

expectations of how we treat each other at school exist for our school bus stops. We want kids to arrive at school safely and happily each day!

8. Thank you to all room parents for checking with teachers on food items provided for Valentine parties. It is a day of friendship and fun...yet the addition of sweets makes it important for us to monitor dietary restrictions for those students who have this need. There are many students in each class that have dietary restrictions due to allergies and/or health conditions that make it important to communicate to teachers the food items that will be part of any party or distribution. Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Orth in our health office are individuals that may be contacted also about inquiries related to food.
9. There is such pride all of us take in the generosity and kindness of others within the Hill School community. We have had second graders collecting coins, first graders collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste, and fourth graders organizing to sell wristbands and sponsor a skating party...all of these campaigns are intended to help and support the individuals of Haiti whose homes and lives have been devastated by the earthquake in Haiti. An all-school skating party will be held on Friday, March 5th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Skate Zone to raise money for these efforts...mark your calendar. Fourth grade students will also be selling wristbands during the science fair that can be purchased for \$2 with all proceeds going to these relief efforts! All of these fund-raising efforts and campaigns have been inspired and implemented by kids themselves!
10. Our science fair will be held on Tuesday, February 23rd at Scott Middle School. This year we have an increased number of participants. Thanks to the efforts to everyone on the science fair committee for the outstanding speakers and sponsorship of the science fair.

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Principal Report
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1. Fourth grade students recently completed their state-wide writing assessment. They will celebrate with a student celebration involving a strolling Mike Mennard on Thursday, February 11th at 2:15 p.m.
2. The extended schedule has posed no problems and the additional time has been spent in valuable instruction for students. Chorus and band students receiving LPS transportation on the morning of group rehearsals will need to be at Zion Church at 27th and Old Cheney at 7:00 a.m. this week for pick-up by the bus.
3. Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, February 16th and Thursday, February 18th. Second quarter report cards will be distributed at the time of the conference. Duplicate copies will be mailed at the end of the week for families requesting a duplicate copy.
4. Jean Claus, Hill School art specialist will be honored as Teacher of the Month by the East Lincoln Rotary Club on Wednesday, February 10th. She will be honored at a luncheon that day. Her talents and skills are recognized and appreciated by all of us! Congratulations Mrs. Claus!
5. The KFOR Thank You Teacher contest honors teachers that are nominated by fellow students. Information about this contest which includes a reception at the governor's mansion for the winners has been sent home in previous newsletters. Please take the time to encourage your child to write/nominate a favorite teacher. Last year Mrs. Sue Hamilton, first grade teacher, was a recipient of this special award!
6. Monday, February 15th is an elementary planning day. Students will not be attending school on this day. Our next spent in professional learning communities (early release 1:33 p.m.) is Tuesday, February 23rd.
7. As parents and educators we know the value of teaching, practicing, and systematically reviewing rules in an effort to help children feel safe at school. Parents of bus riders are being asked to remind students of the importance of bus stop safety before and after boarding the school bus. Within the last week or so we have received phone calls from parents and other adults concerned about student behavior at bus stops. Please remind children to stay on sidewalks at all times and to keep all belongings to self. The same