our regular schedule after the NJ



ACCESS Test! The students worked so hard using their English language skills. They were tested in four different



areas which included: Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing. Now, we will be back to learning new vocabulary, reading and writing stories, playing grammar and vocabulary games, and working on phonics. Don't forget to have your children read, or listen to audio books, every night to help with their vocabulary, pronunciation, and reading skills.





## Mrs. Morris



March is off to a great start in our Gifted and Talented/Enrichment program. The Kindergarten classes are listening to *Pete the Cat and the Great Leprechaun Chase* by James Dean. In this story, we learn that luck really comes from having good friends and working together. The students will then work in teams to plan and build leprechaun traps or hideouts using Legos.



The First Grade will be reading a Ukrainian folktale called *The Mitten*, adapted by Jan Brett. The students are then designing and creating their own mitten, which we will be using to explore measurement.

The Second Graders created March STEAM Journals and will be using the Engineering Design Process to complete March STEAM activities.



Up next, they will be designing and building pattern rainbows that can stand using cereal, pipe cleaners, and Play-Doh. The Third Grade G&T students will be embarking on a new unit in which they will design and build a tiny house, studying area, perimeter, and geometry in the process. The students in Fifth Grade G&T have completed their "Picture Books for All" unit and will now be studying and building simple machines using the Strawbees building system. Finally, the Sixth

Grade G&T students are studying mythical creatures. They will use works of art to study the characteristics of a selected mythical creature in order to design a trap that will capture the creature for scientists to study and release back into the wild. The students will be sharing their projects this week!

## Mrs. Davis and Ms. Guider

Our BSI students are continuing to build and strengthen both their reading and math skills. The reading skills they are focusing on are decoding and comprehension. The students are applying phonics

# Phonics



skills to decode

unknown words. The

younger students are also focusing on sight words.

Practicing your sight words each night will help with reading fluency. The math skills they are working to improve are addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Practicing your math facts each night is a great way to improve speed and accuracy when solving a problem.





## Mr. Fells and Mr. Mazzarisi

March Madness is upon us, so students in Gym class have started a basketball unit! Through a variety of lead-up activities, students have been improving their dribbling, passing, and shooting skills. One of the students' favorite games is "Make it, Take it." During this game, each player takes turns dribbling the ball down the floor where there are 3 hula hoops in front of the basket. If a player makes a basket from the closest hoop they take 1 beanbag; from the second they take 2; and from the last hula hoop they take 3 beanbags!



In Health classes, the younger students have been learning about emotions. The students learned how their body reacts during certain situations in which their emotions change. They also had the opportunity to demonstrate facial expressions that are exhibited during a certain emotion!

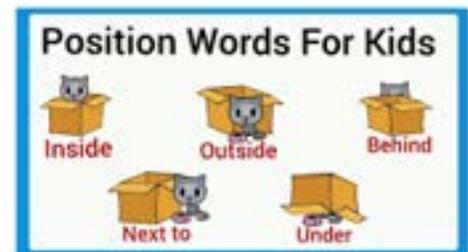


## Ms. Conticello, Ms. Elborki, and Ms. McIvor



This month in Speech, we have been very lucky as we've been exploring a variety of new St. Patrick's Day vocabulary and concepts! Our Preschool and lower grades have been working on position words (i.e., on, in, under) to expand our sentences. Our older students have been working on their speech sounds and auditory comprehension to expand

our receptive and expressive language skills in the classroom. Keep up the great work!



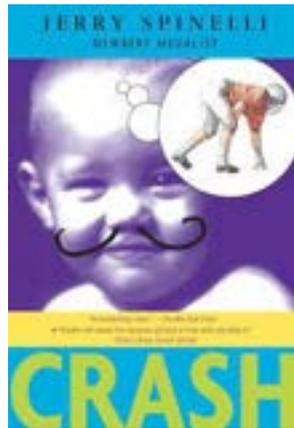


## Mr. Carbone

We are hard at work preparing for this year's Spring Concert. Grades One through Six are learning concert music while the band is fine tuning their parts. Choral songs are posted on the student's Google Classrooms and can be practiced at home. Band assignments are posted each week on the Instrumental Google Classrooms. Students are expected to bring their instruments home and practice a minimum of three times a week for 15 minutes each.



## Mrs. Forstrom and Mrs. D. Morrison



The students of the ELA Resource Room are excited to report a huge accomplishment. The upper grades recently finished a study of the novel *Crash* by Jerry Spinelli. Here are what some of the students had to say about it:

"I'm glad I gave the book a chance. The first half of the book was a bit boring and I didn't like the main character at all. But he really changes and becomes a nice person by the end of the book." - C.S., Grade 5

"I think this is a good book for kids to read because it talks about bullying. Many kids experience bullying in school, and this book helps kids to talk about it and think about their actions." - S.C., Grade 5

Another highlight of Trimester 2 was meeting a famous author, Dan Gutman. He visited us over Zoom and spoke with us about the Writing Process. Dan Gutman is the author of more than 290 books! The 2nd through 5th Graders have enjoyed several of his books this year, including *Miss Daisy is Crazy*, *Ms. Leaky is Freaky*, and *The Genius Files*.

In Math, the students are working hard to master their facts. The 5th Graders have been working hard on long division by whole numbers and decimals. The students have been focusing on solving word problems of all operations. Students in 6th Grade are working on ratios and proportions. They are learning how to solve problems involving unit rates and are making comparisons. Our 3rd Graders are memorizing their multiplication and division facts, and they are learning all about fractions. The 2nd Graders are busy reading and writing numbers to 1,000. They are using their manipulatives and charts to assist them.

