

# LEOPARD "SPOTLIGHT"

## LINCOLN ELEMENTARY



January 2012

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

As we celebrate another season of giving, it's the perfect time to reflect on why it's important to teach our children about sharing with the community. The recent student council food drive collected huge amounts of food again this year. The Salvation Army picked up the food and expressed their gratitude for all the of families in Watertown who will be helped by the donations of Lincoln families.

Giving of your time and resources is about more than "warm feelings". Children learn how to become good citizens. Children recognize that we are all connected in our community. They see that helping others, especially those who are less fortunate, is how we help make our community a better place. Thank you for continually showing your generosity in so many ways.

We wish you a joyous Holiday Season!

### 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.

### JANUARY ACTIVITIES

*Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>*  
*School resumes*

*Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>*  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Grade entertains*  
*Half time Boys BB Game*

*Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Grade entertains*  
*Half time Girls BB Game*

*Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>*  
*12:20 Dismissal*  
*PM Kindergarten meets*  
*No AM Kindergarten*

*Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>*  
*Lincoln Leopard Day*  
*wear Blue & White*

*Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>*  
*5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Musical Performance*  
*DD Miller 7:00PM*

### CHRISTMAS VACATION

Vacation begins

*Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>*

and school resumes

*Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>*



## Cold Weather Procedures

At Lincoln, we encourage all students to wear the appropriate outer wear when coming to school. This would include coats, hats, gloves or mittens, snow boots, and snow pants. This helps prevent the students from getting wet clothes and feet during the day. We have been given a donation to help families who may need coats, boots or mittens. We can privately provide this assistance through our nurse, Beth Ries. She may be reached at 882-6340.

Students have the opportunity to go outside during the day at some point for recess. We ask that all students go outside to enjoy some fresh air and activity. Sometimes outside recesses are shortened or recess is held indoors when the temperatures are really cold. Thank you for helping your child stay warm and dry throughout the winter season!

## LINCOLN LEOPARD DAY

Each month a Friday will be designated as Lincoln Leopard Day and the children will be able to wear their Lincoln leopard shirt or blue and white.

Please check the monthly calendar for the designated Friday. This month it is Friday, January 27th.

## PTO CORNER

A big THANKS to all parents and students who are sending in Box Tops, Campbell's Soup Labels for Education, Sunny D labels, Coke rewards and Land O' Lakes lids.

The Box Tops for Education goal for 2011 - 2012 is \$1924. We have already turned in \$1042! Those little box tops add up quickly. Land O' Lakes recently donated \$185 to Lincoln for the lids that were submitted. Please continue to take the time to gather and send in these incentives. They really do make a difference.

Several classrooms received 10 free books, each, from the Sunny D labels. Check with your student's classroom teacher to see if they are participating.

Please contact Edie Baldwin at 878-0987 or [scrappinmom@wat.midco.net](mailto:scrappinmom@wat.midco.net) if you would be interested in helping with these programs. Several Lincoln moms meet one morning per month to clip and prepare these to send in.

## AFTER SCHOOL PLANS

We are asking for your cooperation to make sure that after school plans are set up for your children. It would be best to discuss that schedule with your child before they leave for school in the morning. We understand that plans can change. If they do, we would appreciate a call **before** 3:00. This will allow us time to deliver the notes and make sure the message reaches your child before school is dismissed.

## LOST and FOUND

If you have lost clothes, Lincoln has several tubs of "found items".



## THANK YOU

The Christmas Food Drive was a HUGE success! Thank you Lincoln students, parents, and staff. Your generosity made it possible for us to donate 566 pounds of food to the Salvation Army. It was heartwarming to see how much Christmas spirit we have at our school.

Lincoln Student Council

## YEARBOOKS AT ARROW EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Arrow Education Foundation Office at Garfield has hundreds of WHS Yearbooks from the years 2006, 2007, 2008 & 2009 that have been ordered and never picked up. They are cleaning out the store room and will give them away free to anyone interested in one.

## STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM



A new 7-week session of Strengthening Families Program Youth Ages 10-14 (SFP) will be offered on Tuesdays starting February 21 and running through April 3 at WMS. This seven week commitment is a valuable resource for both parents and youth, providing tools to help families communicate and work better together. Here are a couple of statements from either a parent or a youth about what they learned by attending SFP. I learned: “how to handle peer pressure,” “how to assign small consequences for small misbehaviors,” “respect parents,” “have family meetings; get everyone involved and things will go easier.”

Each week starting February 21, supper is provided to participating families free of charge from 6:00-6:30PM, followed by the two hours of educational time from 6:30-8:30PM. Session time is split, with the first hour parents and youth meeting separately, and the second hour everyone meeting together for family time. This is the format for every week, although coming for supper is optional. Childcare is provided each week free of charge.

Mrs. Jo Kjetland, Family Resource Coordinator at WMS, is the contact person for SFP. Each seven week program is limited to 10 families and sign up is on a first-come, first serve basis. If you want to sign-up for the program, you may do so by calling the middle school – 882-6370 or by emailing Jo at [jo.kjetland@k12.sd.us](mailto:jo.kjetland@k12.sd.us).

## GIFTED AND TALENTED ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Information such as newsletters and schedules for WSD Gifted and Talented Program can be located on their website <http://watertown.k12.sd.us/gate/>

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

If your child goes to the Boys & Girls Club after school, we encourage them to ride Bus #78 from the Middle School to the Boys & Girls Club.



**Happy New Year**

**From the  
Lincoln Staff**

## GIVE KIDS A SMILE

The local Watertown dentists are conducting a Give Kids A Smile® event on February 10, 2012. Give Kids A Smile is an annual centerpiece to National Children’s Dental Health Month. It is a one-day event where dentists and dental staff volunteer their time to provide free dental care to children.

We would like to focus on kids that do not have a dental home and are currently unable to receive dental care due to low income, lack of insurance or Medicaid, and have no other sources available to pay for services.

**Please call 605-753-5437 to sign up. We will then send you paperwork. You will need to fill out the paperwork and mail it or drop it off at Lake Area Pediatric Dentistry by January 23<sup>rd</sup>. If we do not receive the paperwork by that day, we will not be able to see your child.**

**Give Kids A Smile will take place on February 10, 2012 starting at 8:00 a.m.**

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