Second semester is going strong and students have completed their Winter NWEA testing. The PARCC test has been replaced with the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR). The Illinois State Board of Education reports that, “Students, families, and schools will experience essentially no difference in the assessment this year. The Illinois Assessment of Readiness measures the same standards and includes the same high-quality test questions used the last four years. Using the same content and measuring the same standards ensures comparability from year to year – an essential commitment to including growth in our support and accountability system. The assessment may be slightly shorter this year to field test new questions needed for the transition to a computer adaptive test.” The IAR will be administered in March and early April, as the PARCC has been in previous years. All students will test using computers. Specific testing times will be shared as we get closer to the test.

As we get closer to the end of the year, there is always concern for students with low grades. Please monitor your student’s grades in Family Access. Students have several opportunities to get extra help from teachers during the school day. Additionally, they may complete test re-takes. Contact teachers with questions about grades and encourage your student to take advantage of opportunities for growth and continuous improvement. Teaching students to advocate for their learning is a skill that will carry over into adulthood.

Our attendance rates still hang in the mid 95% range. While I would like to see it increase a bit, I am also thankful that students are staying healthy and attending school regularly. Thanks to parents and families who are supporting consistent attendance at school.

Thank you for your continued support of our school!

Sue Malahy, Principal
Lindbergh's lunchtime career exploration program, Horizons Club, recently took a field trip to the Peoria Park District's Owens Center to learn about park district careers and to go ice skating.

Congratulations to the Lindbergh Mathcounts team on their 1st place finish at the Peoria Schools Mathcounts Competition!

Congratulations to Mrs. Malahy for being selected as a finalist for the Golden Apple Excellence in Leadership Award! Winners will be announced in May and will receive a prize of $10,000 with $5,000 going toward the leader’s professional development and $5,000 to the school.
Please support us by participating in our Mixed Bag Designs Fundraiser. Browse through our beautiful collection of feel-good products for home and on-the go, including eco-friendly bags, everyday totes, and uncommonly good organizational items.

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- School Goal: If we sell $5000.00 as an entire school, students who’ve sold $100 get 1, $200 get 2, $300 get 3, etc. chances to have their name placed in a drawing to silly string the Principal.