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FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL GREER

We are about to experience some personnel changes. Our PE teacher/tutor, Mr. Michael Maples, has received an incredible opportunity to play baseball professionally in Austria, Germany. His last day is Tuesday, November 22nd. While we will miss his positive attitude, we are excited for him to live out one of his dreams. Mrs. Emily Spake will be our new PE teacher/tutor. She has been working as a teacher assistant and part time PE teacher at our Denver campus. As I watched her teach, I was impressed with the way she engages all students and motivates them to achieve their physical fitness goals. Not only is she passionate about teaching, but she is very excited to come to Lincoln.

Mr. Bill Hargrove has received a job opportunity in Yakima, Washington as the Human Resources Director of Catholic Charities. He has served as our Before and After School Coordinator, Substitute Extraordinaire, and on call Bus Driver. What an amazing impact he has had on Lincoln Charter School students and families! Yendy Price, his assistant will be filling his shoes as the new coordinator of Before and After School Care beginning November 28th. Her kind demeanor and innovative ideas are just part of what makes her a fantastic addition to our staff. Deanna Saunders, our phenomenal third grade assistant will be working in After School Care as well. Her emphasis will be in establishing and organizing a homework club.

We will miss Michael and Bill tremendously! Please join me in wishing them well and welcoming Mrs. Spake to our Lincoln Family

What a tremendous turn out we had for our 5th annual Thanksgiving Feast. More than 600 people came out to partake in the delicious food. I continue to be in awe of the outpouring of community spirit that exists here at Lincoln Charter School. From the donations of food items in the middle school food drive to the upcoming blood drive, members of our school community are constantly giving to others. Next Wednesday, there will be a blood drive in our front parking lot from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Mr. Hain is happy to answer any questions about this event. Please give him a call or send him an email at keith.hain@lincolncharter.org to make an appointment. Thank you for teaching children the importance of caring for others. This lesson will impact their lives in amazing ways as they impact the lives of others.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER

A new parent volunteer opportunity at both LCS – Denver Elementary and Lincoln campus is being initiated. Linked here, you will find a complete “job description” or responsibility outline for this particular position.

The goal of this initiative is to enable our K-5 teachers to have more accessibility to hands on resources for teaching research, expository writing, and inquiry based learning all together. Since we don't have a library or media center, teaching these concepts can be challenging. The state has given all schools a new set of teaching standards that will be implemented and assessed next year; all of the standards are extremely high level and require our children to use a lot of different resources to learn one concept.

Thank you very much for your support in helping us to provide more resources for our students. If you are interested in being a grade level library volunteer please contact Tiffany Joffe, Curriculum Coordinator, at tiffany.joffe@lincolncharter.org.

TREATS FOR TROOPS

Our 5th annual Treats for Troops support campaign will be the week after Thanksgiving. All students will be writing a letter to a military member thanking them for their service to our country and sending greetings and encouragement from Lincoln Charter School. We will be collecting individually wrapped treats that week, packing them into bags and then sending them to anyone in our school community who may be overseas or serving away from home. We are asking that each child donate one dollar to help with shipping costs. If your family has a soldier, marine, airman, or sailor currently serving in the military and you would like them to receive a package, please contact Margaret Hargrove at margaret.hargrove@lincolncharter.org. We have sent packages to Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Japan. We have also taken many Treats for Troops bags to the Charlotte-Douglas airport which were distributed by the USO. Every year we receive thank you notes from military personnel all over the world. Watch for more information.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Help third, fourth, and middle school students give the gift of joy to local children during the Christmas season by donating items for Toys for Tots from now until December 16. There will be collection boxes located throughout the school.

Acceptable items include, but are not limited to:

- Bikes
- Dolls
- Games & Puzzles
- Make-Up
- Bath & Lotion Sets
- Sports Equipment
- Trucks, Cars, & Remote Control Cars
- Movies
- Book Bags
- Books
- Toys to Ride for Small Kids
- MP3 Players
- Skateboards
- Model Car Kits
- Radios
- Coloring Books & Coloring Utensils
- Paint Sets
- Craft Kits
- Infant Toys

*The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation strives to bring hope to less fortunate children and contribute to better communities throughout the United States by distributing age-appropriate toys to infants, children, and teens.

NOTE FROM OPERATION SANTA

Thank you to all who donated items for the Operation Santa. 1,000 stockings were stuffed and will be sent to our troops in Afghanistan.

HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Join LCHS Student Government for Powder Puff Football this Friday afternoon.

- 4:00 9th grade girls vs. 11th grade girls
- 4:30 12th grade girls vs. 10th grade girls
- 5:00 Championship Game
- 5:45 Tailgate and Bonfire

Admission is \$2.00