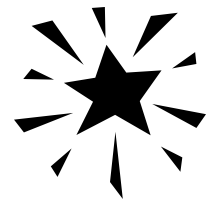


# Shute News



December 2011



## Christmas Program

The Lincoln/Shute Christmas Program will be held Monday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Central Jr. High School's "new gym". Kindergarten through second grade students must line up by class with their teacher in the "old gym" by 6:15 pm. Following the Kindergarten - Second grade performance, there will be a short intermission. During this time, parents are to pick up their child/children.

Following the Shute portion of the program, you are welcome to stay to watch the Lincoln School students (grades 3-5) give their performance.

Students will be practicing at the high school the morning of the program.

Students should dress neatly for this event.



IT IS THE SEASON FOR US TO SING.

### Dates to Remember

November 28- December 2- Canned Food Drive

2- School Improvement Day /No school in the pm

15- District #86 Board Meeting - 7:00 pm  
Board Room at CJHS

19- Christmas Program  
CJHS 6:30 pm

22- Christmas Parties 1:30

22- Early Dismissal 2:40

### January 2011

1- Happy New Year!

3- Classes Resume

Seasons Greetings

## School Improvement Day Friday, December 2

The afternoon of Friday, December 2nd has been designated a School Improvement afternoon. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. Hot lunch will be served.

There will be no early childhood classes.

## Fondulac Library:

### Library Friends Bake Sale and Holiday Basket Drawing

The Friends of Fondulac District Library are hosting a **bake sale** featuring homemade treats from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m. December 9** in the library's entrance. Everyone is invited to purchase and enjoy homemade holiday goodies and support the Friends group and the library.

### Holiday Story Hour

Enjoy a special holiday story hour **December 6 at 10 a.m.** Listen to seasonal stories, sing songs, and create a simple craft. This story hour is open to kids under 5 years old with a parent/guardian.

### Holiday Program & Craft

Children of all ages are invited to listen to stories, sing songs, and make a holiday craft **December 19 at 6:30 p.m.** Children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult.



## District MAP Assessments

Once again all k-2 students will be assessed using an online math and reading assessment. The students will take the test in our computer lab starting **Monday, November 28th through Wednesday, December 14th.** It is imperative that students do their best. Students should plan to get a good night's sleep and a good breakfast each morning before testing. These assessments allow teachers to see how much students have grown since the first assessment and to adjust instruction according to student needs. Students will take these two assessments again in May of this school year.

If you have questions about this assessment, please call Mr. Wood at 427-5500 or email him at [woodb@epd86.org](mailto:woodb@epd86.org)



### District #86 Board Meeting

The December meeting of the District #86 Board of Education will be held on Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 pm. in the Board Room at CJHS. The public is invited to attend.

### Lincoln/Shute PTC

The next Parent Club meeting will be held on **Monday, January 9th at 7:00 pm** at Shute School.

### Box Tops For Education/ Printer Cartridges



Shute School will continue to collect General Mills Box Tops for Education (found on General Mills products) throughout the year.

Please continue to send in empty printer cartridges. We appreciate all of you who have collected from family, friends and co-workers. Thank you!

## Christmas Parties/Early Dismissal

**The last attendance day before Christmas vacation is Thursday, December 22.**



**Parties will be held from 1:30 - 2:30 pm. Students will be dismissed at 2:40 p.m.**

### Illnesses

Please make sure that your child is fever free and vomit free for at least 24 hours before returning to school. When reporting an absence, please leave a detailed description of the symptoms of your child including temperature, sore throat or cough.



### Cold Weather

If temperatures are above 20 degrees, we will be going outside for recess. Please make sure that your child is dressed warmly including a hat and gloves. It's cold out there!  
If there is snow on the ground, children must wear boots or they need to stay on the blacktop.

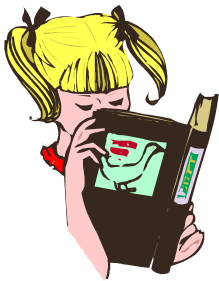


### Fall Festival / Chili Supper

Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped make this year's Fall Festival a huge success. Thanks to Michele Britvec for chairing this event!



### Book Fair



This year's Book Fair was a huge success

thanks to Buffie Griffin and all of her volunteers.



### School Closing



If school should be cancelled due to inclement weather conditions, all school closing announcements will be broadcast on the television, radio stations and One Call Now. Please do not call the school for verification. Closings are announced after 6 am. If weather conditions worsen during the school day, in most cases, school will not be closed early. This prevents any students from going home to empty or locked houses.

### Absences

Just a reminder that you must contact the school by phone or a written note if your child is absent. If we are not contacted, your child will be marked unexcused.

If your child needs to be dismissed early, please send in a note.

Shute School is in need of kids sweat pants sizes 6-10 for accidents.

If you have any you would like to donate, please send them to school.

### Canned Food Drive

During the week of November 28th through December 2nd, students will be participating in an all school canned food drive. All cans may be brought to your child's classroom before or after school. Acceptable items would be all canned goods and non perishable items, especially macaroni and cheese and boxed meals.



The class collecting the most cans will get to have a pizza party!

## The Importance of Discipline

Every parent knows how difficult it is to handle discipline. When friends and family question your methods you may begin to doubt yourself. Therefore, it may be helpful to remember that discipline is actively teaching a child how to behave. Discipline is often confused with punishment, which can result in children obeying out of fear. This is harmful as children are deprived of the chance to develop their conscious and internal sense of right and wrong. Punishment alone does not influence (teach) a child to behave. Rather, punishment often leads to children having to be “bribed” in order to comply with rules. The effectiveness of punishment wears off over time and you’ll be constantly searching for new things to take away. Your purpose in disciplining your child is to have him/her develop an internal desire to behave.

Sometimes caregivers feel guilty mistakenly believing they are being mean when having to discipline their child. No one likes to “be the bad guy”. The problem is you are NOT being the bad guy when you discipline your child. In fact, just the opposite is true. Failure to discipline children often results in kids who are irritable, demanding, resentful of parents, and unable to handle minor inconveniences. Children NEED their parents and teachers to help them learn how to regulate themselves. Discipline is necessary for a child’s well-being and happiness.

### 4 Keys to Good Discipline

- Consistency – If you make a rule one day then allow the child to bend it the next – or suddenly punish your child for doing something you previously allowed them to get away with – the child learns to ignore your rules. Kids begin listening to you when you follow through EVERY TIME. Consistency is the foundation of child discipline for a reason. It helps kids know what to expect and what’s expected of them.
  - Correcting – When kids are disciplined in a caring, constructive, and logical way for doing something wrong, they learn to take responsibility for their own actions. Rules must be clear and the consequences for breaking those rules are reasonable and fitting. Then your child will learn how to discipline himself and regulate his own emotions. In other words, make the consequence match the behavior.
  - Setting Boundaries – Kids who do not have a set of laws and limits feel insecure, lost, and unable to discipline themselves. Care givers must show the child where the boundaries are between acceptable and unacceptable behavior. Telling the children *why* boundaries exist will help them remember. Giving the reasoning behind the boundaries teaches them *how* to think.
- Teaching – An important part of child discipline is showing your child what good behavior is. When children make poor choices recognize it as a perfect opportunity for you to teach them *how* to think. For example, you might ask, “How does your choice make the other person feel?” or “What does the other person think of you now?” or “How could you have handled this better?” and “Why?”

Children who have been given consistent, firm and loving discipline have:

- An easier time adjusting to changes
- Better self-esteem
- An increased ability to solve problems logically
- More self control and less dependency on adults to manage their behavior
- A desire to behave
- A better work ethic
- Higher academic achievement

**Remember:** Punishment is NOT discipline. Discipline is about setting clear guidelines and logical consequences for choices so your child learns how to discipline themselves.

**Patrick Arity, School Social Worker**

**Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2011**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

