



Wax Museum

Fourth graders at Lincoln hosted a Biography Wax Museum. For more on the learning opportunities at Lincoln Elementary go to pages 3, 4 and 5.



(above) Kathy Casey, Paddock Lane paraprofessional, gets breakfast ready for students each day. (below) Casey gives a spelling test .

Casey named Employee of the Month

“Kathy is a wonderful paraprofessional at Paddock Lane Elementary, and we are lucky to have her with us every day,” said her nominator.

“She is always smiling and goes out of her way to make sure that every staff or child who comes in contact with her feels special. Kathy can often be found zooming down the hallway (she could win a speed walking championship) between classrooms. She is always concerned about others and genuinely cares about students and staff.

Kathy’s happiness is contagious and is someone we all absolutely love to be around. She is always upbeat and is very passionate about the job and this is easy to see from 7:30 in the morning until 3:30 in the afternoon.

Kathy’s day starts with the serving and supervision of the children that come for breakfast. We have over 100 children who eat breakfast, so this is no small task, yet each child is greeted with a big smile and “Good Morning.”

Kathy Casey deserves to receive this award because she is everything an award

like this stands for and we want everyone to know it,” said her nominator.



Lincoln Elementary School

Students encouraged to do their very best... ...with mathematics

What do you like best about teaching kindergarten at Lincoln Elementary?



The best part of kindergarten is that each day is a new experience. They are always full of energy and ready to learn. I also enjoy when they first realize that they can read and write. It's like the poem says – “All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten.”

Mary Jo Bures



...when learning and exploring at the Children's Museum



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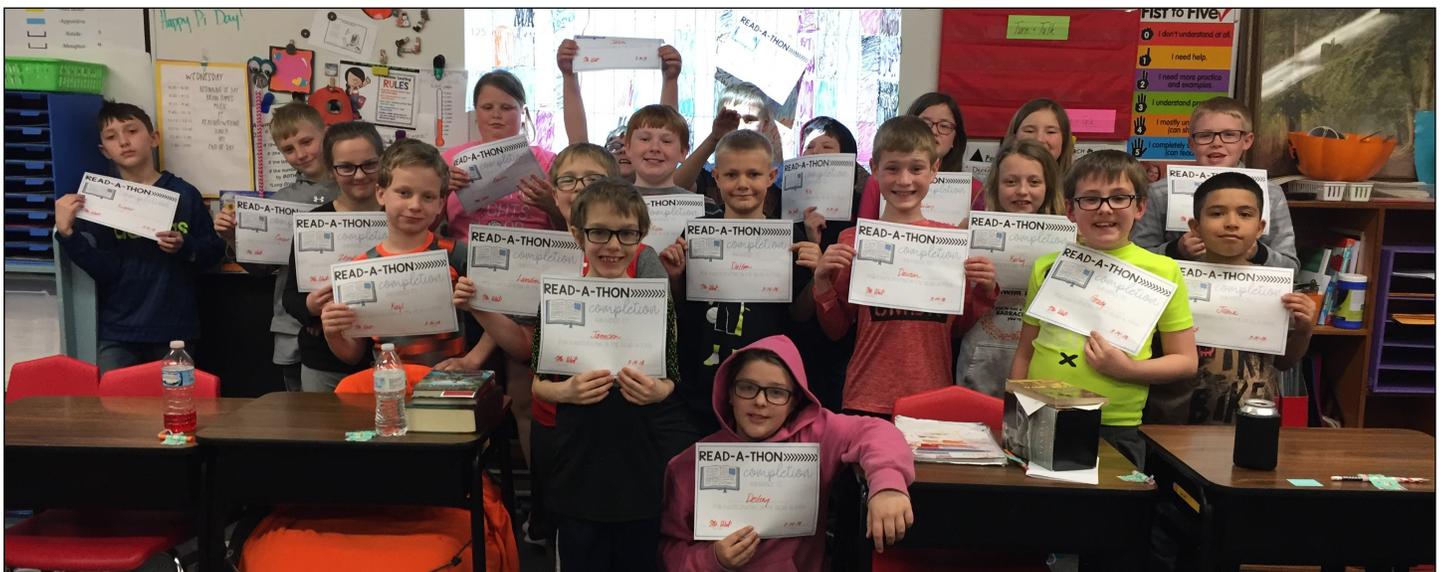
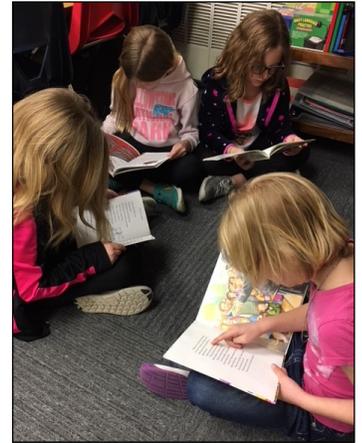
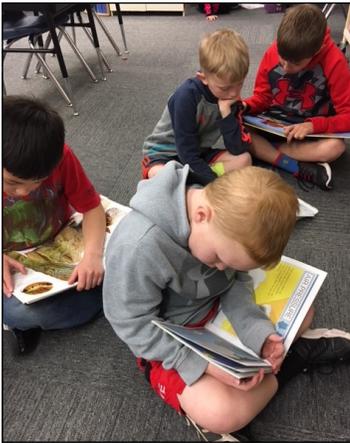
Students encouraged to do their very best...

- Over 50 fourth grade students and family members attended a Family Math Night.
- Over 80 family members and students attend a Famous American Wax Museum Event.
- Fourth graders read over 5,000 pages in 3 hours



- Calee Belding placed second in her division of the Sertoma Art Contest
- Karley Seggerman placed first in the VFW Essay Contest
- Fifth graders Melany Brockman, Lydia Hoefler, Addison Koenig, and Jon Lindell placed second in the Division II Reading Classic Competition.
- Landon Griggs placed first in his division of the Sertoma Art Contest

...by reading 1,480 books in second grade,
5,000 pages in 3 hours in fourth grade

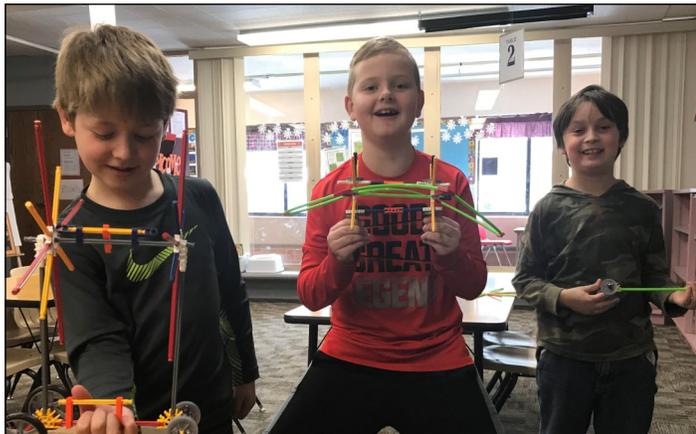


Lincoln Elementary School

Students encouraged to do their very best...
...with baking bread ...with farm safety



...while exploring STEM activities in library, classrooms



They first staked their claim with Beatrice Public Schools and now are among the best in the nation

Guillies leads Kauffman Foundation



'I received a great, well-rounded education from Beatrice Public Schools. While I have fond memories of all of my classes and extracurricular activities, I remember most my English, literature and journalism classes because they instilled in me a love of reading, creativity, critical thinking and writing. Those skills have definitely helped me in my career.'

Wendy Thomas Guillies



Beatrice Public Schools All-Stars
Wendy Guillies, class of 1982

Wendy Guillies is the president and chief executive officer of the Kansas City-based Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, one of the largest private foundations in the United States with more than \$2 billion in assets. Her Kauffman career began in 2000.

Guillies leads the Foundation's work to boost student achievement in Kansas City and to accelerate entrepreneurship across the country. Before becoming CEO, according to its website, "she played an instrumental role in building the Foundation's local, national and global reputation as a thought leader and innovator in its fields."

Guillies has deep expertise in communications, marketing, organizational development and talent management. She serves on the boards of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, KCSourcelink, MRI Global, Folience and the Enterprise Bank Advisory

Board. The Kansas City Business Journal named her to the Power 100 list in 2016 and 2017, and TechWeek KC named her to the Tech 100 list. She was also selected for the 2014 class of Women Ex-

ecutives in Kansas City by Ingram's magazine.

"It's the most rewarding, challenging job I could ever imagine and has taken me to places like Silicon Valley, Wall Street, Dubai and the

White House, said Guillies, "but none of that compares to seeing the young people we serve in our public charter school in Kansas City's urban core. Those kids remind me of why I do this work,"



Wendy Guillies speaks at the Kauffman Foundation's State of Entrepreneurship event in Washington D.C.

Nielsen approved as assistant superintendent

Kathy Casey, Paddock Lane paraprofessional, was recognized as the February Employee of the Month. She received \$50 in Chamber Bucks.

Cindy Mittan was recognized as the Special Education Para of the Year for 2017 for her devotion to helping students with their academic and behavioral needs. "Cindy is patient, calm and kind with all students," said Beth Cordry-Hookstra, director of special education, "and is well organized and takes all directives through to completion." Hookstra said she is a team player and works well with staff and administration. In addition, Cindy has a creative mind and is very knowledgeable about the curriculum behavior plans and how to make accommodations for students.

Superintendent's Report

Nauroth said a student information guide from the Southeast Nebraska Career Academy Partnership was provided for each Board member. He also asked board members to send him names of potential community members to serve on the committee.

Committee of the Whole

Doris Martin, vice-president, said the following topics were discussed at the January Committee of the Whole including the Master Facility Plan, curriculum review of media and technology, the possibility of a special education level 3 program, formation of a finance committee, central office restructuring, and budget planning for the 2018-19 budget.

STANCE Report

Board member Steve Winter said the legislature is looking at three bills that deal with property taxes and provided a summary of each bill. In addition, he mentioned that a different bill, LB641, the Reading Improvement Act has lots of support at this time.

Action Agenda

The board heard first reading of the Employment of Administrators Other than the Superintendent of Schools and the job description for the newly created Assistant Superintendent position.

Approval was given to the school calendar and administrator salaries for the 2018-19 school year. The hiring of Jackie Nielsen as the assistant superintendent beginning in July 2018 was also approved.

Administrators' Report

Angela Vogel, middle school counselor, shared information on the Hope Squad at the middle school. She said ten advisors help run the program and the 24 student participants were nominated by their peers and received parent nominations.

Next Meetings

The next board meeting will be on April 9 at 7 p.m. in the Central Administration Building. A Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on April 26 at 6 p.m. at the Administration Building.



Cindy Mittan is the Special Education Para of the Year for 2017. Beth Cordry-Hookstra, director of special education, said that Cindy is devoted to helping students with their academic and behavioral needs.

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Committee of the Whole Meeting