

# December Newsletter from "Camp" Lincoln

## Important Reminders:

Information about any school closures or delays caused by bad weather can be obtained on the Kennewick School District's web site ([www.ksd.org](http://www.ksd.org)) and on the district's Twitter page. Be sure to hit the refresh button as you re-check the web site. **Information will also be shared on local TV and radio stations.**



## Our Camp Leader – Mr. Campbell

Dear Parents,  
On February 11, 2014, the Kennewick School District will be running an Operations Renewal Levy. Did you know that levy dollars support extra-curricular activities such as music, art, drama, and athletics? State funding doesn't cover all of the costs of basic education. Therefore, local districts must make up the difference through school levies. In Kennewick, levy dollars make up about 20% of the district budget and, in addition to programs and activities, help pay for teachers, nurses, librarians, cooks, security personnel, para-educators, and many other staff positions. Please take time to educate yourself about how school levies affect our students and staff. Information is available on the KSD website at [www.ksd.org](http://www.ksd.org). Ballots will be mailed to homes around January 20.

-Mr. Campbell

## LEAP News and Reminders:

Our Open House Ice Cream Social was a HUGE success for the new students of Lincoln with 179 people attending!

Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, LEAP will host a Book Bingo Night. Time and location will be provided before the event.

March 7<sup>th</sup> will be a Lincoln at My Fro Yo Night! Get your swirl on and support our school!

Keep up the GREAT Box Top clipping! Lincoln is currently No. 1 in the Tri Cities and No. 6 in entire State of Washington! Clip during the holidays and help our school.

If you own a business or use a printer at home, please consider sending in your used ink jet and laser jet cartridges with your child. Help our school and planet by recycling!

## Mark Your Calendars!

December 21- January 5<sup>th</sup>  
No School for Winter Break  
January 16<sup>th</sup> - Mid Trimester K - 5  
January 17<sup>th</sup> - No School  
District Teacher Training  
January 21<sup>st</sup> - No School  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

## Character Counts!

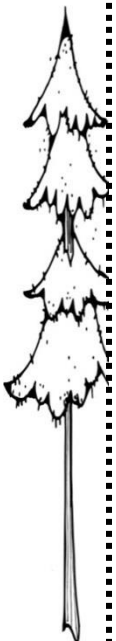
**Our focus this month is Responsibility**

**Responsible students. . . . .**

- Know what you are to do and do it.
- Think before you act.
- Do your best.
- Keep on trying.
- Be positive.
- Accept the consequences of your choices.

Talk about ways that your child is responsible at home, at school, and in our community. One idea is to talk about being responsible for our coats, mittens, and hats. Thanks for reinforcing these ideas at home.

Working together for kids,  
Barb Debban, Counselor



## RECESS READING IS GOING STRONG - THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

During this time of the year, it is time to reflect on things we are thankful for, and we are truly thankful for our wonderful volunteers throughout our building. We also have 42 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade students that are volunteering each week to read with a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader during our Recess Reading program. If you are an adult and have an hour from 11:15 - 12:15 we could use some more adults to read with 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. I have students coming up to me asking if they can be involved, who want to read. Just give me a call, if you would like to be involved.

-Barb Debban, Counselor  
222-5700

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**LIBRARIES**  
*Grow your mind!*

**Read Over Winter Break!**

Mid-Columbia Library at **1620 S. Union Street** will be open for book check outs over the Winter Break. Library cards are **free** and available to Kennewick residents.

**Hours of operation are:**

Monday: 9 AM - 9 PM

Tuesday: 9 AM - 9 PM

Wednesday: 9 AM - 9 PM

Thursday: 9 AM - 9 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 7 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 5 PM

Sunday: 1 PM - 5 PM

**\*\*Closed on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>**

Phone number: 509-783-7878

Recently, a few of Lincoln's classrooms were visited by Tri-City Americans hockey player **Taylor Vickerman**. With their successful report cards, students can watch him play!



**Brought to you by:**

**The Cascade Natural Gas**

**"A" is for Americans Program.**

Students can bring in their successful report card or progress report into the Americans office and get your **FREE Student Ticket** for the game on **Tuesday, December 10th!** Additional tickets may be purchased at a discounted rate!

**CALL**

**736-0606**

**FOR DETAILS**

**VALID FOR STUDENTS K-12 ONLY**

**MUST BE REDEEMED AT THE AMERICANS OFFICE,  
DOWNSTAIRS AT THE TOYOTA CENTER BY 4PM, MONDAY  
12/9/13**

[www.amshockey.com](http://www.amshockey.com)

**Author Visit**



Children's author and illustrator Matt McElligott will be visiting Lincoln Elementary on Tuesday, December 10th. A limited number of books will be available for purchase.



Thank you for supporting our Lincoln book fair. Leopards love to read!

**Tip of the Month:**

**Be Healthy This Holiday Season**

*The holiday season is coming quickly. Here are some helpful hints:*

**Eat Right**

- \*Set a good example for children by eating fruits, vegetables and whole grains with meals and snacks.
- \*Offer a choice of fruits for lunch.
- \*Drink water instead of soda to stay hydrated.
- \*While shopping, allow children to pick a new fruit or vegetable to try at home.
- \*Decorate plates or serving dishes with fruit slices.

**Be physically active**

- \*Give gifts that encourage physical activity (games or equipment).
- \*Be active and get your family to join you.
- \*Have fun together: Play with kids and pets. Go for a walk, tumble in leaves or play catch.
- \*Instead of sitting through TV commercials, get up and move.
- \*Limit TV and computer time.

If you are thinking about donating during the holiday season or need assistance, please contact these local organizations or Barb Debban, Lincoln's counselor, at 222-5700.

Toys for Tots	509-396-0613
Harvest Outreach	509-545-4042
Tri-Cities Food Bank	509-586-0688
Tri-Cities Mission	509-547-2112
Coats for Kids (KNDU)	509-737-6700
Safe Harbor Nursery	509-374-4902
BF Humane Society	509-374-4235



**Math Problem Solving:**

The kids are stringing popcorn to decorate the tree. Each strand has 9 popcorn kernels. How many kernels should there be on 10 popcorn strands? How many on 15 strands?



**No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. -Aesop**

**Happy Holidays!**

Contact Lincoln at (509) 222-5700  
Online at <http://schools.ksd.org/LI>