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NOV 18 **EDUCATOR AWARDS**
Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools
The nomination period for Educator Awards is open now through November 18, 2019.

NOV 19 **LPS LEARNING LUNCH**
Join Honor Roll Society members
An introduction to the support, technology and services for kids who are deaf or hard of hearing.

DEC 2 **SCHOLARSHIPS**
Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools
Scholarship application period is open from December 2, 2019, to February 24, 2020.

DEC 17 **LPS LEARNING LUNCH**
Join Honor Roll Society members
Understanding the role of a School Resource Officer.

DEC 21 **WINTER BREAK**
Lincoln Public Schools
Take a break December 23 through January 6 and get ready for the second half of the 2019/2020 school year!

JAN 14 **LPS LEARNING LUNCH**
Join Honor Roll Society members
Ensuring students have adequate learning environments.

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Inspiring Possibilities

Providing opportunities for Lincoln's students.



Beyond the Classroom

Strengthening the Love for Music



Shelley Lyon is a music teacher at Goodrich Middle School. She has always worked at Title I schools, or schools with students from a lower economic level. "Students from these schools don't have a lot of money, so they can't do a lot of extra things that music has to offer," she said. These students don't get exposed to the extras like piano or voice lessons, and many times, the choir room or band room are the only reasons these students come to school. "It is incredibly important for them to have a valuable experience they can look forward to," Shelley said. The opportunity to participate in a select music program can be what keeps them from dropping out.



Shelley and a North Star High School vocal teacher decided that, together, they would create an experience that not only provided different types of exposure to music and gave back to the community, but also offered a reverse-recruiting

platform for students. Typically, high school students visit the middle school to talk with students about music, but Shelley wanted to flip the dynamics.

The journey started with the middle school students performing at a local Lincoln nursing home. From there, they went to North Star High School to perform and talk to the high school choir students. After stopping for pizza, the students went to Campbell Elementary School to perform and answer questions about music for the elementary school students, where they went from being the mentored to becoming the mentees.

"They had lots of questions for the high school students about fitting choir into their busy schedules and how voice changes, due to maturity, affected their music experiences," Shelley said. Students also really enjoyed the elementary level because it reminded them of what got them interested in music in the first place, and of course, the social time they gained as a group was hugely beneficial.

Nineteen singers went on the tour last year, which was the full eighth grade choir class. This year, 26 students have chosen choir as an elective. Shelley believes this is partly due to the experiences, field trips and events they are doing to make the music experience more well-rounded and fun for students.



College & Career

Empowering Dreams to Become Reality

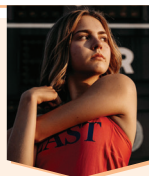
The community of Lincoln and Lincoln Public Schools has always worked hard to provide LPS students the means to realize their potential and use their talents to achieve their dreams—whatever those dreams might be.

We are honored that so many individuals, businesses and organizations have contributed, to the Foundation scholarship program and established scholarships through the Foundation. These scholarships touch so many lives in so many ways.

In 2019, 107 LPS students received \$305,450 in scholarships – an average of \$2,800 per student.

As a result of these awards, we've received some gracious thank you notes from the 2018-2019 scholarship winners. We've included some here to share the gratitude of the recipients with all of you. Please visit the Foundation website to see a full list of the winners at: www.foundationforlps.org/our-community/students/2019-scholarship-winners.html

“ This scholarship not only eases the financial burden of attending a four-year university but it also is a morale booster in knowing that I was worthy of receiving such a meaningful scholarship that has always been held in high esteem by the members of our cross country and distance track team here at Lincoln East.



–Abby Volkmer

“ The Science Focus Program changed my life in ways I simply can't describe in a short thank you letter. I am, again, so honored to be this year's recipient and to remember the program's past students in this way, and I hope I can be an inspiration for other students through my successes.



–Ben Kisicki

“ My future endeavors for the next step include being an honor roll student, a four-time All American for wrestling at the University of Nebraska, and be known as the kid who can put a smile on anyone's face at all times. Getting this award has a positive impact on my life because receiving this money will help pay for my books, tuition, etc. Again, I would like say thank you for this wonderful award.



–Isaiah Alford

“ Children have always held a dear spot close to my heart. I would like to help improve their lives and help them reach their full potential. Despite their physical disabilities, I believe they should still be able to live life to their fullest. I am incredibly appreciative for the scholarship you have awarded to me. I promise to do well with your investment in my education. I will follow your path and help improve the lives of children.



–Tracey Pham



Because of you ...

I could get to school every day. My mom was able to put a full tank of gas in her car, so she could get me to school and home again. I didn't have to miss any more school days and was able to get better grades because I was always in class.

–LPS elementary student

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Spark Summer Camp

It was a Summer to Remember

Spark Summer Camp 2019 was a tremendous success. We succeeded in helping Sparklers think about the world they want to make, get hands-on experience that captured their curiosity, create new moments of discovery and wrap it all into fun moments and great memories. Sparklers explored 10 different themes all centered around STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) to give them a wide variety of exposure to different fields and creative outlets. It was a summer of fun, learning and exploration!

74

Sparklers per week in attendance

29

Middle School students in the one-week program

11

Scholarships awarded for K-5 program

50

Clubs exploring self-directed projects



It's time to learn CAD (Computer Aided Design) one of our Maker mark favorites.



Sparklers personalizing the official Spark Summer t-shirt design.



Rocket launches anyone?



Right-side-upside-down. Summer fun any way you like it.

Huge thanks to our community partners for empowering Spark Summer Camp.

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