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District Digest

from Glen Ellyn School District 41

Celebrating Our Principals - Abraham Lincoln School

As part of National Principals Month we are celebrating all five of our school principal teams. This week we are featuring Abraham Lincoln School Principals Linda Schweikhofer and Chuck Brewster. Mrs. Schweikhofer has been the principal at Lincoln since 2012. Prior to becoming Lincoln's principal she was an assistant principal and teacher in District 41. Mr. Brewster came to District 41 last year from Chicago Public Schools where he served as the assistant principal at Budlong Elementary School.

Long-time Lincoln teacher Brian Pindar reflected on the leadership at Lincoln and said, "Principal Schweikhofer has been the driving force behind our schools Growth Mind Set philosophy. She sets the tone that resonates from staff to students." He added, "As a classroom teacher, I appreciate her leadership by the support and encouragement she give us. She creates an atmosphere where I feel safe and confident to take risks. Her compassion, understanding, and tough love has helped me become a better teacher."



Mr. Pindar also shared his thoughts about Assistant Principal Brewster. "Mr. Brewster has brought a lot of wisdom to Lincoln school. It is a pleasure to work with him. His calm and confident personality is definitely felt by the students and staff," said Mr. Pindar. "We are fortunate to have his leadership and insight. No one wears a sport coat and super hero tee shirt better

than Mr. Brewster! He is a class act."

Lincoln PTA President Liza Sury shared, "Mrs. Schweikhofer is the true leader of Lincoln. Between her morning words of wisdom to her total dedication to any and all theme days, it's always clear that she's right there with, and for, the kids. Linda continues to foster and promote the "growth mindset" at Lincoln, and has been a champion of those concepts for a few years now. The entire school community has benefited from her excitement about this way of thinking. She even runs a book club for parents about growth mindset, so we can take the concepts home!"



She added that, "Mr. Brewster has been such an incredible addition to the Lincoln family. His smiling face and kind words greet every car pulling in each day. The kids took to him immediately last year, and the talent show will never be the same now that we have a pro emcee!"

Teacher Michelle Bauer asked the students what they think of the principals.

"Mrs. Schweikhofer is a nice principal."

"She tells us all the rules so we stay safe."

"She is caring."

"If she wasn't there, we wouldn't do the pledge and have Abe's Way winners do the pledge."

"She helps our school in a lot of ways."

"Mr. Brewster visits our class so he can see what we're learning about."

"He is really kind and helps us with different problems."

"He takes everything 'chill' like when you get in trouble."

"He gives good ideas."

"The students say it best!," said Mrs. Bauer. "An overwhelming response: Both principals are kind, funny, positive, and awesome!"

Thank you, Abraham Lincoln Principals!

Illinois School District Report Cards

The Illinois Report Card information has been released by the State of Illinois. IllinoisReportCard.com is the state's official source for information about public schools across Illinois. Families, researchers, policy makers, and community members can use the site to find school data, including academic performance, school environment,

educators, students, and highlights provided by principals.

[Click here](#) to review the School Report Cards for District 41 schools.



Spirit Week Celebrated with Red Ribbons at Hadley

Last week, Hadley's Student Council held its second Spirit Week of the year which coincided with Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October. In addition to holding an outdoor cookout and activity night on Friday, October 20 to kick off the spirit week, Student Council members tied red ribbons around trees in front of Hadley. During Red Ribbon Week Hadley students participated in drug prevention themed dress up days. Way to go, Hadley students!



Hadley Loteria Raises Money For Earthquake Victims

Over 75 Hadley students donated at least one dollar to play Loteria (Mexican Bingo) and raise money for children affected by the recent earthquakes in Mexico. Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth grade teachers donated their time to host the Loteria games during lunch. \$100 will be donated to Unicef on behalf of Hadley students. Thank you students!



Benjamin Franklin Orchestra Students Mastering the Cello

The 5th Grade Orchestra students have been training to sight-read music (play music accurately when seeing it for the first time.) Benjamin Franklin School cello students are playing the correct notes while synchronizing their bows to move in unison. The students have mastered how to read and play the eight notes of the D Major scale. Now, they are so excited to learn how to read four more notes on a new string of either the violin, viola, cello or bass.

[Enjoy this short video of the students in action!](#)



Forest Glen Xylophone Students Show Off their Skills

The Forest Glen 5th grade xylophone students are proudly demonstrating how to play Hot Cross Buns in [this video clip](#). The video was taken at their 6th lesson of the year, where they have learned how to read the notes, find the correct bar on their instrument, and roll in the correct sticking pattern for that note. Notice that they are playing in unison, synchronizing their mallets. Enjoy the video!

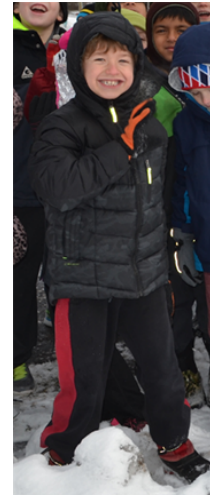
Weather Announcements

As colder weather approaches, please familiarize yourself with school closure notification procedures. School closures due to weather will be communicated to all families in the following ways:

- Email
- Voicemail
- [Website](#)

- [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)
- Emergency Closing Center, Emergencyclosingcenter.com

In addition, closure announcements can also be sent directly via text messaging to parents who sign up. If you are a parent and would like to receive emergency messages on your cell phone via text (in addition to email and voicemail), please follow the below steps:



1. Log on to Family Access - [Click here](#)
2. Click the Skylert button on the left.
3. The Skyward contacts screen will appear for the different types of notifications. Scroll to the bottom of the screen and enter your cell phone number(s) in the "Text Message" section.
4. Click Save.

The District typically informs families of a closure due to weather as soon as possible the morning of the closure. Closures are decided upon based on the severity of the weather.

Please note: Elementary students must dress appropriately for the weather because they will be outdoors for play except in very cold or inclement weather. During the winter season, students must wear boots and snow pants if they wish to play in the snow outside of the blacktop area. As a general rule, children will not be outdoors when the actual temperature or wind chill factor is below 10 degrees Fahrenheit. See [Student Handbook](#), page 5.

Thank you for your attention to this important information.

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