

Lincoln Hancock February Newsletter

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Important Information

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Attendance & Accountability

You may or may not be aware that Chronic Absenteeism has become an accountability feature with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. This accountability feature is one where the school earns points for reducing the number of children who are absent multiple days each year. I addressed this accountability feature with parents who attended the January PTC meeting. There is a report on the United States Department of Education site at <https://www2.ed.gov/datastory/chronicabsenteeism.html> if

you are interested in reading more about this subject. The report ties chronic absenteeism with drop out rates in later years so addressing it when children are young makes sense. I have never met a parent who did not want more for their child then they have themselves so I am sure you all want your child to attend school every day that they are healthy enough to do so in order to set the standard for future success. I am asking for your help in making sure the students at Lincoln Hancock get the best out of

their educational experience by being at school. My staff has always addressed excessive absences by sending letters home after the children have been absent 7 days and then meeting with the attendance officer when children's absences exceeded 10 days. Please keep in mind how many days your child has missed especially when deciding to keep them home on a cold day or for an event such as the Patriot's parade. Thank you for putting your child's education first.



Len Cabral Storyteller

Due to the efforts of the staff in organizing Literacy, STEAM and Multi-Cultural Nights, over the years enough money was raised through the drawings to hire Len Cabral, a fabulous storyteller. Mrs. Norton did all of the leg work in getting Len and if you asked your children about

him, I'm sure you heard rave reviews. The children were rapt. As Len described Grandmother spider climbing up her web, one of the Kindergarteners turned to me and said, "It's really real!" Len is mesmerizing. Please enjoy some pictures of the event and thank your child's teacher for going above and beyond to provide experiences like this for the



children.







