

# LEOPARD "SPOTLIGHT"

## LINCOLN ELEMENTARY



December 2011

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Happy Holidays to all of you!!!

Each year, it seems that in spite of good intentions, there inevitably seems to be a few too many things to do, too many places to go and too many gifts to buy. There must be an end to the spiral! Where, oh where, is the end???

Steven Covey, in his book The 8th Habit refers to the constant and continuous challenges we face each day as "permanent white water". The real challenge is to not get swept away in the whirlwind, but to keep our values and purposes in mind as we make decisions regarding how to spend our resources and time.

May you find time to enjoy a good book, write a poem with your child or start a new "tradition" that your children will look back at and smile when they explain what makes the Holidays Special for their family.

Dr. Patrick and the Lincoln Elementary Staff

### DECEMBER ACTIVITIES



**Tuesday, December 6th**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Musical*

*Matinee 2:40 PM*

*Lincoln Gym 6:30 PM*

**Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

*PTO Meeting 5:15PM*

**Wednesday, December 14th**

*5th Grade Band Concert*

*11:45AM Lincoln Gym*

**Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Lincoln Leopard Day*

*wear Blue & White*

**Dec 23rd thru Jan 3rd**

*NO SCHOOL*

*Christmas Vacation &*

*District Inservice*

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Deb Moldenhauer and Shawn Hansen for preparing the Lincoln Student Directory. We appreciate the time you dedicate to our school.

## REMINDER

Please remember to label your child's winter wear. Also, please label lunch boxes with your child's name.

## BREAKFAST / LATE STARTS

A district decision has been made regarding breakfast and late starts. We will serve breakfast if school begins one hour late. If school begins two hours late we will not serve breakfast.

## REMINDER

*Although there are occasions when appointments need to be made during the school day, we ask that whenever possible - please schedule appointments before or after school.*  
**THANKS.**

## CRISIS PLAN

*In the event we have an evacuation that requires us to move to a different location (due to weather) we will be at Cornerstone Church 1350 11th St NE.*

## BUS SAFETY

The district provides a transfer bus #78 that runs from the middle school to the Boys/Girls Club. We encourage children to ride on this bus rather than walking. We ask that parents have a conversation with their children encouraging them to make the right decision for their safety.

## Message for Parents



December is designated as 3D "Drunk and Drugged Driving" Awareness Month. During the 2010 holiday season, there were 480 crashes in South Dakota.

During the 2011 holiday season, let's keep our loved ones safe by following a few simple rules:

- Be a positive role model.
- Plan ahead, and obey the laws.
- If you drink, have a designated driver.
- Never serve alcohol to minors.
- Follow posted speed limits, and
- Before driving, make sure everyone is buckled.

Please celebrate the season responsibly and enjoy family & friends.

Check out these web-sites as a family:  
[www.toosmarttostart.samhsa.gov](http://www.toosmarttostart.samhsa.gov)  
[www.thecoolspot.gov](http://www.thecoolspot.gov)  
[www.timetotalk.org](http://www.timetotalk.org)

A message from the Watertown Police Department, Codington County Sheriff's Department, SD Highway Patrol and Watertown Healthy Youth Coalition .

## Contacting Teachers

If you have e-mail access and would like to contact a teacher you may do so by accessing them at our web site: [www.watertown.k12.sd.us](http://www.watertown.k12.sd.us). Click on the Lincoln link, and on that page, click on the staff link. This will pull up links to any staff member at Lincoln you may wish to contact. We appreciate the communication potential of using e-mail although each e-mail may not necessarily merit a response.



## LINCOLN ELEMENTARY HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Lincoln Elementary Student Council is sponsoring a holiday food drive for families in need again this year. Please bring nonperishable food items to your classroom beginning Monday, December 5th. Our drive will continue through Tuesday, December 20th. We will be donating all food items to the Salvation Army. Thank you for all your donations.

## THANK YOU

The teachers would like to thank the 6th grade parents and the PTO for furnishing meals during parent/teacher conferences.



On Thursday, November 10th, student council organized a school wide assembly to honor veterans. All students with veterans in the military were recognized. In addition Bailey Niemann sang Thank You Soldiers as a video composed by Aaron Ingalls was presented. The 5th grade Webelos from Pack 293 performed the flag ceremony.

## KINDERGARTEN DISMISSAL TIME

**The kindergarten children are dismissed from the morning session at 11:30 AM and afternoon dismissal time for all grades is 3:20 PM. Please be on time to pick up your children.**

## PTO DUES

**WE ARE NOT HAVING A FUNDRAISER TO SELL FOOD OR GIFT PRODUCTS THIS YEAR.** We have started PTO dues as a way to have funds available to help support our students and staff. We are asking each family to contribute a minimum of \$5.00. PTO dues are suggested, but not required.

## LINCOLN ELK'S HOOP SHOOT CONTEST

The Lincoln Elementary "Elks Hoop Shoot" Contest was held during Health and Fitness classes this year as part of the Basketball Skills Unit. All 3rd - 6th grade students at Lincoln Elementary were eligible to participate.

Approximately 350 students competed. The winners for each girls' and boys' division were as follows:

8/9 boys:	Jack Lee
10/11 boys:	Tucker Wookey
12/13 boys:	Skyler Niemann
8/9 girls:	Megan Fannin
10/11 girls:	Jackie Tetzlaff
12/13 girls:	Taylor Terronez

Winners in each of these categories at the Lincoln competition will advance to the local Subordinate Lodge Contest at the Watertown High School Arena. The winner there will advance to the state competition which will be held in Pierre.

Congratulations to all participants and winners in each category!

Matti Kranz  
John Hodorff

## HEATING ASSISTANCE

Listed below are the income guidelines for heating assistance as listed at [www.dss.sd.gov/energyassistance](http://www.dss.sd.gov/energyassistance).

You will also find links at that site to other programs offering assistance. To pick up an application for heating assistance stop by the local Social Service Office or if you have questions call 1-800-233-8503.

### 2011-2012 Heating Season Income Limits:

Household Size	Maximum 3 mo. Income
<b>1 Person</b>	<b>\$5,444</b>
<b>2 Persons</b>	<b>\$7,354</b>
<b>3 Persons</b>	<b>\$9,264</b>
<b>4 Persons</b>	<b>\$11,174</b>
<b>5 Persons</b>	<b>\$13,084</b>
<b>6 Persons</b>	<b>\$14,994</b>
<b>7 Persons</b>	<b>\$16,904</b>
<b>8 Persons</b>	<b>\$17,611</b>
<b>9 Persons</b>	<b>\$17,994</b>
<b>10 Persons</b>	<b>\$18,377</b>

## Sign up for our Listserv

What is a listserv, and why would I want to use one?

A listserv is an email application in which a sender (Lincoln School) can send one email to a whole group of people at one time. People that wish to receive the email need to subscribe to the list. The Lincoln listservs have been created to increase communication through email, and have provided a means for students, staff and parents to receive information about the school. You can subscribe to receive information, and un-subscribe when you change addresses or do not wish to receive the emails anymore.

Lincoln Elementary school has 8 different listservs and you can sign up for one or all of them. There is one for school communications and one for each of the grade levels (K - 6). A form has been provided for you to subscribe or unsubscribe. You are responsible for making sure your email is entered correctly.

To subscribe, go to the Lincoln Elementary School website: <http://www.watertown.k12.sd.us/schools/elem/lincoln/index.htm> Once there, in the blue banner are a set of links. Click on the listserv link. Once you get to the listserv page, choose the grade level you would like to join, and click on that link. That will take you to a forms page ( [http://www.watertown.k12.sd.us/schools/elem/lincoln/List\\_Serve.htm](http://www.watertown.k12.sd.us/schools/elem/lincoln/List_Serve.htm) ) that will allow you to place your name, email address, and subscribe. The same page will allow you to unsubscribe, should you choose to do so.



For your convenience, the following form has been provided to help manage your WatertownLincoln1stGrade listserv subscription.

**Note: If you don't get a "Welcome Subscription Message" in your e-mail soon after submitting, you entered an invalid e-mail address.**

Your Name:

E-mail Address:

Command:

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Once you subscribe, you will receive an email from the K12 Data Center telling you your application has been received. The Lincoln School then must approve your application, then you will be able to receive emails with timely updates about the school at grade level, or at the all student level throughout the year. You can only receive emails from this list, not send. Please enjoy our communications!