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

October 2005 Update

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- “Reaching Home with Afterschool” Oct. 20 at Haymarket Park set a “world record” with 569 students running the bases during the national Lights On celebration. Families ate 2500 hot dogs, cheered for mascots and principals during relay races and dance-offs and welcomed Pam Baker, Kevin Burklund, Kathy Danek, Pete Ferguson, Doris Leikam, Don Rangel, Terry Reger, Pam Sedlacek, Melinda Stogsdill and Shelly Speidell into the Afterschool All-star Hall of Fame. You can catch the replay on Channels 5 and 21.
- Also on Channel 5 this month Mayor Coleen Seng, Lincoln Journal Star publisher Bill Johnston and CLC co-coordinator Cathie Petsch discuss the progress and future of the five-year-old CLC initiative. “Our Community with Mayor Seng” can be seen Mondays at 10 a.m., Saturdays at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 6:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
- Want to meet the next Green Day, P. Diddy, Vera Wang or Steven Spielberg? Monday, Oct. 24 the CLC at Lefler Middle School will stage the Leflerpalooza Music, Film and Arts Festival from 5-7 p.m. CLC students who participate in afterschool programming such as School of Rock, Hip Hop 101, Film Production and Fashion Design will be showing off their newfound skills and passions.
- Arnold site supervisor Dayna Krannawitter and SNAC members Todd Nichols, Lois Curren and Melinda Way-Stone and Saratoga SNAC members Perry Showers, Jeff Barger and Donna Barger have been attending the Great Neighborhoods Fall 2005 Training Series. October and November sessions include Partnering with City Hall and Vision into Action.
- The Lincoln, NE Local American Postal Workers Union and Auxiliary are working with CLCs to “Warm a Child’s Heart” by providing new winter coats. Site supervisors are identifying students in need including those re-located from the Gulf Coast, and the APWU Committee coordinated by Terry Danek is purchasing and delivering new coats in the student’s favorite color.
- Barb Bartle, executive director of the Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools, will represent Lincoln’s CLC initiative and present at the Children’s Aid Society’s international practicum “Community Schools: Bridging Practice to Policy” in New York City, Nov.2-4



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