



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

LINCOLN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

SECOND SIX WEEKS, NOVEMBER 12, 2009

Parents,

Welcome to the second report card! We have now made it through two grading periods in the 2009-2010 school year and have much news and information to share with you, our parents. This past year our academic index vaulted us into a 'Top 25' middle school district ranking. Our students and staff are determined to become one of the very finest middle schools in the state of Kentucky! We have enjoyed an outstanding start to this, our seventeenth full year in the middle school. And for those of us that are charter LCMS members that is a number truly hard to believe!

It is our desire at LCMS for your child to be challenged academically and supported emotionally and socially while a student at Lincoln County Middle School. If we can be of assistance in any way, do not hesitate to call.

Debbie J. Sims
Principal
Lincoln County Middle School

A Note from Our Counselor:

On November 19 during Open House teachers will have the KCCT results from last spring's testing for 7th and 8th graders. The performance levels range from novice to distinguished. Please discuss your child's results and continue to encourage him/her to strive for excellence.

In addition, the EXPLORE results from September testing will be available for 8th graders. If you would like to discuss your child's results with a counselor, Mrs. Cooper and I will be available at the Open House to talk about how to interpret the scores and what they mean for your child.

Linda Thompson, 8th Grade Counselor

MOTIVATING YOUR TEEN:

What do Today's Teens Need Most to Become Successful?

Many parents wonder what teens need most to make it in today's world. Britt Rathbone, a licensed clinical social worker who specializes in working with teens, has seven answers.

- **SELF-RESPECT:** Teens need to know their strong points and their weak points. They must learn to highlight their strengths, and they need to accept that they are not perfect.
- **GOALS:** Teens should have some idea of where they want to go and what they want to be.
- **COMMUNICATION SKILLS:** Teens need to express themselves calmly and effectively.
- **SOCIAL SKILLS:** Teens need to know how to behave in a variety of situations.
- **STRESS MANAGEMENT:** Teens need skills in solving problems, and they need to know how to relax.
- **EXERCISE:** This is necessary for top physical and mental health.
- **FAMILY SUPPORT:** This may be the most important of all. It provides teens a foundation for achieving the other six qualities and habits. They may not show it the way that they did as small children, but teens need your love and acceptance very much.

Tips from The Parent Institute

HAVE YOU SEEN YOUR CHILD'S ASSIGNMENT BOOK LATELY?

Your child was issued a planner the first day of school as a tool to track assignments and remain organized. It also contains the activities that your child has been doing during Advisory. Has your teen been utilizing this as a means to keep up with his/her work? Ask to see it.

Important Events and Dates of Interest

1. **PTO Fundraiser:** Thanks to everyone who supported the efforts of our PTO in the recent fundraiser. Spearheaded by Ms. Kendra Funkhouser, it was a resounding success. All proceeds will be used to finance a variety of student activities that benefit the entire student body.
2. **McTeacher's Night at McDonald's:** Tuesday night we had 275 students show up at McDonald's to support their school. I personally want to say thank you parents for taking the time out of your evening to make this event. The faculty and staff had a memorable time and we really enjoyed meeting the parents of our school community.
3. **Thanksgiving Break:** There will be NO SCHOOL on Wednesday, November 25 through Monday, November 30. Just a friendly reminder that the Lloyd McGuffey 6th Grade Center will be having school on Wednesday, November 25. On the 30th of November students will not be in school due to that day being a staff work day. Everyone take a moment to count their blessings in this great country of liberty and religious freedom.☺
4. **Yearbooks:** Yearbook orders will begin next week. Students will be receiving order forms to take home soon. The cost of the yearbook will be \$25.00. Personalization is \$3.00 extra. Icons are \$2.00. Checks should be made payable to LCMS.
5. **Food Drive:** The Families First Youth Service Center and 21st Century are sponsoring a food drive to collect non-perishable food to help members of our community. Students have until December 4 to bring in food to support this cause.
6. **Chorus Program:** Ms. Carlee Cornett will be conducting our Christmas Chorus Program on December 10 at the high school auditorium. They will start their performance at 6:00 P.M. Please feel free to come and enjoy a free night of holiday entertainment.
7. **PAS Test:** Students have just completed their second round of PAS testing. This formative assessment tool provides us with on-going data to help measure your child's academic progress in each tested content area. Teachers analyze each student's results in order to provide the best instructional strategies to move your child toward proficiency. Assessment results will be available upon request in approximately two weeks.
8. **Open House:** We originally had our Open House scheduled in October but unfortunately due to the flu we had to postpone it. We would like to invite parents and, of course, students to LCMS on the night of November 19. We are having our Open House in conjunction with our annual Christmas Gala. Teachers will be on hand to give KCCT scores to parents and discuss how they operate their classrooms.
9. **Christmas Gala:** The administration and staff of Lincoln County Middle School cordially invite you to join us on November 19 from 6:00-8:00 for our annual Christmas Gala. Please take the time to stop in, chat with team teachers, and shop at the festively adorned booths that will be in abundance in the gymnasium. If you or someone you know are interested in setting up a booth for the Gala, please feel free to contact Kendra Funkhouser here at school.
10. **End of Third Grading Period:** The third grading period will end on Friday, December 18—the last day before Christmas break. Encourage your child to work diligently to finish out the first semester in a strong academic manner.



Remember to check us out on the web: <http://www.lincoln.kyschools.us/lcms>