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EDU-PRIZE PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Dr. McCamman's Corner



Lincoln

Our third quarter Cottage Fairs are just around the corner and will be highlighted by the outstanding Wax Museum events presented by our fifth and sixth grade students. Each year the students select a famous person related to his/her cottage theme. They then research the person, write a report, make a poster board and design a costume. On their big night they are the expert on the person they selected. It is quite amazing how much the students learn.



Aristotle

Also in the third quarter, our third and fourth grade students have their annual "Arizona Connections". Most of the fourth grade social studies state standards focus on Arizona so this is a good way to address many of those standards. The students use their cottage theme and find a "connection" with Arizona. Then the whole family gets involved! The student and his/her family prepare a presentation highlighting the Arizona connection which they present on Cottage Fair night. Each year I am amazed by the imagination and innovation shown in the presentations. Third quarter Cottage Fair is truly one of my favorites so enjoy your time celebrating the accomplishments of your fine children.



HEALTHY TIDBITS

Courtesy of your Edu-Prize Health Office

What can I do to protect against Strep?

Group A *Streptococcus*, commonly known as strep throat or strep, is a bacterium often found in the throat and on the skin. These bacteria are spread through direct contact with mucus from the nose or throat of persons who are infected or through contact with infected wounds or sores on the skin. **If your child is diagnosed with Strep by a health care provider, he/she must be treated with an antibiotic for 24 hours and be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.**

Practicing these good health habits can help control the spread of strep, flu, the common cold, and other illnesses.

- * Frequent hand washing is one of the best protections against infection.
- * Stay home when you are sick.
- * Avoid close contact with those who are sick.
- * Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- * Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches their face after touching something that is contaminated.

If your child has a temperature of 99.6°F or more they will be sent home and must not return to school the next day. They must be fever free for 24 hours before they are allowed to return.



IMPORTANT DATES

February 22 - 25

~ Kindergarten 2010/11

Sibling Registration

March 2

~ Spring Photo Day

March 5

~ Edu-Prize
Sock Hop



March 5

~ Jr. High Social

March 15 - 29

~ Spring
Break!



March 30

~ First Day of Quarter

CRITICAL THINKERS ARE AMONG US...

Higher order thinking has been an area of focus in all classrooms this year. Students have been engaged in critical thinking activities in which they are learning to think, and ask and answer questions in more depth. Last quarter, teachers focused instruction in the area of analysis. Students learned how to break down a big idea into smaller parts and use words such as compare, contrast, deduce, distinguish, infer, and explain. This quarter, students are immersed in the area of synthesis. Students are learning to put small ideas together to create a larger idea. They are learning to use words such as glean, assemble, combine, form, and collect.

Critical thinking is happening throughout the school. It is amazing to hear students make connections from one curricular area to another. They are learning that analysis and synthesis are closely related. These connections have a positive impact on the learning that takes place in our classrooms.

Look for opportunities at home to stretch your child's learning. Give them opportunities to compare, explain, design, summarize, and plan. You might be surprised by your child's ability to be a critical thinker!

Spring Photos



Tuesday, March 2nd
Mark your calendars!!!!!!!!!!

Box Top Contest



Will you be the
Power Collector
 for your grade level?

This quarter's top collectors will win a
 Harkins Loyalty Cup and a \$10 Harkins gift card!
Keep Clippin' until 3/12/2010!!

Sock Hop!



Our sock hop is right around the corner!
 We will be swinging and dancing outside on the basketball courts on

Friday, March 5th 6 - 8 p.m.

There will be a *hula hoop* contest, *hand jive* contest and lots of fun to be had!
 Make sure to mark your calendars and pull out your *poodle skirts* and *leather jackets!*

We will be collecting NEW socks that evening to send to various charities!

Get ready to *Twist the Night Away!*

(This event is for Edu-Prize students and their families.)



Spring Spectacular - Save the Date!

Saturday, April 10, 2010

11- 3 p.m.



This year we will be serving food from the famous Honey's BBQ.
 Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Chicken Sandwiches will be available to purchase for \$5.

Edu-Prize will earn \$1 back from each meal purchased!

Class baskets are currently underway, so make sure to talk to your child's
 teacher about volunteering.

If you're interested in a table at our vendor fair,
 please contact Heather Bell at springspectacular@cox.net

More information to come as we get closer.

