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THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents,

Official Parent Teacher Conferences are now completed. It was great to see so many parents meeting with teachers during these last two weeks. We appreciate you making this a priority as our goal is 100% contact between home and school. The staff truly appreciated parents providing dinner on those nights. We have some fabulous cooks in our school community! We also celebrated Veteran's Day this week. There was a variety of activities for children to gain an understanding of and an appreciation for all who have served in the military. We especially want to thank Mr. Markley and Mr. Johnson for sharing their military experiences with us. I hope your child shared some of these activities with you.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Saturday, November 14 – Market Day Pickup

Tuesday, November 17 – Enchanted Castle Pizza Party 5:30-8:00

Thursday, November 19 – Wrapping Paper Pick-up 3:30-4:45

PTA Meeting 7 PM

Mon. Nov. 23-Fri. Nov. 27-NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break

**Monday, December 14- Holiday Program 7 PM at Wheaton Evangelical Free Church
(immediate family only)**

The police have informed me that they will be continuing to issue tickets for cars parked in parkways or blocking driveways. Please be sure you are parked in accordance with city ordinances and acting respectfully toward neighbors' property. The City Engineer has contacted me about putting up No Parking signs on the east side of Chase and Sumner during drop-off and pick-up times. When I know the starting date for that, I will be sure to keep you informed. I continue to urge you to use the Chase drop off in the morning and Alchester for afternoon pickup. Neither of these locales requires you to park in the neighborhood. Also, I have noticed cars parked very close to the crosswalk on Alchester and too close to the corner of Alchester and Brandon. Please remember that childrens' safety has to come before parents' convenience.

There is another disturbing trend developing to which I want to call attention. A number of children are being dropped off at school well before 9 AM. As I have stated before, there is no supervision prior to that time. It simply can't happen! This includes siblings of patrols or band/orchestra members. I realize sometimes parents have early appointments. Please arrange for babysitting on those occasions. I will be calling parents of children who continue to arrive too early.

I am happy to report that our absentee rate is going down. Let's hope this means the worst of the flu season is behind us. I want to compliment parents for doing an excellent job of calling in sick children and reporting their symptoms so we can pass that data along to the Health Dept.

There will be no *Newsline* next Friday as that will begin the Thanksgiving Break. **School will reopen on Monday, November 30th**. Let me take this opportunity to wish all Lincoln families the happiest of Thanksgivings. We have so much to be thankful for. Please know that next to my family and good health, I consider serving the Lincoln community one of my biggest blessings. I hope the week off affords you plenty of time for family and friends.

Sincerely,

Kathy DeMarzo

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: *“It is not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true meaning of our Thanksgiving.”* -W.T. Purkiser

McDonald’s Night: McDonald’s Night will be this Wednesday, November 12.

CUSD 200 - Elementary Testing for the Program of Accelerated Curriculum and Enrichment (PACE)

In March 2010, the PACE Office will host testing for currently enrolled 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. This testing will qualify elementary students for participation in one of the following 2010-2011 classes:

3rd, 4th and 5th grade PACE Mathematics

3rd, 4th and 5th grade PACE Reading

6th grade Fast Paced Mathematics

6th grade Fast Paced Language Arts

Please Note – Students currently in PACE Program Classes do not need to re-test for 2010-2011.

Students may be recommended for testing by their Teacher and/or Parent.

The deadline for a Parent to request PACE Testing is **January 29, 2010**. Students currently attending a private school and/or home schooled, but reside in the District 200 Attendance Area, are also eligible for PACE Program Testing.

Testing will be scheduled at each elementary school between the dates of March 11-24, 2010.

Parent Testing Referral Forms can be found on the District 200 website www.cusd200.org under *Educational Services > Special Programs > Gifted Education Program > Parent Referral Forms*

Please contact the District 200 PACE Office at (630) 682-2024 with any questions.

WRAPPING PAPER PICK-UP! Our Innisbrooks orders is in! Please pick up your order on Thursday, November 19 from 3:30 - 4:45 in the multi-purpose room. If you have any questions, please call Krista Marcheschi 630-510-8920 or Erin Schnack 630-681-1651.

Don't forgot the **free pizza party** is Tuesday, Nov. 17th at Enchanted Castle from 5:30 - 8pm. Can't wait to see you there!