

November 12, 2009

Dear Hill Families,

Each year the Lincoln Public Schools elementary principals host a clothing giveaway known as Bubba's Closet. This year the event will be held on Saturday, November 14th at McPhee Elementary School located at 820 Goodhue Blvd. Families in need of warm winter clothing and/or coats may shop from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on this day.

As cold weather approaches, please remind your children to dress for cooler temperatures. Recesses are typically held outdoors unless temperatures or wind chills are below zero or weather conditions such as rain or ice prohibit us from being outdoors. If you have visited school recently, you may be aware that our lost and found area (located at the front entrance) is already full of items. Your help is appreciated by labeling your child's names in all coats, jackets, hats, gloves, boots, etc. that come to school. It is much easier for us to return these items when they are labeled.

The first quarter of school culminated with some fantastic room parties. Thanks to our Hill School PTA and parent volunteers who always plan fun activities and provide special treats for our students. I hope you had the opportunity to watch the costume parade on the school website. You will see lots of smiling kids!

Report cards will be sent home on Thursday, November 19th. Many teachers distributed elementary report card pamphlets at parent-teacher conferences in October to familiarize you with our grading system. The Lincoln Public School website also provides valuable information about the elementary report card. You can access this information by going to the LPS homepage and clicking the Instruction tab. Next, click on Curriculum/Subject Grades. This site will provide you with information about your child's report card and the rubrics used by staff to determine a grade. You are always encouraged to call your child's teacher at any time with questions about the report card or grades used to record your child's progress in school.

The second quarter of school has started with the same level of commitment, perseverance, and effort that we saw during the first quarter. Our students, staff and families pride themselves in the learning that takes place each and every day at Hill School. Challenge your child to work hard during the second quarter by increasing time spent reading or writing or mastering the next level of math facts. The following are great websites that can help your child refine his/her math skills:

<http://wp.lps.org/tico/mathematics/math-facts>

<http://www.bigbrainz.com/>

<http://www.eduplace.com/kids/mw>

The deadline for submitting a special attendance permit for the 2010-2011 school year is approaching! If your child already attends Hill School on permit you do not need to re-apply unless you have changed residences. Please contact Mrs. Prochazka in the school office if you have any questions about special attendance permits or need a form sent home with your child.

Please keep the following dates in mind: Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> report cards go home; Tuesday, November 24 early dismissal (1:33 p.m.) so LPS staff can attend Professional Learning Community meetings; Wednesday, November 25 no ELEMENTARY school; November 26 and 27 Thanksgiving break.

Sincerely,

Dr. Pam Sedlacek  
Acting Hill Principal

# CONGRATULATIONS!!!



**Kim Rathe, Hill School 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, gave birth to a healthy baby boy on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Thomas Conrad Rathe was born at 4:44 p.m. and weighed 8 pounds. Carol Edmunds, former Hill staff member and frequent Hill substitute teacher, will be teaching Kim's class while she is on maternity leave.**

**Thursday, November 19**

**Report Cards Home**

**Tuesday, November 24**

**Early Dismissal 1:33 p.m.**

**Wednesday, November 25**

**No ELEMENTARY School**

**Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27**

**No School**

**Thanksgiving Break**



## LPS Web site adds weekly student Illness Report

A new feature on the Lincoln Public Schools Web site offers a weekly *Illness Report* on student absences in the School District.

The Web report offers an average overall percentage of absences each week reported in the entire School District due to illness. Further, you can also find the percentage of absences for the individual elementary, middle and high schools in the School District.

LPS Health Services reports the percentage of students not in attendance due to illness every Wednesday. Any location with more than 10 percent of the population out of school, due to illness, is reported to the Lancaster County Health Department to help them in assessing local illness.

To find the *Illness Report*, go the LPS Web site at [www.lps.org](http://www.lps.org), and click on ParentCenter from the top row of tabs.

*For more information contact Judy Zabel, LPS Health Services, 436-1655.*