

Important Dates & Upcoming Events:

NY State Regents & RCT exams	Jan. 27-30
Report Card & Student Program Distribution	Feb. 2
Spring Term Begins	Feb. 3
PTA Meeting 7:00pm	Feb. 4
Academy Mtg. - Early Student Dismissal	Feb. 9
School Leadership Team Meeting	Feb. 12
President's Day - School Closed	Feb. 16
Mid-Winter Recess - School Closed	Feb. 17-20
Department Mtg. - Early Student Dismissal	Feb. 23
PTA Meeting 7:00pm	Mar. 4



ATTENTION PARENTS:

The Student Organization at Abraham Lincoln High School has begun a campaign to encourage students and staff at Lincoln to "Go Green" in an effort to improve our environment. You can read more about the recycling program they are initiating in the newly published student school newspaper, the Lincoln Log. For more information contact Ms. Anekwe at ext. 1510.

PARENT NEWSLETTER

Lincoln Academy News

- On January 9, the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy held an "Olympics" sports tournament in which five freshman teams competed against one another in various sports events. The tournament was the result of a collaboration between the Sports, Fitness & Business Academy, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy teachers and the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy counselors. In November, the Freshman teams competed against each other in an academic Jeopardy competition. Congratulations to the winners and to all who participated in the competitions!
- Teachers in the Humanities and Fine Arts/ESL Academy have designated and

presented several awards to students for their exceptional performance in classes throughout the fall semester. In addition, on the evening of January 14, the ESL Academy welcomed the parents of its English Language Learners to a meeting of the Parent Advisory Council to discuss promotion requirements. Counselors made presentations in English, Russian, Urdu, and Spanish. On January 26, students from the HFA and ESL Academies took part in a ski trip to Mountain Creek, in Mount Vernon, N.J.

- The Veterinary Science classes of Ms. Cervera and Ms. Salaris welcomed a guest speaker to the school on Janu-

ary 9th. Caitlin Renna, a senior at Delaware Valley College's Conservation & Wildlife Management Program, spoke about



her studies in the animal and wildlife fields. Ms. Renna detailed the different veterinary and animal care related jobs available upon completion of college. She also discussed her hands-on experiences working with wild, untamed animals.

Free Classes for Adults & Students

Abraham Lincoln High School is pleased to announce that it has been awarded the ELL Success Grant through the Department of Education. This funding will be used to offer two free Saturday classes for English Language Learners. The English class for parents began on January 17th. The second class offered is for students. This class will teach students who are native Spanish speakers to learn Math, Spanish, and English using a special computer program in their language. This class will begin on February 7th. Both classes will be held every Saturday at Lincoln from 10:00am-12:00pm. For more information call (718) 333-7505.

Students & Parents Honored at PTA Mtg.

On Wednesday, January 7, Abraham Lincoln High School students who earned perfect attendance for the Fall Semester were presented with certificates of achievement during a special PTA meeting. During the meeting, which took place in the school's library, parents were also recognized by the Parent Coordinator for their efforts in helping their children achieve excellence in attendance.

During this meeting, parents and students also listened to a presentation by guest speaker, Dr. Rachele Goldsmith, Honors Program Director at Kingsborough Community College. Dr. Goldsmith, also a former director of the College Now program at Kingsborough, encouraged students to take advantage of opportunities they have to earn college credit while in high school through the College Now program offered at

Abraham Lincoln High School. She also informed parents about Kingsborough's Presidential Scholars Program. For more information on these programs you may contact Lincoln's Parent Coordinator, Ms. Gonzalez at (718) 333-7487. Parents and students were also treated to a presentation by Ms. Anekwe, Student Activities Coordinator. Ms. Anekwe informed parents about the many student activities available at Lincoln as well as the sale of the newly published Lincoln student planners in her office in room B-10.

The next PTA meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 4th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in Room 138A. This meeting will be an open forum for parents to discuss their children's need & concerns. Staff and presenters will be available to provide resources to parents. We hope to see you there!