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Lincoln Junior High School

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Fulbright Junior High School

Many students at Lincoln Junior High and Washington Junior High (aka “the other school in town”) have complained about the crowded school hallways this year. Fear not! There is a new junior high opening in the 2013-2014 school year! The new school is called Fulbright Junior High. If you didn’t know, the school is named after J. William Fulbright, a Southern Democrat and staunch multilateralist who supported the creation of the United Nations and was the longest serving chairman in the history of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He earned a political science degree from the University of Arkansas in 1925, where he became a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. He was elected president of the student body and was a star four-year player for the Razorback football team from 1921–24.



Fulbright Junior High School

Kathy Murry, Washington’s former principal, is going to be the principal at the new school. The mascot is the Timberwolves. The school’s colors will be navy blue and green. You can find Fulbright near the intersection of S.W. Gator Blvd. and S.W. Bright Rd. Students will be in school from 8:35 am to 3:35 PM, which are our school timings this year too! The downside to the new school is that many of you are being separated from your friends. Sadly, over 100 7th grade students will be leaving Lincoln next year. “In total, out of the boundaries, you have just about 1,000 kids that are being impacted, junior high and elementary, that will have some sort of shift next year,” said Bentonville Superintendent Michael Poore. However, this will improve Lincoln because students will get more one on one time with teachers and they will be able to get to their classes on time better. Be sure to keep in touch with your friends at the other junior high schools though because in high school, you will get to meet up once again!

Story By: Jackson Willbanks & Moushumi Sahu

Students’ Thoughts

“I don’t really mind where I go to school. I have friends in each school. I will miss my Lincoln teachers and friends, but I’m glad to be seeing my other friends there. - Sommer Tomlin

“I’m looking forward to seeing new people, but I’ll miss Mrs. McElfresh! Out of ten, I would miss LJHS ten out of ten! - Ally Sperry

Ask La Fway-Fway



Hey, La Fway-Fway. I have this sneezing problem, and I can't figure out how to stop it or hide it. Help!!!

*Sincerely,
Sneezy Sally*

Hey Sally, I know this is embarrassing, but how do you hide a sneeze? The best way to hide this is to wear a really high necked turtleneck and just hide your face every time you feel it coming.

*Good Luck,
La Fway-Fway*



Yo La Fway-Fway! I gotta problem with talkin' like a gangsta. Can ya help a brotha out?

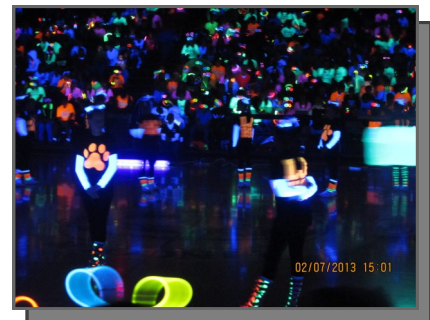
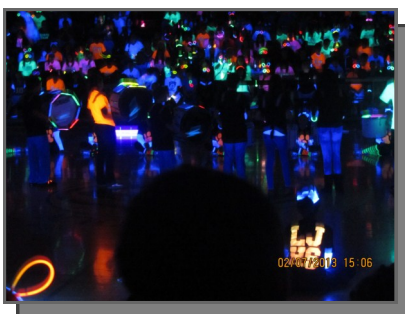
*Thanx,
Gangsta Gary*

Thanks for coming to me, Gary. I hope I can help a brother out. Every night when you get home, try talking in a British accent. Every time I get the gangster problem, that's what solves it for me. Keep calm and carry on!

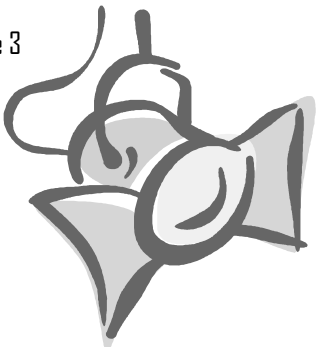
*Cheers,
La Fway-Fway*

LJHS has a Blackout

The Dance, Cheer, and Band lit up this pep rally with the help of the thousands of glow sticks spread across the LJHS gym. The pep rally's originality pepped up the LJHS students for the Lincoln vs. Washington basketball game that night. The girl's game ended in yet another victory, but the boys' team did not end in a victory this time.



Story by: Abbi Davenport



Teacher Feature

The featured teacher this month is Ms. Fink, a Family Consumer Science Investigation teacher here at LJHS. This is her first year teaching, but she is still very experienced. Last year, Ms. Fink did her internship at Farmington High School, and she has had her mind set on teaching a Family and Consumer Science class since high school. She especially enjoyed Food & Nutrition, an area that FSCI students get to touch on this year. She always enjoyed Family and Consumer Science, and Ms. Fink knew she wanted to teach students about the subject area. Ms. Fink attended college first at NWACC but graduated from the University of Arkansas. She never changed her mind about what career she wanted to pursue and didn't even change her mind about what subject she wanted to teach!

FCSI is a class where students learn about several life-skill subjects. It teaches students basic cooking skills (so that explains the mysterious French Toast smells!), nutrition skills, clothing management, and important life lessons in family and friend relationships. It also is one of the ways you can have the opportunity to be in FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders), the student organization of Family and Consumer Sciences. It consists of ten students per semester, and membership is based on an application students have to fill out and on their leadership qualities and behavior and class.

As a teacher, Ms. Fink believes that a good teacher is one who is committed to helping students reach their full academic potential, is a good listener, and is a good example for their students. They also should love working with kids. (That may be a little important!) As of right now, Ms. Fink thinks that the best part about being a teacher is getting to know her students. The worst part is waking up at 5 AM. Her favorite teacher was her eighth grade Careers teacher, Mr. Watson. She says that he was never too busy to help a student and that he allowed students to teach certain lessons and gave leadership opportunities in the classroom. She still speaks to Mr. Watson.

So far, Ms. Fink believes that all of the faculty and staff at LJHS are helpful and encouraging, and the students are creative and hard-working. She loves how close the school is and how much spirit everyone shows. We are truly fortunate to have Ms. Fink at LJHS, and Ms. Fink feels that she is fortunate to be a teacher here as well.

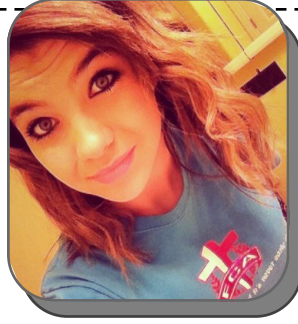


Ms. Fink

Beauty Inside And Out

Joyce Wallis

- What is your best quality?
- I would say my eyes are my best quality.
- What is the nicest thing you've done for someone?
- I've helped talk someone out of committing suicide.
- What is your favorite thing about your personality?
- I like my niceness
- Who do you look up to?
- I look up to my parents because they do so much for me
- What is your biggest/best accomplishment you have done in life so far?
- Making a modeling job.
- What do you **want** to accomplish in life?
- I want to accomplish having a huge business.
- In one word, what would best describe your whole personality?
- Caring
- If someone said they had no goal in life, what would you say to them?
- Everyone has a goal in life, and maybe you just haven't found what you wanted to do.



Athena Hays

- What is your best quality?
- My curly hair.
- What is your favorite thing about your personality?
- My Humor
- What do you **want** to accomplish in life?
- I would like to accomplish being an honor student all through high school.
- In one word, what would best describe your whole personality?
- Outgoing.
- If someone said they had no goal in life, what would you say to them?
- If you don't know where your going, how can you expect to get there?



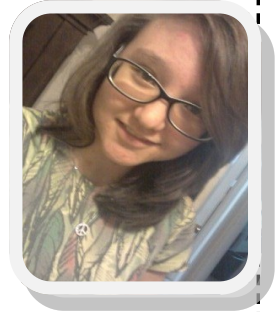
Ashley Phonsyry

- What is your best quality?
- My best quality would probably have to be my personality. I don't necessarily have favorite features that I am keen of, therefore my personality wins by a landslide.
- What is the nicest thing you've done for someone?
- The nicest thing I've done for someone was stop by and visit an old friend who I haven't seen in years and who I am still pretty close to now.
- Who do you look up to?
- I look up to my mom. She is the one person I can always count on.
- What do you **want** to accomplish in life?
- I want to succeed in something great. I want to make a difference in others people's lives.
- In one word, what would best describe your whole personality?
- Unique.
- If someone said they had no goal in life, what would you say to them?
- I would say that what they said isn't true. Everyone has a goal, but not everyone knows what that is until their goal sparks an interest to what they do, need, or want to achieve. To me, achieving something is a goal. And everyone has achieved something, no matter what it is.



Sydney Emerson

- What is your best quality?
- I'm Kind Hearted.
- What is the nicest thing you've done for someone?
- I helped someone losing their sister.
- Who do you look up to?
- I look up to my brother.
- What is your biggest/best accomplishment you have done in life so far?
- Winning a medal in band.
- What do you want to accomplish in life?
- Well, I want to become a writer.
- In one word, what would best describe your whole personality?
- Fun
- If someone said they had no goal in life, what would you say to them?
- I would say, everyone has a goal in life, you wouldn't be here if you didn't.



On Valentines Day I...

Last Valentines I watched movies by myself. It was eventful.
- Hattie von Bose



I sat at my house on my couch with my cats last year for Valentines day. It was amazing.
-Kyli Buccino



Last Valentines Day I sat on my couch stuffing my face with food. It was a weird point in my life.
-Jackie Tavernaro

Story By: Cameron Suchy

WHAT'S HOT



HAIR BOWS



BIG NECKLACES



SWEATERS



DENIM SHIRT

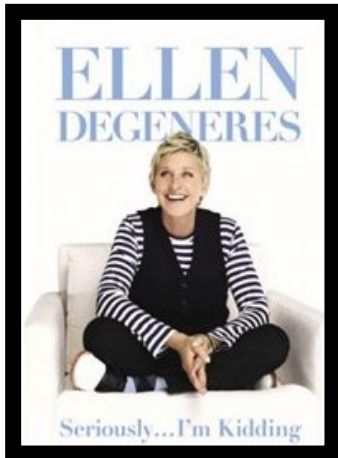
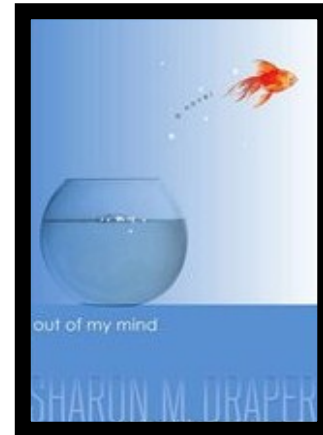
COMBAT BOOTS



Story By: Cameron Suchy

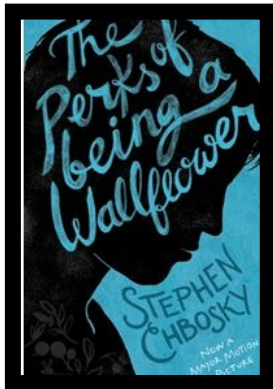
Book Recommendations from Fellow Students

“*Out of My Mind*, by Sharon Draper, was an amazing book that showed me that people who have disabilities aren’t as different as they seem. They’re just normal people. I would highly recommend this book!”
-Beth Jennings



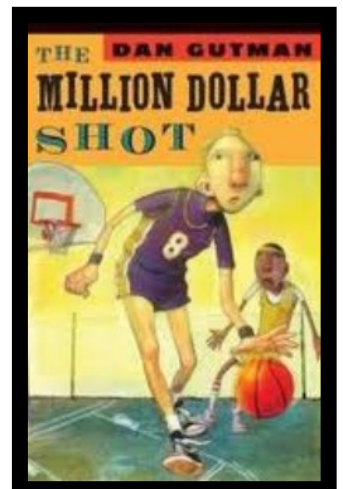
“*Seriously...I'm Kidding* by Ellen DeGeneres was so FUNNY!”
-Abbi Davenport

“*Of Mice and Men*, by John Steinbeck, was an okay book. It had some really exciting parts, and some parts were kind of funny.”
-Jackson Wilbanks



“*The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky was so good. I really liked and, and maybe others will too!”
-Abbi Davenport

“*The Million Dollar Shot* is a great book that involves my favorite sport, basketball, and the author is exciting! I recommend to any sports person.”
-Taylor Maxfield



Story By Hannah McCause

Distracted Dangers

One would be crazy to drive a vehicle blindfolded! Well, texting while driving can have the exact same effect of blindness, yet it happens everywhere, everyday. Sending or receiving a text takes an average of 4.6 seconds. Going 55 m/h, that amount of time would be equivalent to driving the length of a football field, blind. Distracted driving is a very serious thing, yet some people simply don't listen. Text messaging makes the risk of crashing 23 times worse than if you weren't distracted, meaning that you are more likely to crash than a drunk man.

What is distracted driving?

It is any time the driver of a vehicle is distracted in anyway and his/her focus is taken off of the road. Such distractions include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ texting
- ◆ using cellphone or smartphone
- ◆ eating or drinking
- ◆ talking to passengers
- ◆ grooming
- ◆ reading-including maps!
- ◆ using a navigation system
- ◆ watching a video
- ◆ adjusting radio, CD player, or MP3 player



Any of these distractions cause the driver to take their eyes off the road, putting themselves, their passengers, and anyone in the cars or on the sidewalks in danger. That means that *you* could be in danger.

So how can you fight it?

What does this have to do with you? You don't drive. However, it is *your* life at stake. If you find yourself in a car with a driver that takes out his/her cellphone, DO NOT allow them to text. Tell them to wait, offer to text for them, or simply say "no." Neither your life nor theirs is worth it.

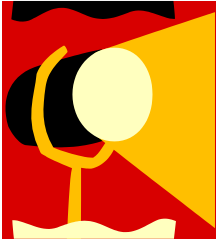
In 2011, 23% of car crashes were caused by distracted drivers.

That's 1.3 million crashes.

3331 people were killed.

Will you be one of them?

Leopard Spotlight: Amirthavarshini Sureshbabu



This month's Leopard Spotlight is Amirthavarshini Sureshbabu. She is an intelligent seventh grader at Lincoln. She is involved in Mathcounts in the school. She placed 16th in the regional Mathcounts competition. Out-

side of school, Amirtha is in Kumon, where she does Calculus. Kumon is an educational program which helps you learn more outside of school. Also, she plays basketball outside of school. If she could go somewhere in a time machine, she would go to the first day of her job because she wants to know what her job is. Her greatest strength is that she is a very analytical person. If she had a million dollars, she would give it to Haiti so that the country and people can have better facilities. Amirtha wants to meet her grandpa who died when she was only two months old. She would also wants to meet First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt because she helped a lot of people. The funniest thing that she has ever experienced was when her fifth grade teacher let her clip her own nails in class because they were too long. For fun, Amirtha likes listening to music. Her dad is the kindest person that she has ever met. The happiest thing that has ever happened to her is when she won the school spelling bee in fourth grade. She wants to be remembered as being a great friend, which she is!



Story By: Moushumi Sahu

Leopard LOL!

"I'm not clumsy. It's just the floor hates me, the tables and chairs are bullies, and the wall gets in the way!"

"I stepped on a Cornflake, and now I am a cereal killer."

"Of course I talk to myself. Sometimes, I need expert advice. "



Spring

Spring is just around the corner, and you know what that means!

That's right: Really nice weather and new allergies to deal with.

Since winter is now winding down, and spring is upon us, it's time to start thinking about new things. For the eighth graders, there's high

school, and for the seventh graders, there's planning to go to a

different school. Also, we all have to start thinking about the end of the third quarter. As we all

know, the third quarter seems to be the hardest quarter with the end being so near, and summer

starting to take place. But I hope that we can all strive for the best these last few weeks we have

in this quarter and get good grades. Good luck!!



LJHS word search

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 e r f i e n x l h l e r l l s
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 f d s u s b a v d c c n r u l
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 m f c t s t r h t i p z o f f

Word Bank

School
 Test
 Benchmark
 Lincoln
 Grades
 Newspaper
 Spring
 Study
 Teachers
 Electives
 English
 Math
 Social Studies
 Science



What's New 2013

Sports:

The football season ended with the Super Bowl. The Ravens barely won against the 49'ers (34-31). In local sports news, the Lincoln Boys lost against Washington and lost their final game against Shiloh.

Movies:

In the movie world, one of the most anticipated movies of 2013 (According to Movie Insider) is "Iron Man 3". It says over 10,000 people are definitely going to see it.

Music:

One of the newest viral videos on the web is called the "Harlem Shake." Basically, you see a bunch of people sitting around and then the music gets crazy and they all start dancing.

Story By: Riley DeLoach



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Not Pictured: Heather Spradlin