

October 15, 2009

Dear Hill Parents,

Each year the Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools recognizes Lincoln Public Schools staff for many awards. The State Farm Insurance Outstanding Educator Award can go to a teacher, counselor, specialist or administrator that has worked for LPS for three or more years. You can nominate an LPS employee by completing a brief application available in the school office or on-line at the Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools. The website is [www.foundationforlps.org](http://www.foundationforlps.org). You can also get to the Foundation home page from [www.lps.org](http://www.lps.org) - there is a link at the bottom of the page on the left hand side for the Foundation. Click on the box and it will take you directly to the home page for the Foundation. Click on "Donors", then on "Awards". The State Farm Insurance Outstanding Educator Award will be the very first form. Please send your application to:

Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools  
5901 O Street  
Lincoln, NE 68510

Applications are due by **November 16, 2009**.

There are numerous other categories of awards that individuals or groups may nominate. View the additional awards on the above website. You can print a nomination form from there or stop by the Hill Office for a form.

The first quarter of school ends on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Report cards will be sent home with students on November 19<sup>th</sup>. It has been a great first quarter of school.

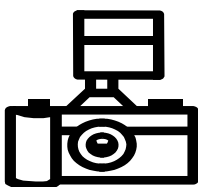
On a personal note, beginning October 22<sup>nd</sup> I will be taking a leave of absence to attend to a medical issue. During the time of my absence from school, which is estimated to be approximately four weeks, Dr. Pam Sedlacek will be supporting students and staff. Dr. Sedlacek is a longtime educator who retired from LPS last spring. Her last assignment was serving as principal at Huntington Elementary School. Please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Sedlacek or Karen Russell during my absence.

The students and staff are looking forward to fall parties. This year fall parties will be held on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. By ending at 2:30 p.m. it will allow time for children to prepare for dismissal and the bus ride home. Parents and friends of Hill School are invited to see our Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in costumes that afternoon. A parade will begin at 1:45 p.m. and follow a route along the sidewalk in the front of the building. If you do attend, please do not park in the bus cutout lane.

This will be the final newsletter of the first quarter. Thanks to the students, staff, PTA and families that have made our first quarter wonderful for all of us.

Sincerely,

Michelle Phillips  
Principal



**Class pictures will be taken on  
Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Photos of students who were absent  
on the original picture day and retakes  
will also be taken on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup>.**



**SCHOOL DISMISSES AT 1:33 P.M. ON  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**



**FALL BREAK**



**No school for all LPS students  
October 26<sup>th</sup> – October 30<sup>th</sup>**



The **HILL SCIENCE FAIR** will be **Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M.** Due to our off-site location, the fair will be held in the Scott Middle School multi purpose room. One plus is that we are able to showcase many more student experiments than last year - we hope to have a lot of students participating! On the flip side, students will not be able to present their projects to their classmates during the school day because of the location change. The science fair committee has decided though to select one project from each grade. These six projects will be displayed in the Hill multi purpose room the day prior and day of the fair. Each class will get the opportunity to view these experiments at some point during the day.

Science-related speakers will also be presenting to Hill students at some point prior to the fair. They are as follows:

***October 21*** – UNL Professor Karl Reinhard will discuss mummies and archeology – 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

***January 14*** - Louise Huffman will talk about her time spent in Antarctica and the Andrill project – 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade

***February 11*** – Randy Scheer from the Lincoln Children’s Zoo will discuss animals and their care. Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> Grade

It is not too early to begin thinking about a topic or to even get started on an experiment. Registration forms will be sent out prior to and after the Holiday break. Check your local library or the following websites for project ideas: [www.chemistry.about.com](http://www.chemistry.about.com) – [www.sciencepage.org/scifair.htm](http://www.sciencepage.org/scifair.htm) - [www.sciencekids.co.nz/projects.html](http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/projects.html)

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer with the science fair, please contact Jodi Delozier at 420-6186 or [tdelozier@pol.net](mailto:tdelozier@pol.net)

