The 2014–2015 school year has been a memorable year for us all, thanks to the students, teachers, parents and community members. Everyone’s hard work and contributions to Lincoln School is much appreciated.

As the year has been winding down, the Lincoln students have participated in a wide range of special events. We welcomed, once again, a large group of veterans to our annual USA Day celebration on May 20th. Using the theme of Freedom, our students performed patriotic songs and recited poems to the brave men and women who served and continue to serve our country.

On June 1st, our band, orchestra and chorus put on a sensational Spring Concert in front of a captivated audience. It is always a pleasure to see the hard work, commitment and progress of our students throughout the school year. We enjoyed listening to all of the children perform so beautifully. On June 3rd, Mrs. Zeman coordinated another fun-filled Field Day buzzing with students, staff and parents who all enjoyed the activities, whether they were the participants or volunteers.

I hope these children hold on to the fun memories created at Lincoln School as they begin their new journey into their middle school years.

Finally, I would like to thank our 5th grade class for sharing their smiles, curiosity, and wisdom with us over the course of many years spent here at Lincoln School. Please join me in wishing each and every one of them the best of luck in middle school. This class has achieved success inside and outside of the classrooms throughout the years, and they will be missed. As this class moves on, we sadly say goodbye to 28 Lincoln families who I would like to thank for their consistent support. I hope these children hold on to the fun memories created at Lincoln School as they begin their new journey into their middle school years.

I hope you have a fun and safe summer and enjoy this time with your families. I look forward to seeing you next school year.

Adam Geher, Principal

P.S. Keep reading!
USA Day
Letter from the HSA

Summer is here! As we all wind down and get ready for long summer days, we would like to highlight this amazing year at Lincoln School. A Day at the Piazza generated more funds than we have been able to accomplish in a long time. The energy and enthusiasm that was brought by our committee and volunteers offered not only a wonderful day for our community, but the ability to purchase usable resources for our children. We look forward to carrying this energy into our future HSA initiatives.

Congratulations to our 5th grade graduates! We are so proud to see another dedicated and talented group of students move on to Grover Cleveland Middle School. Like those before you, we have no doubt that you will make us proud! We wish you all the best as you begin your middle school journey. To our Lincoln families who are moving on, we wish you and your children the best and we thank you for your support throughout the years!

The new executive board was approved on Monday, June 1st, through an HSA member vote. We are proud to announce our new Executive Board for the 2015-2016 academic year:

Corresponding Secretary: Chris Marlin
Recording Secretary: Memmy Petriw
Treasurer: Juna Laddey
Vice President: Beth DePrenda
President: Nicole LaMarca

We are excited to turn another chapter and welcome the next Executive Board! We look forward to working with you as we continue to create memorable experiences for our children!

Thank you to our teachers, aides, and custodians, and to Mrs. Ciesla, Mrs. Rodriguez and Mr. Geher for all of your efforts and support throughout the year. We would also like to thank Ms. Kolator, Ms. Vecchione and Ms. Zevin for your years of service at Lincoln School. We know you will do well at your respective new assignments and how fortunate your new students are.

Have a wonderful summer building memories with your families!

Warm Regards,
Missy Nappi and Gretchen Ievers
2014–2015 HSA President and Vice President

Featured Lincoln Spirit Pet

Amos Zamloom shows off his school spirit by wearing his favorite Lincoln School t-shirt!

Does your pet have Lincoln spirit? E-mail your photo to Carolynn at cobrien@graphics-connection.com for inclusion in a future issue!
The Reader’s Corner
Miss Golembeski and Mrs. Canale

2, 4, 6, 8 – Who Do We Appreciate?

A special thanks to all of the parents who have volunteered to help make our school library the best that it can be. Several of you were able to take an extra shift each month or take on a special project, and I truly appreciated your willingness to help our library. The gift of your time is the most precious gift of all, so thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you have done this year!

Before leaving for the summer, however, I must thank two very special people who have been an important part of the library for many years and will be leaving in June: Kathy Canale and Dina Schablik.

Kathy Canale became the library assistant eight years ago. It was obvious from the beginning that Kathy had a passion for the job. She quickly learned students’ names and was always eager to jump in and help a student if I was helping others in another direction. Her duties were many, and she truly loved the students and working at Lincoln School. Saying goodbye to the students will be hard for her, but saying goodbye to Mrs. Canale will be even harder!

Dina Schablik has been a library volunteer for nine years, and the Library Chairperson for half of that time. Mrs. Schablik was responsible for creating and distributing the volunteer schedule, sending out reminders, and “rallying the troops” to the library when needed. She could have easily taken the position for a year, but stayed longer, which was greatly appreciated. Thank you for everything, Mrs. Schablik!

Summer vacation is around the corner, so it is time to think about relaxing with some good books. It is my hope that the link to the book list provided will help guide you.

This year the public libraries are using book lists that were created by librarians and members of the Houston Area Independent Schools Library Network (HAISLN), which is linked below. Please remember that this is only a suggested list and that reading above or below grade level is appropriate since students’ reading abilities do vary. It is also suggested that the reading material be at each student’s “just right” reading level. You or the public librarians can always assist your child in making appropriate selections.

Since summer reading is important for your child’s educational growth, encouraging reading is important. It is my hope that your child will join the summer reading program at the Caldwell or West Caldwell Public Library. It would be great if they could join both programs!

Have a safe and wonderful summer, and I look forward to seeing you in September!

Summer Reading Suggestions
Field Day
Third Grade Cheshire Home

Fourth Grade Anti-Smoke Rally

Fourth Grade Native American Museum
Congratulations to Our Fifth Grade Graduates!

Sandy Hook

Ellis Island

Look Out Grover Cleveland—Here We Come!