

May,



Where has the year gone? Here we are in the last month of school.

Winter has not been the most cooperative but everything else has. Our attendance is up and the number of student illness has been at a minimum. Achievement has been outstanding.

KFOR has brought the PTA Summer Fun Punch Tickets. These tickets can be purchased in the office for \$5 a piece and can only be sold through Friday, May 30th. These tickets are a special opportunity for the ROPE organization to raise money. This punch ticket provides a summer of fun-filled activities for the kids. There are coupons and punch tickets to several things such as food coupons and punch tickets for bowling, laser tag, children's zoo and Champions fun center.

It is with heartfelt feelings that I say thank you to the parents who continue to cooperate with us in making Roper School one of the finest schools around. Your willingness to listen and work through issues is very rewarding. The staff continues to go overboard in providing a quality education to your children. The results are evident. We realize that we are in tough economic times. The gas prices continue to rise and I don't know who is concerned. The war goes on endlessly with no end in sight. There is much turmoil. This does not excuse us from providing a quality education. We continue to strive to be successful.

Sincerely,

Dan Navratil  
Elementary  
Principal



Thank you to staff, students and community friends that joined the Roper Team and walked in the 1st Annual Backpack Extra Mile Walk raising money and awareness. At Roper we had 10 walkers and earned \$706.50 that will be used to fill backpacks and hungry children right here in Lincoln. Collectively, the walk had over 3300 walkers and raised over \$100,000. I think that's AWESOME!

Cindy Williams  
Roper Team Captain

## P. E. News

More than 210 Roper students ran in the Mayor's Run May 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was exciting seeing over 3000 students from area schools running in this year's event.



Thank you to the Roper parent group for the great bright yellow bandanas which all of the Roper participants wore at the run. It was easy to spot all our kids in the crowd and cheer them on to victory.

***Look for the May physical activity calendar for activities that your children can be doing. Thank you to the parents who help their children complete these activities that contribute toward their 60 minutes of physical activity each day.***

Mrs. Janet Brandt

First Grade is looking forward to a trip to the Henry Doorly Zoo on May 8th. Animal groups and their habitats are a year long study for first graders. This trip is a fantastic culmination to that study. The trip is made possible largely by the generosity of

Target. For the second year in a

row, we have been awarded a \$1000 grant from Target to fund this trip. We encourage the Roper community to express thanks to Target when shopping at the store.



Once again, the CD produced for our February program was offered for sale. The proceeds of \$225 will be donated to a charity chosen by the first graders. They will soon be voting to give this money to adopting an animal at the Lincoln Children's Zoo, the Peoples City Mission or The LPS Backpack Program. In addition, we have collected lots of pop tabs and at the end of the year those will be turned over to McDonalds for their Ronald McDonald House. We would gladly take more donations of pop tabs.



**Media Moment:**

The school year is winding down, so it

is time for a few words about overdue books.

All library books will be due back on May 16th. We always need time to get everything checked in, accounted for and back on the shelf by the time school is out. As in past years, we will have a small award for each student who has no overdue or lost books on his/her record.

If there are items that you and your child cannot find, please send a note or call the media center. We asked you to do this so that we know that parents are aware of missing items. Lincoln Public Schools does not require elementary school students to pay for lost/damaged books, but most parents do pay for them if they are able. Also, occasionally a book gets back on the shelf without being checked in, so we need to know if you think that the item was returns.

It is especially important that 5th grade student do not have overdue books from elementary school when they enter



middle and high school. They will be required to pay for those items before they are allowed to check out books from their middle school library.

Thanks for reading, and "happy searching" for those missing library books!

Ms. Tegtmeier and Mrs. Dorsey



**BIG THANKS** to ALL who volunteered to make this years Blast off a success!!!

We would also appreciate your feedback; what went well and what we could add or change. If anyone has suggestions for next year please contact a ROPE member or attend our end of year wrap up meeting Monday, May 12th at 7:00 P.M. Childcare provided!

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