

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

September 2003 Update

- *Lincoln's Carnival of Lights: A Celebration of Life Afterschool* will be held Thursday, October 9 at State Fair Park Lancaster Building. Lincoln Mayor Coleen Seng and Nebraska Education Commissioner Doug Christensen will open the 6 – 8 pm festivities celebrating the important role afterschool programs play in the lives of children, families and communities.
- Newly appointed members of the CLC Leadership Council include Dave Polson, Sterling Communications; Mary Bills-Strand, Woods Bros. Realty; Ravi Maniktala, ME Group; Kent Seacrest, attorney at law; Wendy Birdsall, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce; Marjorie Kostelnik, UNL College of Education & Human Services and Patte Newman, Lincoln City Council.
- For the second year the Woods Charitable Fund board of directors has approved a \$100,000 grant to support the CLC leadership structure and sustainability plan.
- The Kid\$ense financial literacy pilot underwritten by Woods Bros. Realty and Home Real Estate is up and running at Elliott CLC and scheduled to start at Saratoga the week after next. The teacher/realtor teams include Pattie O'Malley, Judy Sasek, Callie Keller and Teri Ernst. Realtors substitutes who attended the in-service training conducted by Kathie Phillips include Mary Bills-Strand, Lynne Schroeder, Doug Fenn and Julia Yank
- Huntington CLC will host site visits for Omaha 21st Century and the Boys & Girls Club, one of their community based partners and the Columbus After School Coalition as they design their new programs.
- Lea Ann Johnson will represent CLCs as a member of Leadership Lincoln XIX. Cathie Petsch will serve as co-chair and CLC representative on the Lincoln Public Schools internal staff superintendent search committee.
- CLC site supervisors and CLC staff will be attending the State School Age Care Conference, which will be held Saturday, October 11 in Lincoln.
- Sterling Communications, Inc. is working with the Communications/Public Engagement Committee on a new CLC “look”...so stay tuned!
- Web site pick of the month: <http://www.plassociates.org> Parent Leadership Associates has developed a new tip sheet “12 Things Parents Should Know and Expect” as they partner with their school to improve student achievement.