MAP Testing: Measures of Academic Progress

All of our students in kindergarten through 6th grade will be taking the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) test three times this school year: Fall, Winter and Spring, in both reading and math.

This year, our 6th grade students will also be tested in Science. The Fall testing session will begin October 3rd through October 14th. These tests will be completed in the students’ classrooms on either a Chrome Book or a Surface Pro.

MAP tests are very important in analyzing how your child is doing academically and identifying the progress they are making throughout the school year. Please make sure to go over the importance of these tests with your child. Here are some tips on how to help ensure your child is ready to MAP test:

- Ensure that your child gets a good night’s sleep. Not getting enough sleep will make it hard for your child to stay focused.
- Make sure that they have a healthy breakfast. It is essential that your child has the right type of energy to fuel their minds for the duration of the test.
- Get your child to school on time the day of the test. Give yourself extra time to get to school; getting here late will not only throw off their routine, but it could also disrupt testing for other students.

Please go over the importance of taking MAP testing seriously with your children. We want to see all of our Lincoln Lions do their best on the test!

Positive Behavior Supports (PBS)

At Lincoln School we have three school wide expectations and that is for every student to be Safe, Respectful and Responsible!

The students have all gone thru a PBS rotation where the teacher has reviewed and modeled what is expected of them when they are in the classroom, hallway, bathroom, cafeteria and during recess. The students were also shown a PBS presentation in their classroom where the teacher reviewed these school wide expectations.

We have sent home a copy of the PBS Lincoln Matrix for Parents so that parents can discuss these expectations with their child. We are asking that parents please check their child’s book bag every day and ensure that they are not bringing any inappropriate toys, pictures of or look-a-likes (guns, knives, lasers, etc.) to school.

We want to ensure that every child at Lincoln feels safe! Thank you so much for your support.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ms. Zamarripa, Dean of Students.

Upcoming Dates:

October 7th: Spirit Wear Order Forms Due
October 10th: No School – Columbus Day
October 19th: Early Release Day; 11:00 Parents in the Classroom; 11:30 Parent Meeting with Administration and District Math Coach
October 26th: Picture Day
October 28th: End of 1st Quarter
October 31st: Halloween

More information will be sent out from Ms. Gorgal regarding Halloween activities.
News from our PE Teachers: Ms. Gamez & Mr. Coronado

We are proud to announce that Lincoln School has been awarded a grant this year from the AFHK, Action for Healthy Kids, for over $2000! This money will be used to promote health and wellness within our school community. GoNoodle.com is a fun and free website that can help your child become more physically active at home and get the 60 minutes of physical activity recommended each day for kids! It can also be used as a positive motivator for limited "screen time" at home, give kids more energy by being active at the computer, help your child focus on homework time and get their "wiggles" out, calm down before bed time with deep breathing and relaxation videos, and so much more! You can start today by signing up for a free account as a "Parent or Kid" on the "Sign Up" screen at [www.gonoodle.com](http://www.gonoodle.com).

All classrooms will be utilizing GoNoodle throughout the year with their teachers. The grant also funded an upgraded version to utilize with our students. A wider range of fun and interactive videos will be watched and will inspire movement through songs, dances, guided exercises, and physical challenges. More physical activity throughout the course of your child's day can only improve their learning, focus, mood, and overall health and well-being as research shows!

The grant will also be used to help our students be more active during indoor recess by utilizing GoNoodle on "bad" weather days with extreme cold or rain. We also plan to award classes with improved student attendance rates by having GoNoodle classroom parties for select classrooms each month with healthier, "smart" snacks provided too. Funds from the grant will also provide more opportunities to be physically active as a family this school year, such as family fitness nights and a Walk-A-Thon next spring. During the week of April 23-29, 2017, we plan to celebrate "Every Kid Healthy Week" as a school celebration with special festivities to be planned as well. Please help us make every week an "Every Kid Healthy Week" this school year!

On a final note, if you are interested in becoming a member of our new Lincoln Wellness Team and wish to attend any planning meetings, assist at special events, volunteer to create a promotional bulletin board or display case in the school, or would just like to pass along ideas to our team, please feel free to reach out to Ms. Gamez or Mr. Coronado, your child's P.E. teachers, or any of our school Administrators and we will get in touch with you to attend our next meeting. We welcome any parents that would like to get more involved in promoting this healthy school initiative.

Resources for Parents:

MAP Testing: [https://www.nwea.org/assessments/resources-for-parents/](https://www.nwea.org/assessments/resources-for-parents/)

Cicero Public Library: [http://cicerolibrary.org/](http://cicerolibrary.org/)

The Cicero Public Library offers many programs for children and adults. Check out their monthly calendar for a schedule of events. [http://cicerolibrary.org/programs/](http://cicerolibrary.org/programs/)

What to apply for a library card?

To apply for a library card, please inquire at the Circulation Desk at least 15 minutes before closing. Please bring the following 2 documents:

1. A government issued Photo ID (must include current name, copies are not accepted)
2. Official First Class postmarked mail from a business (handwritten mail is not acceptable) or a utility bill or another federal, state, county or municipal document dated within the last 60 days

Note: For children under 18, no documentation is required for the child, only the documentation for the parent/legal guardian.
This year, we will be sending home monthly newsletters, spotlighting individual grade levels, departments, students and staff members. We will also be providing information regarding current and upcoming news, events, activities, information and resources for parents and students and other great topics. We will also be attaching these documents to our school website, which is a great resource for everyone. You can access it by going through the District 99 website www.cicd99.edu – Schools – Lincoln.

5th grade is off to a great start of the school year! Let’s see what our 5th grade students are learning!

Reading:
We are reading “The Night of the Spadefoot Toad” by Bill Harley. The teacher reads it aloud while the students follow along. Everybody participates in a class discussion, and we are learning how to determine the theme, as well as responding in detail. The students LOVE the book and there have been numerous suggestions that a movie should be made!

Writing:
We are writing a Small Moment Narrative, and focusing on developing the “seed” idea. We are making sure that our introductions hook the readers. We are also working on including dialogue so our storytelling can come to life fully!

Math:
We learned several number properties, such as odd, even, prime, composite. We are using the arrays to help us multiply a 2-digit number by a 2-digit number. In order to learn the proper Order of Operations, we use PEMDAS (Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally).

Social Studies:
We have reviewed the geography of the United States, and how it relates to the history. We are now learning about the Native American Indians, their culture, regions and stories of origin.

Second Step:
Second Step is our social-emotional curriculum. It teaches our students how to handle strong emotions, such as anger or jealousy. Some of the topics include empathy and respect, listening with attention and being assertive.
Ms. Boyer is a 31 year veteran of teaching; most of which has been in Cicero at Lincoln School. She has taught grades 3rd through 6th with an extra special interest in history and science. She looks forward to an exciting and productive year for her students.

Ms. Madas: I have been teaching in Cicero for the past 12 years. I love technology and using it in the classroom to facilitate student learning. In my free time, I hike and read with my two children. I am looking forward to having an awesome school year in 234, Where the Learners Grow!

Hello! My name is Mrs. Turner. I am excited to be starting my 5th year teaching. I have taught in Chicago, Niles, and Arizona. I have also taught students from Kindergarten through 8th grades. I enjoy being outside, spending time with my family, and playing soccer. I am so glad to be teaching in Cicero with your wonderful students.

Hi! My name is Mrs. Liversidge! I am 29 years old. I live in Elmwood Park with my husband, Zach, and our two boys. I enjoy spending time with them doing all sorts of fun activities like going to the playground and splash pads, going to museums, having picnics, and vacationing at Disney World this past summer! I will be one of the 5th grade teachers this year at Lincoln Elementary! This will be my 8th year of teaching and my first year at Lincoln Elementary and I am excited to make this my best year yet!

My name is Amanda Haynes and this is my first year teaching as well as my first year in District 99. I am very excited to be teaching 5th grade at Lincoln Elementary and would love to tell you more about myself. I graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a Bachelor’s of Science in Elementary Education. I student taught in a 4th grade classroom and then worked as a Title 1 Instructional Assistant, where I taught guided reading and guided math interventions for grades K-5. My lifelong dream has always been to be a teacher and now my dream has finally come true!

Hi, my name is Miss. Kosenesky or as the students know me, Miss. K. I went to college at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and received a Bachelor’s of Education in Special Education. I have two younger half-sisters, Alex and Lilly, and am a very family-oriented person. My favorite sport is baseball and my favorite team is the Chicago Cubs. I love going on hikes, kayaking, and being in the outdoors.