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BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS
FOR HELPING SO MANY OF OUR
FAMILIES WITH CHRISTMAS GIFTS
THIS YEAR!

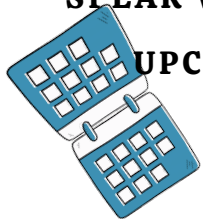
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REED CUSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOR DONATING AND DELIVERING
SPIN BIKES TO OUR PHYSICAL
EDUCATION PROGRAM!



**OUR KITCHEN REMODEL IS WELL
UNDERWAY!**

**LINCOLN SCHOOL IS EXCITED TO
WELCOME BRIANNA MORALES,
ILLINOIS TEACHER OF THE YEAR TO
SPEAK WITH STAFF AND STUDENTS!**



UPCOMING CALENDAR REMINDERS

2/29/2024 SIP DAY

MRS. MONTALVO

Lately, students have been spending time recognizing their own heritages as well as designing their own countries in order to prepare for February's Black History Month. Students have been thinking about why we celebrate national heritage months and what a "perfect" country may look like. For the Cultural Heritage Project, students created a presentation about their own cultural heritage using research, as well as personal anecdotes. Students were able to include their family trees, traditions, foods, etc. For Black History Month, students will be examining some of the major impactful faces as well as events we have seen throughout Black History. Students will then be able to conduct their own research on a person of their choosing. Room 205 has enjoyed spending time discussing culture and looks forward to the activities for Black History Month!



MS. MIKALIK'S ROOM

Our theme for January was learning about each other and ourselves. We spent plenty of time getting familiar with how to be successful at Lincoln and getting to know each other. As far as learning about ourselves, we've learned about different note-taking strategies that could help us, identified the most important values in our lives and why they create a person of good character, and reflected on & researched our individual cultures and heritages for a Service Learning project. In February, we plan on completing our first group project which will involve students working together to create a utopian country, and we will be completing a book study on *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson.

MRS. DEVALK'S

This month we will be working on a kindness project during Service Learning. Students will spend a few days participating in some activities to get a further grasp on all the values that come with being kind. They will then work in a group and come up with a project to promote kindness outside the classroom. They will record their observations and results on a daily basis and create a Google Slides presentation to present to the class. I am so excited to see the results!

MR. WELCH'S ROOM

Over the past month at Lincoln, our newly implemented E-Learning plan underwent a successful stress test. Our E-Learning days featured activities such as show and tell, Pictionary challenges, and a thought-provoking discussion following a short documentary on civil rights movements.

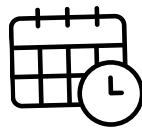
Upon returning, we delved into our U.S. history lessons, focusing on the Reconstruction era. Looking ahead, we are planning an exciting STEM week, where we'll explore electricity and apply our knowledge to craft light-up Valentine's Day cards. Additionally, we'll kick off a class reading of, *Dear Martin*, by Nic Stone, a compelling narrative following a young boy named Justyce as he seeks his place in the world, drawing inspiration from the teachings of Martin Luther King.

**COUNSELOR
CORNER
MS. JANICE AND
MRS. JENKE**

SAVE THE DATE:

March 13, 2024

9am-2pm



Pathways to Professions Career Expo



COUNSELOR CORNER MS. JANICE AND MRS. JENKE

February your School Counselors are focusing on celebrating National School Counseling Week and Random Acts of Kindness Week. Both of these weeks provide an opportunity for students and staff to showcase kindness and compassion just as their counselors do. Spreading kindness allows staff and students to help change the environments they are in every day. These skills can be applied to all aspects of their lives, not only school.

SOME RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS INCLUDE:

- **WRITING A NOTE TO A TEACHER, FRIEND, OR FAMILY MEMBER**
- **HOLDING OPEN THE DOOR FOR SOMEONE**
- **SAYING ENCOURAGING WORDS OR PHRASES**
- **PICKING UP A MESS YOU DIDN'T MAKE**
- **GIVING OUT COMPLIMENTS TO OTHERS.**

STAFF highlight! MR. WELCH

Why did you get into education? I chose a career in education because finding joy in helping others has been a lifelong passion of mine. I have always found myself to be extraordinarily patient with people and willing to educate those who were in need of help. Education puts me in a unique position where I can help multiple people realize their full potential and break down the barriers or walls, they put up that may have prevented them from doing so. Witnessing the moment when a student exclaims, 'Ah-ah! Now I get it,' is the pinnacle of achievement that every educator strives for.

What has been the highlight of this school year? A notable highlight this school year occurred during Halloween festivities. I managed to find a way to create a pulley system with a spider falling from the ceiling as students walked by. Of course, I managed to get quite a few staff members while I was at it!

What do you enjoy about working at Lincoln School? I love the atmosphere the staff have created. The distinctive atmosphere at Lincoln sets it apart from other schools where I've been employed. Everyone knows everyone here at Lincoln, and we consider ourselves a family. We work together filling various roles as a team like clockwork and always are there for others when they need us.

How long have you been at Lincoln? In education? I've dedicated two years to Lincoln School, and my overall experience in the field of education spans four years.

Where did you attend college? I earned my degree at Northern Illinois University, graduating with a B.A. in Sociology and a minor in History.

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