

HOT News

Lincoln Middle School

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What's HOT at Lincoln... Important Dates For the Washington D.C. Trip

April 11, 2012	All Trip Money Due
April 11, 2012	Medical Forms
April 24, 2012	Doctor's Order for Medication Due
May 23 – 25	Washington D.C. Trip

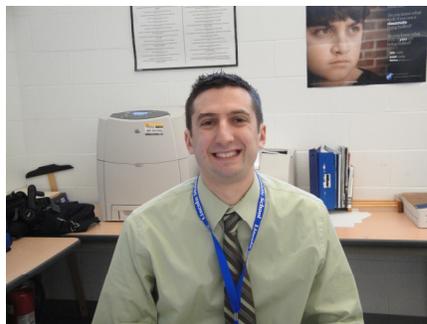


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LMS Welcomes New Staff!

Lincoln Middle School warmly welcomes Mr. John Vieira! Mr. Vieira is a technology teacher at Lincoln. Prior to coming to Lincoln, Mr. Vieira was at Platt High School for his student teaching and a long term teaching assignment teaching business education. He is an alumni of Newington High School, Central CT State University, and the University of Bridgeport. Some of Mr. Vieira's hobbies include watching basketball and the NFL, watching action movies from the 1980's, hiking, attending coaching clinics, and singing while the students work! Yes, we have a future American Idol here! In addition to teaching here at Lincoln, he is currently the JV basketball coach at Lyman Hall High School; prior, he was the JV coach at Platt. His favorite sports teams are: UNCONN basketball teams, Dallas Cowboys, NY Knicks, Boston Red Sox, and the Hartford Whalers. To conclude, Mr Vieira states that he is "having a blast teaching here at LMS; the students have been terrific and I enjoy working with such a supportive staff whom have been a huge help in my development as a middle school teacher. Thanks for making me feel at home!"



Please Mark Your Calendar

- April 6 **NO SCHOOL** Good Friday
- April 16-20 **NO SCHOOL** Spring Vacation
- May 7 (week of) MDA Writing Assessments—all grades
- May 23-25 Washington DC Trip
- May/June MDA assessments

HOT Happenings....

LMS School Spirit Days

Lincoln Middle School will be holding School Spirit Days on the last Friday of each month. Students are asked to wear our school colors—blue and white—or Lincoln Spirit Wear on those days.

Scholastic Book Fair

25% Sale!

March 26-30th

Monday-Thursday

8:00-2:30

Friday

8:00-12:00

Visit the LMS Book Fair website:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/lincolnmidsch>

Into the Woods—LMS Drama Department

April 11, 12, 13

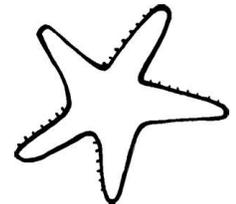
Tickets are now on sale!

General admission is \$5.00.

Call the LMS Office: 203-238-2381

Teacher Spotlight : February

At a recent staff meeting we recognized Mr. Jim Seldner as the LMS Teacher of the Month for January. Mr. Seldner is a 6th grade social studies teacher at LMS. He is an outstanding member of LMS who makes up our faculty.



7th grade HOTS residency: Celebrating Women



Here is the website for the Meriden Patch article about the 7th grade HOTS residency:

<http://meriden.patch.com/articles/viewfinder-celebrating-women-at-lincoln-middle-school#photo-9292643>



Lincoln Middle School

Parent Teacher Support Line

Upcoming Meetings: All meetings start at
April 10th 7:00pm and are held in the
May 8th Media Center or Office
Conference Room. *Dates
are subject to change.*

The Middle School Reading Challenge

We recently launched a reading challenge between our two middle schools, Washington and Lincoln, to track each student's reading progress. The principal of the school that reads the most words (calculated for the entire school year) will dye his hair the color of his school. The students are very excited about this. There are even contests between the grade levels at each school. As soon as students finish a book and take the book's online quiz, the word count is tallied and added to their school's total. Students at both schools are given some time to read in class, but, more importantly, they need to read at home. Please encourage your child to read at home on a daily basis.

There will be a year-end event to celebrate every student that reads 1 million or more words. We expect to have over 200 students reach this milestone. The event will be held on June 11 at the Augusta Curtis Cultural Center here in Meriden. www.curtisculturalcenter.com It is the home of Meriden's original library which has been restored in glorious splendor and is a fantastic place to host this event. Students, parents, grandparents, teachers, administrators, local and state officials will attend. We hope to see as many Lincoln Middle School students attend as possible.

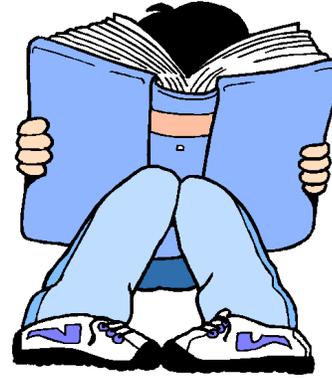
Teacher Spotlight : March

At a recent staff meeting we recognized Mrs. Debbie Guyette as the LMS Teacher of the Month for March. Mrs. Guyette is a 8th grade science teacher at LMS. She is an outstanding member of LMS who makes up our faculty.

Become a Volunteer!

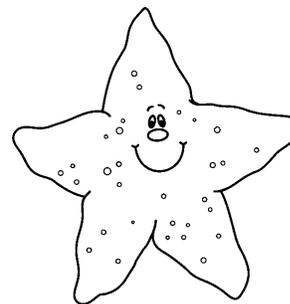
Contact the PTSL and become a volunteer at Lincoln!

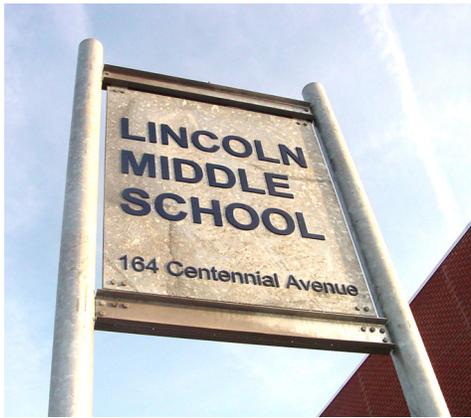
WE NEED YOU!!!



Reminder for Parents/Guardians:

School Based Health Services is being offered at your child's school. Your CHC school-based health program may offer Medical, Behavioral Health, and/or Dental services. All services are being offered at the High School level. Elementary and Middle offer Behavioral Health and Dental services only. All services are available regardless of income or insurance status. Enrollment forms and information is available at each of the school's main office and /or nurses office or by calling Melanie Wilde, Program Manager, at 203-237-2229 X6281.





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The Lincoln Middle School Mission

Lincoln Middle School supports the mission of the Meriden Public Schools: success for all students. The LMS community places a special focus and emphasis upon the arts and media curriculum. We believe each child should have a well-rounded educational experience that will allow learning through the exploration of arts and media. The arts and media curriculum offers special opportunities to fulfill the human need for self-expression.

Students are motivated and challenged through an academic program that engages their imaginations in dance, dramatic arts, musical arts, visual arts, broadcasting and video, and creative writing. Incorporating the arts in education promotes the learning of life skills and develops critical thinking. The arts generate the excitement that motivates student involvement in the school community. Participation in the arts, with its multicultural foundation, offers a wide range of human experiences fostering respect for others, building self-confidence, nurturing self-esteem, and developing self-discipline.

FLASH!!! The PowerSchool Parent Portal will not be available during the summer months. It will be enabled again at the start of the 2012-2013 school year.

H.O.T. Schools Philosophy

Strong Arts—In H.O.T. Schools, the arts are rigorous academic subjects, each with its own sequential curriculum conveying knowledge not learned through other academic disciplines.

Arts integration—H.O.T. Schools integrate the arts across disciplines, creating arts-rich environments that motivate students to make connections between and among subject areas and ideas.

Democratic Practice—H.O.T. Schools cultivate a democratic school culture that emphasizes individual leadership and encourages all members of the school community to contribute.

H.O.T. Schools strategically link learning in the arts to learning across the curriculum. H.O.T. school arts teachers and classroom teachers work collaboratively to structure

interdisciplinary curricula that promote deep learning of subject matter, higher-order thinking, creativity, adaptability, and teamwork.

The H.O.T. Approach to teaching and learning is comprehensive. It considers the whole child, teacher, artist, administrator, and school community. Professional development supports teacher growth and parental involvement, and leads to personal renewal. The strong presence of teaching artists and parents is a distinctive feature of the H.O.T. Approach.

H.O.T. Schools has developed its whole-school change approach by weaving best practices in arts in education with the needs and experiences of urban, suburban, and rural school communities. Through careful planning, application, reflection, and redirection, the H.O.T. Approach to teaching and

learning has emerged to enhance the growth and development of each participating school.

