During recent weeks, Lincoln School has been busy with a multitude of special activities. We welcomed over 60 veterans to our USA Day celebration, which was a terrific way to thank the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve our country. During our Spring Concert, members of our band, orchestra and chorus performed beautifully. We also held our Art Show which showcased a variety of terrific art projects across all grade levels. Our first Field Day was a great success, and we look forward to making it an annual event. Lastly, Author Margery Cuyler visited our school to inspire our students to become published authors. She was delighted to learn how she motivated our students to perform so many ‘Acts of Kindness.’

Additionally, individual grade levels have their own end of year activities including a bike rodeo, writing celebrations, poetry cafes, grade level museums and end of year parties. Our 5th graders, in particular, have several special events including their DARE Graduation, pool party and Promotion.

We all had a great time at the NJ Jackals game to celebrate our success with the “Hit the Books” program. Reinforcing our literacy efforts, the Environmental Club sponsored a school-wide book swap on Monday, June 17th. Students had the opportunity to donate and take home books for summer reading. We hope you continue to work with your children this summer and reinforce their passion for reading. Don’t forget to take advantage of our town libraries.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in our school community. I would like to recognize the Lincoln faculty who worked so hard inside and outside of the classroom this year. We held so many special events and could not have done it unless Lincoln staff members were willing to go above and beyond. I would also like to thank our HSA Executive Board who has consistently supported programs to enhance the educational experience for all Lincoln students. And of course, thank you to the parent volunteers who have helped us throughout the school year.

I hope you have a fun and safe summer. Please enjoy time with your families. I look forward to seeing you on September 9th!

Adam Geher, Principal

Show Us Your Picture Perfect Summer Reading!

To celebrate our summer reading, take a photo of your child reading sometime during the summer and have him/her write a few sentences about their reading. These photos and sentences will be posted on our Lincoln School Reading Hall of Fame bulletin board in September.

When school begins, we will start conversations about books and reading with these questions—What did you read this summer? Where did you read this summer?

1. Read, read, read!
2. Take a photo of your child reading during the summer. Paste or import the photo at 4” x 6” into the top of an 8.5” x 11” Word document.
3. Have your child write 2–5 sentences below the photo telling about their summer reading.
4. Send it in with your child on the first day of school.

I hope you have a fun and safe summer. Please enjoy time with your families. I look forward to seeing you on September 9th!
Letter from the HSA

Hello Summer! We have come to the end of another great and successful year at Lincoln School. We would like to thank all of our teachers, aides, custodians, Mrs. Ciesla, Mrs. Rodriguez and Mr. Geher for all of their hard work. Thank you, also, to everyone who volunteered throughout the year and contributed to the many activities the HSA sponsored. Without your contribution and support, we could not have provided and executed all of the activities which enabled us to enrich our children’s school year and give back to our community. To our Executive Board and Committee Chair members who have completed their terms, and some who went beyond their required time, we thank you for your time, efforts and dedication. It is because of individuals like you that we are able to do such great things here at Lincoln School!

Congratulations to our 5th grade graduates! We are confident that your time spent at Lincoln School has prepared you for the years to come at Grover Cleveland Middle School. We wish each of you much success in the next journey of your lives. Furthermore, to our families who are moving on from Lincoln, we thank you for your support over the years and wish you all of our best as you continue with your children’s education.

The HSA ends the year financially healthy and prepared for the 2013–2014 academic year. We are pleased to announce that our new Executive Board was approved through an HSA member vote on Tuesday, May 28th. The 2013–2014 Executive Board members are as follows:

**Secretary:**
Meredith Petriw

**Treasurer:**
Nicole LaMarca

**Co-Vice Presidents:**
Juli Platt and Jeanne Courtright

**Co-Presidents:**
Monica Novak and Vicki Ehrhardt

We are also thrilled to report that all of our committee chair positions for next year have been filled! Thank you to everyone who has volunteered! We welcome all of our 2013–2014 HSA Board Members and Committee Chairs. We look forward to working with you in September!

We hope that you have enjoyed our first year of the *Lincoln Lowdown*. We would like to say a special thank you to Carolynn O’Brien who helped make this happen! We could not have delivered such a professional piece without the creative talent and expertise Carolynn brought to this newsletter.

To our Lincoln community, we hope you all have a wonderful summer filled with relaxation, warmth, and sunshine! We hope you enjoy some time making memories with your children, families, and friends!

Warm Regards,

Vicki Ehrhardt and Monica Novak
2012–2013 HSA Co-Presidents

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**Guess Who?**

- **Favorite Summer Hobby:** Painting seashells
- **Favorite Summer Vacation Spot:** My shore house at Midway Beach
- **Favorite Movie:** Clueless
- **Favorite Summer Dessert:** Italian ice from Lyndhurst Pastry Shop

*Who Am I?*
Field Day
Congratulations to Our Fifth Grade Graduates!

Sandy Hook

Look Out Grover Cleveland—Here We Come!