



LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Dear Calvert Families,

Students returned from their fall break ready to learn, and we thank you for your support. We remain focused on teaching and learning! When children come to school who are well-nourished emotionally and physically, they are better able to focus on their learning.

We know that the three most important elements of student achievement at school are:

- 1) The relationship we have with your child.
- 2) The curriculum (or information) that we teach, and
- 3) The instructional methods we use to help your child learn.

Thank You, Parents-for the delightful fall parties! These special events add joy to the learning environment and we appreciate your help.

Campbell's Food Labels-Volunteer Mary Smith organizes the Campbell's label program for our school, and we thank her for her support. Labels may be taken to the school office and we thank you for any donations. We have been able to get PE equipment in the past.

Lincoln Public Schools Emergency Pantry- The LPS Emergency Pantry is a resource for families to use who are experiencing a food crisis. Families can come to the pantry to select a specified amount of food up to five times in a school year at no cost. If families cannot make it to the pantry, schools will have food boxes available. The pantry is located in a portable at Lefler Middle School (1100 S. 48th St). The pantry is open from: 3:30-5:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If you are in need of immediate food assistance, please contact me to obtain a referral card.

Free or Low Cost Holiday Services-The Center for People in Need has compiled a Resource Handbook for the 2009 holiday season that has information about holiday food and gift giving programs. The information is very detailed and sign-up deadlines are specified. Information is included for many community resources such as The Center for People in Need, Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach, People's City Mission, City Impact, Good Neighbor Center, The Salvation Army, Catholic Social Services and more. You may access more information in the following ways.

- You may request a copy of the 14-page Resource Handbook from our school office by calling Calvert School at 436-1130.
- You may contact the Center for People in Need directly via their website at www.centerforpeopleinneed.org. Their phone number is 476-4357.

Jump Rope for Heart-Our PE teacher, Andy Ryan, coordinates the Jump Rope for Heart program at Calvert. Please look for a registration form for 2nd through 5th grade students in today's Wednesday Folder. The fundraising part of this program is entirely optional. If you would like your child to participate, please return the registration form to Mr. Ryan. He shares that this is a well-organized and fun event for students. Please contact him if you have questions or would like more information via email at aryan@lps.org or by phone at 436-1130.

80th Birthday Celebration!-Please mark your calendars for our 80th Birthday Celebration that will be held Sunday, November 22nd, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. We invite all of our families to attend our open house. We are also inviting area businesses and neighbors.

Reminder-Community Conversation-The Lincoln Board of Education, in partnership with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Chapter of the United Way and the Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools, invites you to attend a "community conversation" to discuss and plan for the success of all students. We are particularly focused on how we can support students to graduate from high school. The conversation will be held at Lincoln High School, 2229 J Street on November 5th from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Bubba's Closet-is an annual clothing collection and distribution that is organized by the Lincoln Public Schools Elementary Principals. Below is more information.

To Think About-Our mission is to create a safe and caring place where we all grow and learn together. Calvert Mission Statement

Sincerely,

Michelle Suarez
Principal