



**To: Interested Stakeholders**  
**From: Cathie Petsch and Lea Ann Johnson**  
**Re: Lincoln Community Learning Centers Initiative**

**July 2004 Update**

- Mark your calendar...an even bigger and better “Lights On Afterschool” celebration will be held for Lincoln families Thursday, October 14 at Saltdogs’ Haymarket Park. This nationwide event is designed to bring national attention to afterschool programs and the important role they have in the lives of children, families and communities. Lincoln’s planning committee chaired by Site Supervisor Melissa Kirkland is using a ballpark themed working title: “Reaching Home with Afterschool Programs.” Current committee members include Jeff Scheer, Willard; Doris Leikam, Lee Booksellers; Don Phillips, Sowers Club; David Humm, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health; Tammy Sassaman and Margaret Stander, Family Service; Sheila Jacobs and Pat Leach, Lincoln City Libraries and Site Supervisors Ryan Mohling, Wade Fruhling, Sherry Pawelko and Kathie Phillips. More volunteers are needed. If that means you please contact Melissa at 436-1987 or [mharris@lps.org](mailto:mharris@lps.org). For more information on the national event go to [www.afterschoolalliance.org](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org)
- House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer is working to introduce a “Full Service Community Schools Act” which will authorize funding for public schools that coordinate multiple federal, state and local service programs in partnership with community based organizations. The Act would provide \$200 million for Fiscal Year 2005 through 2009, with 75 percent of the funds allocated for local grants, 20 percent to state grants, and the remaining funds used for technical assistance and evaluation.
- Marty Blank’s Coalition for Community Schools has recognized Lincoln’s CLC initiative for being the community with the most schools to submit information to their national data directory. The special award of \$300 will be contributed to the Phil Schoo CLC Legacy Fund.
- Lea Ann Johnson will be representing Nebraska in Washington, DC July 26-28 at the state coordinators meeting for the National Afterschool Network.
- The Phil Schoo CLC Legacy Fund is at \$60,000 and continues to grow. Contributions can be made to the Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools.

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