

Thank you to the Petoskey community for your approval of our renewal and technology bonds!



Summer Sprouts...



Pirates Matthew and Jackson join Captain Kristian in a 4th grade tale of Grammar Island!

Are we really to this point in the year already? My goodness! It seems like yesterday that we were greeting students at our doors to welcome them back to school and here we are in the throws of spring performances, end-of-year class activities, and making plans for summer, and even next year! Summer is definitely sprouting (along with those elusive mores for those of you who enjoy the hunt!)

If there's one message you take with you from our final newsletter of the year, we hope it's that we are thankful for your children and your partnership. Your children are miracles and each one brings something special to our Lincoln family that no other child could contribute in the same way. They are a true gift and as much as we hope they have a fun-filled

summer with family, we will miss them and eagerly look forward to their return in the fall. They are special because of you and all of the love, attention, and guidance you provide. We recognize that education is a partnership and that children thrive when schools and parents work together to achieve the dreams of children. Thank you for your devoted teamwork with teachers, aides, and staff at Lincoln that have made the 2011-2012 school year a success.

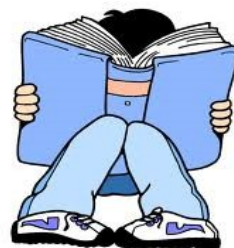
As we wind up (still too many things to accomplish to be winding down) toward summer vacation, we have several field trips, class trips, plays and assemblies you are welcome to attend! While the calendar at left highlights a few of these events, please note there are more events listed on the monthly calendar sent home



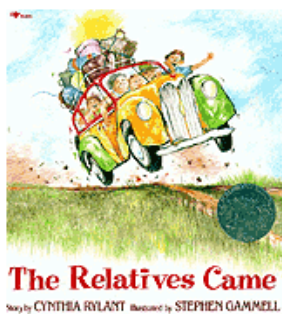
Former Lincoln alumni, now members of the PHS jazz band, knocked our socks off with some sweet sounds that had us dancing in our seats!

and in teachers' classroom newsletters. We know what a busy time of year this is for families, but always want you to know you are welcome at Lincoln when you're able to join us!

We will leave you with warm wishes for a wonderful summer and the anonymous quote that seems so fitting, "Every summer has a story". May your summer story be filled with unforgettable chapters of time spent together!



The Book Nook



This book, written by Cynthia Rylant and illustrated in col-

ored pencil by Stephen Gammell, begins as an extended family embarks on summer vacation down a bumpy country road. As they visit family, they celebrate the things that make our summers so precious, eating, playing outside, working together, and hugging!

This is an endearing story of a family vacation that is sure to get your summer journey off to the right start. Happy summer reading!

Upcoming Events:

May 14th

Laps for Lincoln

Pledge Sheets Due

May 16th

3rd Grade Native American Day, NCMC

May 17th

Kindergarten Registration

Board of Education Mtg.

7 p.m.

May 18th

2nd Grade Play, 1 p.m.

May 23rd

Flower Sale Pick-Up

May 24th

5th Grade Colonial Days

May 25th & 28th

No School for Students

May 30th

PTO meeting, 3:10 p.m.

5th grade play, 2 p.m.

May 31st

Lincoln Field Day

"A Special Place for Everyone"



Derek and Nora are great kindergarten pals!

Kindergarten 2012-2013

If you have a child who plans to come to kindergarten at any one of our elementary schools, please make sure you have filled out enrollment forms (available at any of our elementary buildings). We are pleased to be experiencing increases in enrollment, but want to make sure we're ready for every child.

Lincoln's Round-Up experience has been planned for Thursday, May 17th. If you have not received your letter inviting you to round-up, please give our office a call (348-2120).

While we have offered tentative placements to families and will do our best to keep siblings at the same building, please know that we may have placement changes over the summer, depending on enrollment. It would be wise to tell your child "This is what kindergarten will be like" at round-up as opposed to "This is your school." We will do our best to make final placement decisions as quickly as we can.

Please help us set students up for success by encouraging school-appropriate dress. As stated in our handbook, short-shorts and tank tops are not permitted. We also see quite a few injuries resulting from flip flops on our playground.



May Word of the Month... "Flourish"

This month we have talked to students about how to "flourish" (grow in a vigorous and healthy way). Our Laps for Lincoln classroom visits have helped us discover the importance of making sure we take good care of our bodies with good nutrition and exercise to physically flourish, but we have also talked about all the other ways we can flourish as well (as a learner, as a friend, etc.).

As educators, we know that while families flourish over the summer, some children actually lose quite a bit of academic ground over the summer. The

old saying "out of sight, out of mind" seems to apply. In fact, some students lose over 1/4 of what they've learned over the summer. The good news is that we can help them continue to flourish over the summer, and actually gain knowledge by heeding some of the following expert suggestions:

- 1) If your child is recommended for summer school, make the commitment to have him/her attend. Children who are already behind will have an increasingly hard time closing the gap between them and their peers as
- 2) Read, read, read! Make reading a family event, visit the library, and attend book store story hours.
- 3) Journal or scrapbook your summer together. Writing about your daily events is a fun way to practice writing skills without making it a chore!
- 4) Find math in real-life situations to practice (counting change, cooking, measurements, telling time).

Have a flourishing summer!

PTO News...

Two important things are on the plate of our PTO in May, Laps for Lincoln and officer elections. Laps for Lincoln will be held on Monday, May 14th. Please send your child's pledge sheet in with them on Monday. Last year we were able to generate over \$8,000. in this single fundraiser that encourages children to "get active". On Monday, all classes will participate in a "Cross-Fit" experi-

ence here at Lincoln as part of their pledge to physically flourish! Money generated through pledges is spent directly on children at Lincoln! Thanks for your support!

On May 30th at 3:10 p.m. the PTO will hold its last meeting of the year and be electing a new president. We have two candidates running for president next year, Sue Kurtz and Shawn Oprisiu. If you would

like to vote, but cannot attend the meeting, please contact Mrs. Bergmann for an absentee ballot.

Lastly, we would like to thank all of our parent helpers throughout the year. We appreciate your willingness to serve the school and all of our children. We would not be able to support the many events the PTO has sponsored without your help!

Kudos & Reminders

- Thank you to our wonderful PTO for the staff appreciation lunch provided last week! It was very much enjoyed and appreciated.
- Thank you to all of our great volunteers during the 2011-2012 school year. Where would we be without you? You are all wonderful! We are lucky to have your time and talents.
- A special thank you to Mrs. McMullen for her above and beyond care for our children.
- Please remember to start checking your child's locker and the lost and found for personal items that can go home prior to the end of the school year. We don't want your child to look like sherpas going home the last day of school. :)
- Teacher assignment letters for next year will be mailed home in late June. We do not expect to know who your child's teacher is before then.

This Month in Pictures...



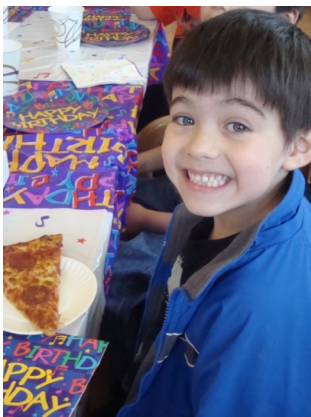
Molly learns about "old fashioned" cooking methods during her AuSable trip!



What do you think Mr. Sobsak, are you ready to be a logger?



All smiles, but sure glad this isn't really home!



Nixon's birthday smile at our Principal's luncheon!



Now is she scary or what? Nice job to all of our enrichment play performers!



Alexis enjoying a spring recess!



Way to jazz it up! We love the PHS jazz band!



Joe Reilly engaged us in songwriting and singing while teaching us about our environment! Cool!