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Lincoln News

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## M-STEP

3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will be taking the M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress) April 15— May 10. Please limit appointments and absences during this time as much as possible. More details will be coming soon from the classroom teachers.

## Yearbooks

Don't miss out. Yearbooks are being delivered to Lincoln this week. If you did not order a yearbook, it is not too late. If you would like to order a yearbook, please contact the school office and we will get you the necessary information.

## Book Fair – April 22-25

Lincoln students will have the opportunity to shop the BOGO Book Fair with their class during the school day April 22— 25. We will also be hosting a Family and Friends Event on Tuesday, April 23 from 4:00pm-6:00pm.

## Pajama Day – April 19

ZPS is teaming up with the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) of Ottawa County to host a fundraiser to help CAC in their mission to help ensure every child has a safe and happy childhood. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and we want to do our part in helping with this cause. Pay \$1 to wear pajamas on April 19.

## Student Placement Forms

Parents, if you have information that you think might be relevant to your child's classroom assignment for the upcoming school year, please stop in to pick up a placement form. Our primary responsibility is to create classes that will maximize learning for all students. Each year the teachers and principal give a lot of time and thought to balancing the class lists for the next year. We consider factors such as: balance of boys and girls, friendship patterns, matching teaching style with children's learning styles, class size, avoiding disruptive student combinations, information from parents, distributing and clustering students who need special services. We will use the information you provide to help us make the best possible placement for your child. We ask that you not request a specific teacher, but allow us the discretion to make our best professional judgment. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in making these important decisions. Deadline to turn in your form is April 24.

## Volunteer Appreciation

We are so thankful for the volunteers that help to make Lincoln a great place to learn and work! We would love to have you POP in the office April 22—26 between the hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm to receive a small token of our appreciation.

## Whitecaps Reading Club

The Whitecaps Reading Club looks a little different for Lincoln Elementary this year. We will not be having a designated group outing, but students who did the required reading time in March can still get 2 free tickets to a home game through June 16. Reading logs went home with students this week. DO NOT return forms to the school office. Reading logs can be redeemed at the Whitecaps Stadium for any home game through June 16.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Love and Lean Walk/Run for Mental Health

This is a walk/run like no other. We hope you feel loved, supported and part of a community who understands that mental health is just as important as physical health! There will be the usual memorial signs, sidewalk chalk inspiration, and encouraging poster board signs along the route, as well as a guitarist in the wetlands. Also hoping to have the middle school band and cheer team back this year. New this year: raffle drawing and Story Path. Please call the office for more details if you are interested in participating.

## Story Walk

Families are invited to join us in downtown Zeeland this Saturday from 10am-1pm. The event starts at the Howard Miller Library and continues in the surrounding area. This family-friendly event is perfect for toddlers through lower elementary school. Families will get a free book (English and Spanish are available!) to take home, and there will be plenty of activities for kids to enjoy as well.

## Zeeland Recreation Programs

Zeeland Rec has a handful of upcoming programs that you don't want to miss! Below are some highlights. Visit their website or call Zeeland Recreation for more details and to register.

## Community Aquatics Night

Zeeland will be hosting a Community Aquatics Night on Monday, April 22 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Zeeland Natatorium. We're bringing together representatives/coaches from Water Polo, Competitive Swimming, Diving, Age Group Swimming, Swim Clinics and More! Join us for demonstrations, Natatorium Tours, raffles, and prizes. Call the office for more details about this fun and informative night.