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Core Values

- Excellence and Innovation in Teaching and Learning
- Respect for Every Individual
- Collaboration and Community

## SUPERINTENDENT'S BULLETIN

*The Superintendent's Bulletin is posted on the Lincoln Public School website each Wednesday. It provides timely, relevant information about meetings, professional development opportunities, curriculum and program development, grant awards, and School Committee news.*

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*The view from my window.....*

Dear Faculty and Staff,

Happy Winter Solstice (it began at 5:44 a.m. this morning)! From now on, the days will gradually become longer, and sunset will be later. We have made it over the "hump" so to speak, with no snow in the foreseeable future.

With winter recess just days away, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for the work you have done so far this school year. I hope that over the break you are able to take time for yourself and participate in something that will reenergize you for your return on January 3, 2017.

Whatever your plans may be, I wish you joyous times with loved ones and friends. Happy New Year; I look forward to seeing you in 2017!

All the best,

*Becky*

### School Year Calendar 2017-2018

The School Committee has completed a first review of the four draft school year calendar versions for 2017 – 2018 that were provided by the Superintendent for consideration. The School Committee will vote to approve a calendar for 2017 – 2018 at their next meeting on January 5, 2017.

The School Committee and the administration welcome input from faculty, staff, and families. A link to the draft calendar versions can be found on the LPS homepage under Headlines, <http://www.lincnet.org>. Please send your input to the School Committee at [schoolcomm@lincnet.org](mailto:schoolcomm@lincnet.org) or to the superintendent at [bmcfall@lincnet.org](mailto:bmcfall@lincnet.org).

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Thursday, December 22 . . . Superintendent's Office Hours  
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
- December 26, 2016 – . . . December Recess – Schools Closed  
January 2, 2017 **Schools Reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2017**
- Thursday, January 5, 2017 . . . School Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Hartwell Multipurpose Room

## News and Information

To share information with your colleagues, please email Janice Gross at [jgross@lincnet.org](mailto:jgross@lincnet.org)

**Congratulations** to the following Food Service Department staff on achieving ServSafe certification, which is good for five years!

Brooks School: Christine Sveistys; Smith School: Sandra Hillson and Laronda Shedd;  
Hanscom: Lauren Braudis; and District: Cathleen Higgins

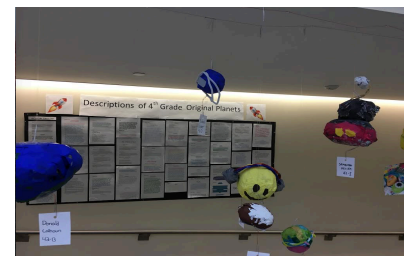
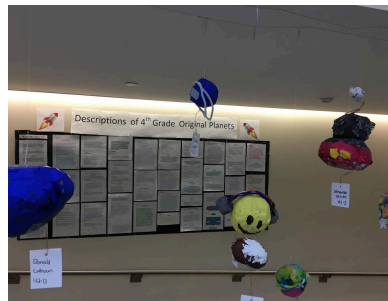
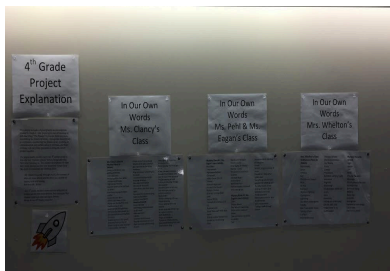


## Great Learning

Erich Ledebuhr, Principal, Hanscom Middle School

During the months of October and November, the specialists collaborated on an interdisciplinary unit for the 4th grade about the planets. In music class, students listened to the composition "The Planets" by Gustav Holst and interpreted the intent of the composer. In library class, they conducted research on the different planets in our solar system and started the process of imagining their own, unique planets. In computer class, they used a word processing application to write a description of the planet. In art class, they created a 3-D model of their planet. And finally, in wellness class, they applied communication and cooperation skills with the aim to share materials and also to listen to peers' suggestions and be receptive to feedback, while making the 3-D model of the planet.

A great collaborative effort by all.....



We extend condolences to our colleague Maureen Onigman, Coordinator for Business Operations in the Central Office, on the loss of her husband Marc.

## Professional Development

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To register for PD offerings, please complete an LPS Conference/Workshop Request Form available at:  
<http://goo.gl/dIRDxZ>

Thank you to Gwen Blumberg for sharing the mention of ListenWise in the Marshall Memo:

*A listening/reading website* – The ListenWise site, <https://listenwise.com>, with free registration for teachers, has a plethora of resources in current events, ELA, science, and social studies, with prompts for listening, reading, discussing, and critical thinking.

### Coming up at EDCO:

#### *Distinguished Speaker Series:*

January 11th at 6:30pm featuring U. S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz. Ms. Ortiz will discuss the role of the U. S. Attorney and her work on civil rights.

#### *2017 Professional Learning Offerings:*

*Working with ELLs in the PE Classroom - 1/7/17*

*The U.S. Attorney and Civil Rights - 1/11*

*Feedback that Matters - 1/18/17*

*Working with ELLs in the Music Classroom - 1/21*

*Dealing with Difficult Parents - 1/25*

*Tiered Interventions for ELL Learners with Disabilities - 1/28*

To register for a course or to view the listing of all courses, go to:

<https://edco.gosignmeup.com/Public/Course/Browse>

### deCordova Spring Teacher Workshops

#### **Opening Ideas: Exercises in Creativity to Foster Innovative Thinking**

**Friday, March 10, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm**

Biennial artist Fritz Horstman, who is also education coordinator at the Josef and Anni Albers Foundation in Connecticut, invites us to explore art and creativity through drawing, color, and movement exercises in the studio and Sculpture Park. Designed for teachers of all grade levels who will bring something concrete to take back to the classroom in addition to personal artistic inspiration and insights. PDPs available.

#### **Reading the Landscape: An Interdisciplinary Exploration through Art, Literature, History, and Science**

**Saturday, April 1, 8:30 am–3:30 pm**

Immerse yourself in an energizing day of art, nature, literature, and local history with deCordova and the Walden Woods Project. This workshop will take place at both locations and focus on developing a lesson plan using your local landscape to connect with your curriculum in all disciplines and grade levels. PDPs and graduate credit available for this offering.

For more information or to register for deCordova courses, go to:

<https://decordova.org/calendar/type/educator>

*Inquiries, contact: Julie Bernson at [jbernson@decordova.org](mailto:jbernson@decordova.org) or [781.259.3649](tel:781.259.3649).*

## Employment Opportunities

*Lincoln Public School District is committed to maintaining a work and learning environment free from discrimination on the basis of age, color, covered veteran status, disability, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or housing status.*

Personnel presently employed by the Lincoln Public Schools  
are not required to submit a resume or letters of recommendation.

Please submit applications online via the District's secure online system at <http://www.lincnet.org>  
under Employment Opportunities.

If no job is posted on the website, please contact the administrator listed after each position noted below.

### Current Openings

#### **Lincoln School K-8 – METCO Positions – Starting Date: January 3, 2017**

- METCO Assistant, Lincoln School – 30 hours per week. Compensation \$17.42 per hour.
- METCO Bus Monitor – Rate 1 (holds another position at LPS) \$56.58 per day; or Rate 2 (holds no other position at LPS) \$88.75 per day.
- METCO After-school Tutor – three hours per week; \$27.76 per hour.

Contact Lateefah Franck, METCO Coordinator at 781-259-9635 or via email at [lfranck@lincnet.org](mailto:lfranck@lincnet.org)

#### **Lincoln School K-4**

- Instructional Assistant for Specialists – 24 hours per week. Starting date: ASAP. Compensation: \$17.42 per hour.

Contact Sarah Collmer, Principal at 781-259-9404 or via email at [scollmer@lincnet.org](mailto:scollmer@lincnet.org).

#### **Lincoln School 5-8**

- Grade 5 Long-term Substitute Teacher. Approximate start date February 16, 2016 through end of school year. Compensation based on education and experience.

Contact Sharon Hobbs, Principal at 781-259-9408 or via email at [shobbs@lincnet.org](mailto:shobbs@lincnet.org).

#### **Hanscom Primary School**

- Grade 3 Long-term Substitute Teacher. Approximate dates: February 13, 2017 – April 8, 2017. Compensation based on education and experience.

Contact Kristen St. George, Interim Principal at 781-274-7721 or via email: [stgeorgek@lincnet.org](mailto:stgeorgek@lincnet.org).

#### **Hanscom Middle School**

- Special Education Tutor – 30 hours per week. Start date: ASAP. Compensation: \$23.20 per hour.

Contact Denise Oldham, Coordinator for Student Services at 781-274-6178 or via email at [oldhamd@lincnet.org](mailto:oldhamd@lincnet.org).

#### **Facilities**

- Building Custodian (Day) – Lincoln Campus, 10:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; \$19.78 per hour (Step 1 – Bargaining Unit)

Contact Michael Haines, Facilities Coordinator, at 781-259-9400, internal extension 4305 or via email at [mhaines@lincnet.org](mailto:mhaines@lincnet.org).

#### **Food Services**

- All Schools – Café Worker Substitutes; \$12.83 per hour – hours based on position being substituted for

Contact Cathleen Higgins, Food Services Coordinator, at 781-259-9400 or via email at [chiggins@lincnet.org](mailto:chiggins@lincnet.org).