What’s HOT at Lincoln...

Lincoln Middle School’s 2nd Annual Family Pasta Dinner & Live Auction

Lincoln Middle School will be holding their 2nd annual Family Pasta Dinner & Live Auction on Friday, March 4, 2011 and the entire community is invited to attend. The pasta dinner, served by Lincoln staff members in the cafeteria, will begin at 5:30 with pasta, meatballs, salad, drink and dessert. Dinner tickets are available in the school’s main office or at the door and cost just $5.00 (children age 3 and under eat for free). The auction will begin at 7:00 with the preview at 6:30 in the auditorium. Our special guest auctioneer, back by popular demand, will be local children’s book author Eddie “Spaghetti” Siebert. We hope you will come with your family and friends to enjoy some good food and good deals at the auction!

LMS Welcomes New Staff!

Each edition a new staff member to Lincoln will be highlighted here.

Lincoln Middle School warmly welcomes Mr. Richard Sorensen to our teaching staff. This is Mr. Sorensen’s 15th year teaching; he taught for 11 years at Bailey Middle School in West Haven, 3 years at Maloney High School and this is his first year at Lincoln. He attended Central CT State University and graduated with a degree in Industrial Technology Construction Management and went back to get his teaching degree in Technology Education. Mr. Sorensen lives with his wife and 3 children, ages 8,10 and 12. He has 2 dogs, a Golden Retriever named Bailey and a Pug named Boo. He and his family spends their summers camping in Maine, New Hampshire and upstate NY. He enjoys boating, water skiing, and wake boarding and in the winter he loves to snowmobile, ski and make snow.
At a recent staff meeting we recognized Ms. Susan Carr as the LMS Teacher of the Month for January/February. Ms. Carr is a 6th grade Social Studies teacher on Team 6-2. She is one of the outstanding members of LMS who make up the faculty.

The snow days may have kept us out of school, but it did not discourage Lincoln Middle School students from reading. Overall, students in grade 6, 7 and 8 improved their efforts to meet their Term 2 Accelerated Reader Goal. Congratulations especially to the eighth grade! The number of students meeting their term goal more than doubled from Term 1. We would also like to congratulate our top point earners from each grade: 6th grader, Julian Badillo, for earning 105 points, 7th grader, Anyssa Gardner, for earning 153 points and 8th Grader, Tiffany Aguilera, for earning 205 points. Now that Term 3 is underway students must continue to read on a daily basis as they work towards meeting their new goal. Don’t forget! Students can stay after school every Wednesday from 2:15-3:15 in the Media Center to read and take Accelerated Reader quizzes to help achieve their goals.

South Meriden Teen Center

Students, come check out the new Teen Center in South Meriden! The center has an Xbox 360 and a Wii hooked up to two 42” HD televisions. Wireless Internet has been installed in the building so both video games consoles are LIVE accessible. Plus, you’ll be able to get WIFI on any electronics you choose to bring! The Teen Center has a Bose Sound Dock so that music will always be at your disposable via iPod. The Teen Center has acquired new furniture to make it your home away from home. There are even food choices available for a small fee! The Teen Center will be going on monthly field trips, and will have movie nights at your discretion. Come check it out and take part in this all NEW FRIDAY night program!!

Farewell to Officer Welles

Lincoln Middle School bids a fond farewell to our School Resource Officer, Jason Welles. Officer Welles will be leaving in March to serve our country in Iraq. We are very thankful for all that he has done for our school, our community, and our country. Be Safe Officer Welles and THANK YOU!!

Meriden Patch: An Online Newspaper

The writing of Meriden Students will be published in Meriden Patch; a National online newspaper. Meriden Patch is Meriden’s online resource for community news, sports, and entertainment. “Patch” is an online National newspaper (owned by AOL). Each town highlights its own information. Meriden Patch will highlight a Student Writer of the Week. One Meriden student a week will have their picture, a brief biography, and a written piece published. Lincoln’s first entry is Meghan Tomassetti. Check out Meghan’s great essay at MeridenPatch.com

Congratulations Meghan!

NJHS News

Lincoln's National Junior Honor Society celebrated Valentine's Day by spreading holiday cheer. Members planned and implemented 2 projects. The first was a service project entitled, "Valentines for Veterans". Members created homemade cards and letters for veterans. These letters were delivered to the Veterans' Home and Hospital in Rocky Hill, where they were given to our honored heroes.

The second project was a flower sale. Students sold carnations and helped spread the love at LMS! Mrs. Manware and Ms. Montemurro would like to thank the NJHS members who participated in these projects.
PTSL Meeting Calendar

March 8, 2011
April 12, 2011
May 10, 2011

ALL MEETINGS START AT 7:00pm and are in the LMS Office Conference Room

8th grade Immigration Residency

Eighth grade students had the opportunity to work with Resident artist Wendy Cook-Broderick on an Immigration Unit during the Fall. Students created models of famous Immigration sites, created puppets to act out an Immigration play, wrote stories based on real and created immigrants, and created their own family trees. Students were also able to attend a school trip to visit the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island to see them first hand!

HOT TOPIC for January/February

A healthy body will fuel a healthy mind!

Good habits will send students to school ready to learn. Here are some tips to help students:

- Eat a healthy, balanced diet. Provide a variety of healthy foods rich in vitamins, minerals, and fiber. Limit fats, cholesterol, salt, and added sugars; sodas and other sugary beverages supply a lot of empty calories. Check the nutrition facts label on foods to help you make a healthy choice. Have a healthy breakfast! This is so important to stay energized throughout the day. Here are some ideas for a quick, healthy breakfast: oatmeal with fruit, low-fat yogurt and whole-grain toast, whole-grain cereal with low-fat or fat-free milk. Healthy snack ideas: fresh or dried fruit; popcorn; carrots or celery sticks; yogurt; nuts; whole-grain crackers with low-fat or fat-free cheese.
- Exercise!
- Sleep. Children up to age 12 need between 10 and 11 hours each night. Most teenagers needs between 8 1/2 and 9 1/2 hours.
- Go for regular checkups with your health care provider.

Regular healthy meals, physical activity, and getting enough sleep can help improve concentration, memory, mood, energy level, and self image.
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H.O.T. Schools Philosophy

\textbf{Strong Arts}—In HOT Schools, the arts are rigorous academic subjects, each with its own sequential curriculum conveying knowledge not learned through other academic disciplines.

\textbf{Arts integration}—HOT Schools integrate the arts across disciplines, creating arts-rich environments that motivate students to make connections between and among subject areas and ideas.

\textbf{Democratic Practice}—HOT Schools cultivate a democratic school culture that emphasizes individual leadership and encourages all members of the school community to contribute.

HOT Schools strategically link learning in the arts to learning across the curriculum. HOT 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 HOT 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 HOT Approach.

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

\textbf{FLASH!!!}  The following television and radio stations will broadcast any delays or cancellations due to weather or other unforeseen events:

- Channel 3, Channel 8, Channel 30
- 840AM, 960AM, 1080AM, 1360AM, 1470AM
- 92.5FM, 95.7FM, 96.5FM, 93.7FM, 100.5FM, 101.3FM, 102.9FM

\textbf{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.